



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
**Invites you to its meeting, April 27th at 11 AM at**  
**First Presbyterian Church, 37 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.**  
**The program will be shown on Webinar at the Church**  
**and online: Log on <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>**

**Sean McMeekin, Ph.D.**  
**“Stalin’s War: A New History of World War II”**



For the western allies World War II has always been Hitler’s war. But Hitler was not in power when the conflict erupted, his armies did not fight uninterruptedly in multiple theatres, and he did not inherit any of the spoils of war. Rather that central role belonged to Joseph Stalin. In this sense, the Second World War was really Stalin’s War.

Sean McMeekin, a prize winning historian, who drew upon recently opened Russian archives and materials in Poland and the Balkans, seldom examined by Western Historians, argues that the war’s true epicenter was in the east. While Hitler’s genocidal ambition may have unleashed the Armageddon, Professor McMeekin shows that the war which emerged in Europe in September 1939 was one that Stalin wanted, not Hitler.

Kirkus Reviews, **“A sweeping reassessment of World War II seeking to illuminate critical matters long obscured by its obsessively German-centric history.”** The Financial Times, **“McMeekin is a formidable researcher in several languages and is an accomplished, fearless and an enthusiastic myth buster.”**

Sean McMeekin is a professor of European History and Culture at Bard College. He has an A.B. from Stanford University, an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley and studied at the University of Paris, Moscow State University and Mezhdunarodny Universitet, Moscow. Among his other publications are *The Russian Revolution*, *The Ottoman Endgame: War, Revolution, and the Making of the Modern Middle East*, *The Russian Origins of the First World War*, and *History’s Greatest Heist: The Looting of Russia by the Bolsheviks*.

**Please note: Attendees must show proof of vaccination and booster at the door for admittance. Masks are optional.**

**Our speaker on May 4th: Greg Zuckerman, “The Inside Story of the Life-or-Death Race for the Covid-19 Vaccine.”**

*The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. For additional information see [www.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact us by email at [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org).*