



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting, February 21, 2024, at 11 am at
First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT.
The program will also be shown on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

Stuart A. Reid

“The Lumumba Plot: The Secret History of the CIA and a Cold War Assassination.”



Stuart A. Reid is the author of *The Lumumba Plot: The Secret History of the CIA and a Cold War Assassination* (2023), a *New Yorker* magazine Best Book of the Year and a *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Choice.

The Lumumba Plot is the story of the early days of Congo's independence. A country nearly four times the size of France, Congo gained its independence from Belgium in June, 1960 and quickly was plunged into chaos as

Patrice Lumumba, Joseph Mobutu and others jockeyed for supremacy. The Cold War was in progress, and Congo became a pawn in the struggle between the U.S. and Russia. In its early days of independence, Patrice Lumumba, Congo's first Prime Minister, rose to international prominence as a young and charismatic leader. Even as he tried to develop support from the United Nations and factions across his vast country, he was targeted by the CIA as well as by internal rivals. This tumultuous birth of a new country is the basis for *The Lumumba Plot*, a fine work of history and an unforgettable story.

Stuart Reid is an executive editor of *Foreign Affairs*. He has written for *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *Politico Magazine*, *Slate* and other publications. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he lives in New Jersey with his wife and children.

Our next speaker, on February 28, will be Phil Vitiello, nautical historian, on “The Story of the Hunley.”

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40 am followed promptly by our presentation at 11:00 am. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave. in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org.