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## Record OSS Society Attendance at Nostalgic Ceremony for Ambassador Richard Helms

by Betty McIntosh

It was just like old times. There were a few more canes, friendly faces that were unfamiliarly familiar, and wrinkles that hid features you began to remember as you started to talk with colleagues of more than half a century ago.

There were 90 of us at CIA Headquarters on August 27, 2001, to hear the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, George Tenet, introduce Ambassador Richard M. Helms and present him with the OSS Society Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Tenet spoke warmly of the OSS heritage handed down to CIA. "Today we depend upon the values that OSS established during the war and those standards set by another man of clear thought and bold action, Major General William Donovan."

The director gave a glowing report of the last living OSS director of CIA. Dick Helms was a correspondent for the United Press in Germany before we entered the war, one of the few reporters to interview Hitler. He joined the Navy and was assigned to OSS where he learned hand-to-hand combat, clandestine operations, and served in London with OSS.

"He applied his training to CIA when he joined us and became director from 1966-1973. He later was named Ambassador to Iran. The Helms Center for Training has recently been dedicated to train personnel in intelligence techniques."

Ambassador Helms acknowledged the applause as he received the OSS Society award. In his brief speech he ominously echoed a warning 15 days before the tragedy of September 11:



L-R Ambassador Helms, John Waller, OSS Society Chairman, Mark Pretzak, OSS Society President, CIA Director George Tenet

*"In World War II, the OSS had a recognizable enemy. In the Cold War, CIA had a recognizable enemy. Today, however, the enemy is all haze. The economy has the day, not the enemy. But terrorism and other over-arching issues will be with us for a long time. Stick with us, keep your heads up, and God bless you all."*

After the ceremony, a portrait of Sheffield Edwards, Helms' Director of Security, was presented to the CIA. Later, Toni Hiley, Agency museum director, conducted a tour down memory lane for OSSers, who viewed General Donovan's WWI uniform, his medals, his sidearms, and his desk. One of the Commo boys remembered using the ground-to-air radio transmitter, Joan-Eleanor, now on display. Another MO'er recalled Marlene Dietrich's role in morale operations when shown her wartime OSS photo. The one top secret code breaker, Enigma, was behind a glass case, and an X-2 vet recalled the use of its output behind the lines in France.

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## President's Message

### OSS Role in Present Danger



Mark F. Pretzat

#### I: September 11 and Our Purpose

Public support for a meaningful response to future terrorist activities has renewed an interest in both military service and service with intelligence agencies of government. Your Board of Directors pledged its support to CIA efforts in combating the terrorist menace at its September 15 meeting. Members declared readiness to personally assist the Agency. We urge all Society members to do the same.

Like the events of December 7, 1941, those of September 11 serve to underscore the critical nature of effective strategic intelligence to the security of America. The Society seeks to educate the public through lectures, symposia and the collection and dissemination of oral history records as to the accomplishments and legacy of OSS and the continuing importance of strategic intelligence to national welfare. Therefore, your Board believes that the Society should intensify its activities on education of the public on these issues.

#### II: Financial Crisis

During 2001, receipts from membership dues and contributions are expected to fall short of expenditures by about \$6,000 which will come out of our minimal cash reserves. If receipts during 2002 are relatively the same as in 2001, which is by no means assured, our reserves will be wiped out before the end of the year.

#### III: Board Actions

At the September 15 meeting, your Board encouraged Society management to pursue certain reductions in expenditures and took certain actions to increase receipts such as a change in the Society's tax status. The best interests of the Society would be served by requesting from the Internal Revenue Service a change in our tax status from an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)7 of the Internal Revenue Code intended for clubs and fraternal organizations, to one exempt under Section 501(c)3, reserved for educational and eleemosynary organizations. This change will better reflect the

Society's current focus and will permit members and other contributors to make tax deductible donations. This tax status change will not affect basic membership requirements or reduce opportunities for social comradery the Society has always offered.

The change in federal tax status will necessitate the adoption of an amendment to the Society's Certificate of Incorporation. The proposed change is being presented to membership for a vote as required by New York law. The membership meeting will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2001, at 1667 K Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC at the law offices of Duane Morris and Heckscher LLP. Society members current in their dues by the meeting date are entitled to and encouraged to vote. A Notice and Proxy form are included in this issue of the Society newsletter. If you cannot attend the meeting, please complete and send the enclosed Proxy to the Society's address at 6723 Whittier Ave., Suite 303A, McLean, VA, 22202, not later than Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Your Board urges you to vote in favor of the proposed changes.**

#### New Membership Category Added

The Board has also established a new voluntary category of giving available to Life Members. By making an additional donation to the Society of at least \$50.00 in any year, a life member will be recognized as a Contributing Life Member for that year. Life Members who have already made a donation of that amount for 2001 are now Contributing Life Members. If you are a Life Member who has not made a donation this year, PLEASE become one now by sending a contribution of \$50 or more payable to The OSS Society office.

Best wishes,  
Mark F. Pretzat

#### OSS Contributions Sought for National D-Day Museum

**Ambassador Charles W. Hostler**, who landed on Utah Beach on D-Day with his OSS/X-2 team, is interested in establishing recognition of the many OSS personnel who served during the Normandy Campaign. The Ambassador has donated his D-Day folding stock carbine to the National D-Day Museum at 945 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130. He is also willing to help fund such an OSS exhibit at this museum. For further information, contact the museum or Ambassador Hostler, 1101 First Street #302, Coronado, CA 92118.

Ambassador Hostler's mission on D-Day was to gain control of targeted enemy agents before Allied ground forces overran or disrupted them.

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# Book Notes

*Roosevelt's Secret War: FDR and World War II Espionage* by **Joseph E. Persico**. Hot off the press! This new book details, in the words of Time Magazine, "how F.D.R. ran his intelligence networks — officially and otherwise." Weighing in at a hefty 564 pages, Persico's book explores "the hallucinatory world of snooping, concealments, betrayals and confidence games played for world-history stakes." OSS is prominently featured in the book, and Wild Bill Donovan is, of course, a central figure. Random House, \$35.



*Ghost Soldiers* by **Hampton Sides**. For the first time, the horror stories of prisoners-of-war suffering in the Philippines is detailed in this book, which also retells of the rescue of the American POW's in Cabanatuan Prison by the U.S. Army Rangers. Doubleday.



*Port of Last Resort: Diaspora Communities in Shanghai* by **Marcia R. Ristano**. OSSers who spent their last months of the war in Shanghai will be interested in Ristano's book dealing with Jewish and Slavic communities in Shanghai. These refugees fled persecution in their own countries and started a new life in this Chinese open port city where they encountered severe political, social, economic and cultural challenges. Ristano is senior Chinese acquisitions specialist at the Library of Congress. Stanford University Press.

*Silent Heros* by **Sherri Otis**. This is a defining work on the escape and evasion of Allied airmen during WW II in occupied Europe. More than 5,000 airmen, many of them American, traveled along escape lines, aided by a courageous underground in many countries who risked death if caught. The author herself made one trip along some escape trails. OSS is mentioned in the book, including **Helene Deschamps** who arranged for the escape of airmen across the Pyrenees into Spain. University Press of Kentucky. Order Dept., 663 S. Limestone St. Lexington, KY 40508.



*SOE Syllabus: Lessons In Ungentlemanly Warfare In WW II* with intro by **Denis Rigden**. During WW II the British Special Operations Executive (SOE) trained thousands of agents to behave as ungentlemanly as they could in occupied Europe. Top Secret at the time, Syllabus is an important document that sheds light on British undercover strategies during the war. Public Record Office <http://www.pro.gov.uk/>.



*The Soldier Spies* by **W.E.B Griffin** is the third of his best-selling sagas of the OSS during WWII. The story starts with the invasion of North Africa and the OSS search for two top-level defectors in the desert; it then skips to OSS penetration of Germany to bring out the man with the top secret of jet engine production. G.P. Putnam's Sons.

## OSSer Wins Award

**Erasmus Marre**, retired botany professor at the University of Milan was an SI OSS agent operating one of Max Corvo's most productive intelligence chains code named "Meridian" as well as commanding a brigade of 500 partisans in Liguria. Marre received the prestigious "Premio Invernizzi" with a stipend of \$150,000 for his research on plant DNA. Congratulations!.

## On the Market Again!

The house of the late Washington Post leader Katherine Graham is up for sale. The Georgetown manor, described by Graham as a "lovable house with character" was purchased from General William (Wild Bill) Donovan for \$125,000 in 1947. It is on the market today for \$8.35 million!

## They "Duked" the Duke

Larry McDonald of the National Archives discovered an interesting OSS job application, filed in Los Angeles on August 2, 1943 by one Marion Robert Morrison, nicknamed "Duke."

The applicant was 36 years old, six-foot three, 212 pounds, blue-eyed, of ruddy complexion. When asked for any qualifications which might fit him for a position with OSS, he wrote:

"Swimming, small boat sailing, played college football, deep-sea fishing (seven marlin in two years), hunting (good field shot), horseback riding (have done falls and posse riding), not as easy as it sounds."

Even though he named Cmdr. John Ford as one of his character witnesses, Marion Robert Morrison, aka John Wayne, was not accepted by OSS!

## Summer Social a Success

The OSS Society's Summer Social at historic Gadsby's Tavern, in Alexandria, Virginia, was a great success, with more than 100 OSSers and friends attending. Ann Mary Ingraham and James deSalvo were in charge of the event.



*OSS Society Chairman John Waller exchanges memories with Oleg Kalugin, former KGB chief of counterintelligence.*

Speakers were Hayden Peake, an expert on OSS history, and Ken Crosby, FBI agent in Latin America during WWII. Another guest at the head table, Oleg Kalugin, formerly with the KGB, spoke about the work of that organization during the war, and praised those OSS members who worked with them. "We considered them heroes," he said. "We were fighting the same enemy."

## OSS in LALA Land

*All the Queen's Men*, an action comedy movie set in WWII, portrays four Allied soldiers, led by an American OSS officer. The men are dropped into Berlin to steal the Enigma encoding machine but their disguise is cross-dressing!!

Since there is a scarcity of men in Berlin our heroes disguise themselves as the fairer sex to avoid suspicion but are picked up by rowdy Germans who mistake them for prostitutes. Complexities ensue.

Meanwhile, back in Langley, Va., CIA is filming a series this fall of "everyday" stories of life within "*The Agency*." And the Agency is cooperating. Since so many swarms of producers, cameramen, sound men, writers, technicians, and makeup artists are expected to descend on CIA to start filming, CIA Director George Tenet said the Agency will cooperate where feasible to help members of the entertainment industry to accurately portray the work of the intelligence community.

Two other series, ABC's "*ALIAS*," the undercover exploits of a young female agent, and FOX's "*24*," a counterespionage thriller, are also scheduled for fall showings.

## OSS Vets Honored at Ceremonies

**Stephen J. Weiss**, who served behind the lines in France with OSS, was recently awarded the French Legion d'Honneur in Paris for his bravery. Weiss helped cut telephone lines in southern France, guarded the OSS radio operator assigned to this unit, and went on night missions to recover material dropped to the Resistance by parachute. Weiss is currently a London-based university lecturer.

Another OSS veteran, **Stephen O. Rosetti**, was posthumously awarded the Silver and Bronze Stars and Combat Infantry badges for leading a group of Italian partisans in a victorious battle against the Nazis in the Po Valley. On loan to the OSS from the U.S. Army, Rosetti was severely injured in the neck during the battle.

Rosetti's daughter, Camille Gresalfi of Sands Point, New York, writes that the Combat Infantry Badge was the one medal which eluded her father during his life, although he was awarded British and Italian honors. "He strongly felt that all OSS members who were infantry soldiers in WWII should be entitled to this honor," she said. "I am glad to announce that this became a reality for my father, and encourage all OSS members who were infantry soldiers in WWII to contact their congressmen and request this well-deserved medal."



## Bring Back OSS!

OSSer **Dr. Jerome P. Keuper** of Melbourne Beach, Florida, writes:

"I was privileged to serve overseas in the OSS in WWII and thus have an appreciation for the contribution OSS made to help win that war. I have a gut feeling that, had we had OSS in place when the terrorists were planning their attack on the U.S., it would never have happened. A new OSS could be tailor-made to fit this new kind of 'dirty war.' I would urge our government to reformulate the OSS and bring it back now!"

Kueper's position was echoed in an article in the Wall Street Journal in October by Herbert Meyer who wrote: CIA must be changed from a defensive agency into an offensive one. Consider CIA's WWII predecessor the Office of Strategic Services, built by the brilliant, tough-minded N.Y. corporate attorney, William Donovan. Donovan's orders to OSS teams were simple: "Figure out precisely how our enemy works and wreak havoc."

(Ed. Note: Early this year, OSS headquarters at 23<sup>rd</sup> and E Sts., Washington, DC, was re-dedicated and taken over by the U.S. Navy for counter-terrorism programs.)

## Remembering 109

### Recollections of OSSers



By Samuel Halpern

**109** means two things to me. It brings to mind a leader who was always willing to try anything once, if it would help winning the war. A person would come up with an idea, no matter how unorthodox, and 109 would give it a chance, and fund it as well.

Someone else could come along and suggest the opposite approach, and 109 would take a chance, and fund it as well. 109 was never stuffy, never hidebound and never fazed by rules and regulations. He was a delight to serve.

109 impressed me very early in my career when I joined in March, 1943 at age 21, fresh from college. I was assigned the task of answering a requirement from an admiral, name long since forgotten, serving with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, requesting a one-page memorandum on war strategy for Southeast Asia. Because I had written a thesis in college on British naval bases around the world, particularly Singapore, the task was assigned to me. 109 was particularly interested in the high-level requirement, but he permitted me, a new hire, whom he had not yet met, to supply the answers.

At the time there was no way of adequately discussing Southeast Asia strategy. My seniors in the Far East transportation and geographic unit watched me carefully but offered little assistance. I decided to use a National Geographic map of Southeast Asia, even though there were errors on the map (there was no such railroad between Phnom Penh in Cambodia and Saigon.)

I decided to place my information for the admiral in short paragraphs around the periphery of the maps, with arrows linking texts to strategic spots on the maps.

Presumably, this novel way of keeping a report within one page intrigued the admiral, and later 109. The briefing went off well. The admiral was also surprised when referred to the use of B-29 Super Fortress bombers as part of the strategy for the area. He demanded to know how I knew about the B-29s which were still highly classified.

When I told him I found reference to it in coverage of the Japanese news broadcast, the admiral was stunned! He wondered why his office had not told him of this overt and obvious source. I have no idea what happened to his staff when he returned to the Pentagon. I was told that 109 was delighted but he never told me directly.

I'd follow 109 anywhere!

## Where are they now?

**Bruce D. Stone**, 1067 Grand Oak Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23455, would like to know how many of Detachment 101's OGs under Captain Bright are still living. Please contact him.

**John. F. Barnacle**, a WWII B-24 crew member shot down over Yugoslavia and rescued by OSS teams in March, 1944, would like help in locating two of his OSS rescuers: **Romeo Gaudet**, last known address in Lynn, Mass, and **George Vujnovich**, originally from Jackson Heights, NY. Barnacle is also asking any OSSer who participated in the rescue of downed airmen in Yugoslavia in 1944 to assist him in obtaining information on this operation. Contact Barnacle at 2207 Barrywood Rd., Huntsville, AL 35810, phone: (256)852-4126.

**Jacob B. Berlin**, OSS Jed, would like information on a special SI mission to which he was assigned. He was to be smuggled into Shanghai toward war's end to contact a high-ranking Japanese officer and explain to him exactly what "unconditional surrender" meant. This mission was headed by **Lt. John Charles Jenkins**, who supposedly spoke Chinese. The group flew to Chihkiang and rented a junk to Hangchow, where they were taken prisoner by a Japanese patrol headed by a Lieutenant who said he was a Stanford graduate.

"What happened after this was pretty hazy, as I had contracted malaria. Later the Japanese officer told us that the war was over and we were free to go," Berlin writes. To this day, Berlin has not been able to find any report on this mission. If anyone knows of Lt. Jenkins or the mission, please write to Rev. Berlin, St. Paul's Counseling Service, 605 Reynolds Street, Augusta, GA 30901.

## Upcoming Events

The 101 Christmas lunch is scheduled for 13 December at Fort Meyer. **Ace Ellis** is in charge and hopes for a good turnout.

Retired FBI, CIA, and KGB officers will lecture on espionage cases from the 30s to the present aboard a seven-day "Spy Cruise" through the Bahamas on March 1-17, 2002. Call 1-888-322-2250 for information on reservations.

The ongoing Politics and Intelligence course at the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, features CIA's DCI George Tenet on October 11. He will discuss the terrorist threat and security in a changing world. Covert action and counterintelligence courses follow from 15 October to 12 December. The symposium emphasizes the integrated nature of intelligence disciplines.

## In Memoriam

Former OG **Harold "Pop" Becker** died at 92, September 5 at Margate Manor, Margate Fla. A wartime colleague, Harold W. Chappell writes from Pismo Beach, Cal.: "Harold Becker, affectionately known as Pop because he was older than most of us OGs, was a squadron leader in the German Operational Group (OG). He was a fine soldier and respected by all who served with him. As C.O. of the German OG, I was fortunate to have him in my command."

**Mary T. (Daley) Corbett**, born in Northampton, Ma., enlisted as a WAC in the Army after Pearl Harbor. Her three brothers volunteered at the same time. She was assigned to OSS London during the heaviest bombing of that city. After the war she became a practical nurse. She died June 14, 2001, at her home in Ashfield, MA.

**John Paul Dickson**, was a Navy intelligence officer who retired with the rank of commander. He died July 2, 2001 of congestive heart failure at his Bethesda, Md. home. He joined the Navy in 1942 and served with OSS. He was fluent in German and retired from active duty in 1964.

**Giuliana Foscolo**, a well-known Italian partisan passed away after a long illness. She was descended from an old Venetian family and lived near Belluno. She was of great assistance to several Allied missions, in particular the SO mission Margot Hollis, and the OG Aztec mission headed by Captain Joseph Benucci. The Veterans of OSS awarded her one of the specially cast Donovan medals during the post-war Reunion of Friendship.

**Harry L. "Smoke" Herres**, 80, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, passed away there September 18, 2001 at the Home of Hope. Born in August 1921, Smoke was an OSS officer serving in China, France and North Africa. After 21 more years with tours in Vietnam, Germany in Special Forces, he retired in 1964 from the Army.

Graveside services with full military honors were held in Arlington Cemetery for **Col. Joseph James Jackson** who died July 17, 2001. His service to his country lasted 34 years with duty tours worldwide. He spent three years in the CBI theater as an OSS officer during World War II and later served in Korea and Vietnam. A resident of Hampton, N.Y., he is survived by his wife.

**Patricia Carroll McKenney**, 81, an Arlington resident since 1966, died September 10, 2001, at her home from cancer. During WWII she served as fiscal

officer for the OSS in the Mediterranean theater. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Stewart McKenney.

**Alfonso Rodriguez**, a former CIA training director, began his intelligence career during World War II with OSS/X2 serving in London and Tangier. Later, with CIA, he was part of the task force that worked with anti-Castro forces. He is survived by his wife, Susan, of Bethesda, Md..

The New York Times reported that **Roger Starr**, an outspoken thinker on urban affairs, who blended a lifetime of intellectual analysis with hands-on public service, died on September 10, 2001 in Easton, Pa. He was 83. Roger served during WWII in OSS/MO, first with Detachment 101 and later in China.

Italian **Senator Pier Emilio Taviani**, president of one of the three Italian partisan missions died in June. He was chairman of the Genoa Committee for Liberation and helped negotiate the surrender of the 8000-man German garrison to the partisans on April 25, 1945. The Senator held numerous important positions in Italy's post-war governments. A history professor, he was one of the foremost authorities on the life and voyages of Christopher Columbus.

**Philip H. Trezise**, 89, economist and diplomat during the Nixon years, died August 26, 2001 in Bethesda, Md. He was a naval officer assigned to the OSS and served with the R&A unit in Kunming, China. He joined the State Department in 1946 and became assistant secretary of state for economic affairs. He received the president's award for distinguished federal service in 1965.

**U Tun Wai**, an economist with the International Monetary Fund in Washington, died August 15, 2001 in Burtonsville, Md. During the war he came to this country from Burma, and instructed Army and OSS personnel in the Burmese language. Later he received masters and doctoral degrees from Yale. He came to Washington in 1955 and retired as deputy director of the International Monetary Fund. He is survived by his wife.

Errata: In the last Newsletter, the late **Earl D. Brodie** was incorrectly listed as David C. Brodie. Earl Brodie served in OSS in the SI branch, ETO. He died in Lafayette, Calif., February 8, 2001.



## September 11 Condolences from Overseas

Albert Materazzi, who served in OSS with Italian resistance, writes: "I have received calls and E-mails from Italian partisan friends with expressions of horror and comforting words. The messages can be summarized in a news release by ANPI, Italy's largest of the partisan veterans organizations. 'This has been a tragic date in world wide history. We had hoped that massacres of this kind would never again be repeated. Beside the strong condemnation of the terrorist attacks on the United States of America that killed thousands of innocent people, the Italian partisans wish to express their heartfelt solidarity to the American people, who during the second world war fought against Nazi-fascism to return democracy to Italy and Europe, with the help of women and men of the Resistance.' "

And from County Cork, Ireland, another note of condolence from Charles Fenn, Former SO operator in China who recruited Ho Chi Minh to help rescue our downed flyers. "My heart goes out to you in OSS during this horrible calamity. I've gone through two world wars and should be used to calamity, but one didn't have TV in those days to make it so tragically evident.

## WWII POW Boxcar Donated

A 1941 rail car, used to transport Allied prisoners-of-war to Nazi prisons, was loaded on an Air Force plane at Istres, France in July and flown to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base museum in Dayton, Ohio. The car, part of military history, was donated by the French National Railroad Company and the American POW Society.

The boxcar, found in Dijon, France, bears the inscription: "Hommes 40 - Cheveaux 8" (40 men - 8 horses). POWs, including OSSers, incarcerated in these trains later testified that a great many more than 40 men were jammed into wooden cars bound for concentration camps.

## Chair Dedicated to Allen Dulles

The Allen W. Dulles Chair for Intelligence was dedicated at a ceremony held on September 6, 2001 at the CIA. John E. McLaughlin, Deputy Director of CIA, recalled Dulles' OSS work in Switzerland, where he created an espionage net that produced intelligence critical to the Allied war effort. Dulles was later appointed CIA Director in 1953 by President Eisenhower.

McLaughlin noted, "The outstanding contribution DCI Dulles made was in transforming a still-fledgling organization into a functioning agency where intelligence became a vital element in government structure."

## Underwater Pioneers Honored at Ft. Bragg

Nearly 60 years later, John B Spence, OSS/MU, and colleagues received recognition for the underwater warfare they waged in Europe and the Far East. They attended the dedication of a memorial stone to OSS Maritime Unit at Ft. Bragg, N.C. this summer.



Using a re-breathing apparatus that eliminated tell-

tale bubbles, Spence and his MU team were trained to do what the Navy SEALs and Special forces units do today: destroy enemy targets underwater, unobserved. The device was designed by OSS' Dr. Christian Lambertson.

The operational swimmer groups ranged from 12-36 swimmers. Their mission capabilities included maritime sabotage of enemy shipping and harbor facilities, clandestine, hydrographic and inland reconnaissance, plus the training of natives for special operations.

John Spence, 80, is the last of the five original underwater swimmers chosen for OSS service and is considered America's first frogman.

## AFIO Symposium Planned to Meet New Security Threat

The United States faces new threats, new forms of warfare. The leadership of top level agencies will discuss their views on meeting these threats at AFIO's Symposium 2001 at CIA, November 2-3. The symposium will cover intelligence, reconnaissance, counterintelligence, surveillance, and security policies, resources and technology..

The keynote address will be given by the Hon. Porter Goss, chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. A special tour and exhibit of modern clandestine operations materiel at CIA will be included. A banquet and reception will be held later at the Sheraton Premier Hotel, McLean, Va.

Attendees must be U.S. citizens. There will be a high security check during the symposium sessions. Current, former or retired U.S. Government, industry, law enforcement and security personnel are invited to attend. OSS Society members will be given discounted AFIO membership rates.

For further information and reservations call the AFIO office, 703-790-0320 or e-mail [afio@his.com](mailto:afio@his.com)

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### *Photos from OSS Attics . . .*



*Strategy Session: Lord Louis Mountbatten, left, British Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, maps out strategy for the Burma campaign with Dr. Cora DuBois, head of OSS/R&A in Kandy, Ceylon, and Colonel John G. Coughlin, OSS commander in 1944. Cora was living proof that women could handle operational posts in an OSS command. (Photo courtesy John Taylor, National Archives "attic.")*

*Have any photos in your attic? Share them via the Newsletter.*

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This may be your last newsletter! Your dues must be current in order to continue receiving OSS Society News. If you haven't yet paid your dues, please do it now and keep up with news of your fellow spooks.

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