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Author Col. Will Merrill Jr. To Address WWII Luncheon

Col. Will G. Merrill Jr., U.S. Army (Ret.), author of **9/11: Ordinary People: Extraordinary Heroes**, will be guest speaker at the annual Navy League JaxCouncil World War II Commemorative Luncheon, Thursday, Dec. 8, at the River Club. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., luncheon and program at noon.

In addition to a great lunch and speaker, you will enjoy the fantastic River Club view of the city from the 35th floor of the newly renamed Wells Fargo (formerly Modis) Building downtown. Parking is free in the lower level garage (bring ticket to the River Club

for validation).

Col. Merrill was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1958. Over his 41-year career, our speaker saw combat



in Vietnam, commanded a Hawk air-defense missile battery in Germany, served as operations officer for the 2nd Infantry Division on the Demilitarized Zone in Korea during a period of intense crisis, and was the NATO Liaison Officer to Greece at the Greek Pentagon in Athens for six years, during which he narrowly escaped two assassination plots.

As we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Col. Merrill will compare and contrast the American response to the two signature surprise attacks on our nation...Pearl Harbor and 9-11.

This luncheon is JaxCouncil's annual pre-holiday celebration. All Navy League members are welcome and encouraged to bring a guest. RSVP by Dec. 5 to 425-5691 or secretary@vosjax.com.

World War II Commemorative Luncheon

Thursday, Dec. 8

Registration, 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon and program: Noon

Price: \$25

RSVP by Dec. 5 to: 425-5691

or e-mail to

[secretary @ vosjax.com](mailto:secretary@vosjax.com)

Grand Salute to Veterans, Linville

JaxCouncil members and guests enjoyed a great evening, Nov. 9, saluting our nation's Veterans, paying tribute to a long-time American patriot and fund-raising legend, and giving away more than \$25,000 in prizes.



Joann Linville and grandson Christian drawing winning ticket observed by Drawing Coordinator Nick Pulignano.

Honored guests for the evening were Joann Linville, widow of the irrepressible American patriot and local fund-raising guru George Linville, grandson Christian, and close family friends. George's tribute was delivered by his friend and colleague John Leenhouts, who conducted a surprise "Linville auction" for a Ford Riley print, donning George's signature bright red sport coat for effect.

The final element of the Navy League's tribute to its long-time fund-raiser was the unveiling of the George Linville Commemorative

Coin, struck especially for the event.

Climax of the evening was the Grand Prize Drawing for 28 prizes. The complete list of winners can be seen at www.nljax.com.

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**Save the Date: JaxCouncil Annual Meeting
Jan. 12, 2012, 6 p.m., Florida Yacht Club**