

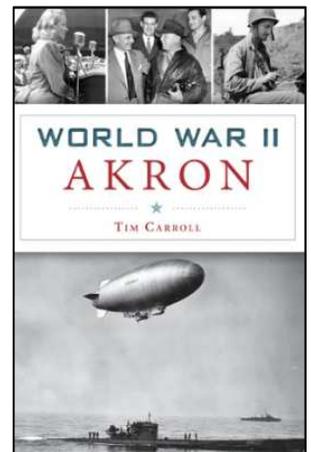


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PROGRESS THROUGH PRESERVATION OF GREATER AKRON

March Membership Meeting Thursday, March 21, 2019

Tim Carroll on *World War II Akron* at Papa Joe's in the Valley



On Thursday, March 21, PTP member Tim Carroll will talk to us about his recently (March 18) published book: *World War II Akron*. Tim is an Akron native and graduate of The University of Akron with an undergraduate degree in history and a Master's in education. Both of his grandfathers served in World War II. His interest in writing about WWII began when he read his Grandfather Carroll's personal war letters. His interest then turned to a long-overlooked topic: Akron's part in the war effort. Tim spent months researching Akron's place in WWII and tracking down rare photographs of Akron's war and aviation history. He has possibly the best collection of such pictures to be published in recent years. Tim will share some of the many photographs he collected as part of his presentation.

The information presented in the book is thoroughly documented and tells not only of Akron's role in producing blimps, planes, and other industrial efforts but of the ultimate sacrifices families made. One such example: "By the time it was all over, there would be well over 1,500 Akron-area deaths. Increased fighting in Italy in early 1944 and the invasion of Europe opened up the floodgates of death. Over 100 eighteen- and nineteen-year olds from the Boy Scout Draft perished along with 192 Akron-area fathers. Akron had its first set of brothers killed in action in July 1944, and by war's end, fifteen Akron-area families had lost more than one son. In 1944, war killed 741 Akron area men. Many argue that was the bloodiest year of the war, since 490 men died from the Akron area in 1945. That is a mistake, however, because 972 Akron area men died between June 1, 1944, and May 31, 1945—this was the deadliest year."

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at Papa Joe's in the Valley, located at 1561 Akron Peninsula Rd. Dinner will include salad, warm Tuscan bread, beverage, dessert, and your choice of entrée: Chicken Marsala or Baked Rustic Lasagna with meat sauce, for \$30. A vegetarian option is available upon request. **Tim will have copies of his book available for sale that evening.**

RESERVATIONS: To make reservations, contact Alice Christie at 330-864-8364 or achristie@malone.edu to leave your name(s) and choice of entrée(s). Reservation deadline is Monday, March 18. *This event is open to the public but seating is limited, so make your reservations early.*

Save the dates for these upcoming PTP meetings:

Saturday, April 27 – Trolley Tour of 2018 Architectural Heritage Award Winners

Tuesday, May 21 – Historic Oakwood Chapel in Cuyahoga Falls

Times and details for these events will be forthcoming.