



## BRAD FRICK

### WENDELL ELLENWOOD - BATTLE OF THE BULGE

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Angela welcomed Club member **Brad Frick**, to speak on the Battle of the Bulge, including the role of late Club member **Wendell Ellenwood** in that event.

The battle began on Dec. 16, 1944 with an attack by German forces on Allied forces in the Ardennes Forest, in Belgium, Luxembourg and France. The battle was the brainchild of Adolf Hitler, whose forces had already suffered 3 million in casualties, and were facing an advance of Allied forces into Germany. Hitler's generals knew the war was lost, but Hitler refused to believe it and created a plan to get to Bastogne and ultimately Antwerp. Hitler, having been subjected to his 12th assassination attempt by German officers earlier in 1944, did not trust his generals, and only told them about his plans at the last minute.

The battle line was defended by approximately 80,000 American troops, with Hitler throwing about 250,000 into the fight. The success of Hitler's plan depended largely on 3 factors, which were initially present: bad weather that would stymie Allied airpower; surprise; and speed.

Gen. Eisenhower ultimately came up with a response on Dec. 17, with challenges including a lack of information about where German forces were located.

Some years ago, Brad interviewed Wendell Ellenwood about his role serving in General Patton's forces south of the battle lines. Brad shared video of Wendell recounting his experiences. Wendell was a forward observer, which entailed locating enemy positions and radioing the locations back. This included use of spotter planes which were quite rickety looking and acting. There was a high casualty rate for those in Wendell's position.

Wendell read a version of Gen. Patton's prayer from this time, asking for better weather, which did happen. Ultimately the German attack failed as the Germans lost too many soldiers and ran out of gas, with American forces striking back. There were very high American casualties, approx. 89,000 in all, including 19,000 killed, 47,000 wounded and 23,000 captured or missing.

Wendell ultimately experienced 254 days of continuous combat. His awards included the following: a Purple Heart for his wounds incurred in the battle, the Bronze Star (V), the French Croix de Guerre, the European Theater Medal with 4 major campaign stars, and the W. W. II Victory Medal. Also, in 2019, he was presented the National Order of the Legion of Honor medal in Washington D.C. from the President of the Republic of France for service to the French people during World War II.

Needless to say, Wendell was a hero.

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## GREETERS

**December 24**  
N/A

**December 31**  
N/A

**January 7**  
N/A

## REGISTRATION DESK

**December 24**  
N/A

**December 31**  
N/A

**January 7**  
Mike Brady  
John Cleland

## CALENDAR

**December 24 - Scioto CC/Zoom**  
No Meeting – Merry Christmas!

**December 31 - Scioto CC/Zoom**  
No Meeting – Happy New Year!

**January 7 - Scioto CC/Zoom**  
Chris Zimmer, Upper Arlington Fire Chief “What’s New with the UA Division of Fire”  
Host: Alan Thompson

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**JANUARY 7TH**  
Scioto Country Club / Zoom

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



## THE MEETING



**Angela Lanctot** opened the meeting, which was held in person at Scioto Country Club and also via Zoom.

Angela also provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Lynn Ness** was guest of her husband **Bob Ness**.

**Bruce Peterson, Frank Courtney** and **Major Andy Frick** were guests of **Brad Frick**.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Chip Knoop** noted that there will be no meeting of the Community Service Committee next Monday, but meetings will start again in February.

Chip also asked for, and received, help from 3 volunteers to deliver food and toy boxes for Santa’s Silent Helpers this Saturday at 9 am.

**Tom Davis** thanked those who rang the bell for Salvation Army at the Chamber Road Kroger. More than \$1,000 was raised.

**Jack Cotter** announced that the Jan. 14 Rotary Roundtable program will be about Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Franklin County, assisting children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

**Angela Lanctot** recognized **Jack Cotter, Sandra Cotter, John Cleland** and **Joe Berwanger** as Paul Harris Fellows.

Angela also recognized **Tanya Westerviller** for 22 years of photography and design service to the Club. This was Tanya’s last meeting in that role. To thank her, Tanya was given the Service Above Self Award, and made an honorary member, and there were a number of gifts provided to her. Tanya talked about how much she has enjoyed her involvement with the Club.



## SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Upper Arlington Rotarians direct our Rotary giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

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