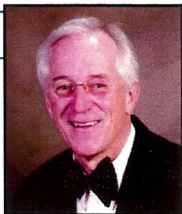


OCTOBER 12, 2016

**Richard Marold**  
"FDR: President"

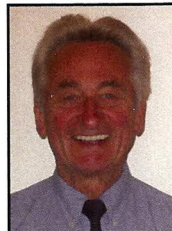


History is relived as Richard Marold portrays President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Who is this "complicated President" with "the thickly forested interior, hated and loved by many?" Elected four times, FDR led the country through the Great Depression and World War II. Comfortable with Churchill and Stalin, FDR was equally at home swimming with polio victims. A man of the people and sobered by paralysis, FDR was superbly prepared for the tumultuous age in which he lived. Marold brings FDR to life with an historically accurate program. Having portrayed FDR before educational, professional and convention groups nationwide, Marold's knowledge of FDR's public and complex personal life "makes the man positively come alive." Marold lives in Colorado and has been editor of the Cheyenne Mountain Kira, a journal on the history of Colorado. For more information about Richard Marold, please visit <http://fdrtoday.org/>

JANUARY 11, 2017

**Dieter Dettke**

*"The European Union In Crisis"*



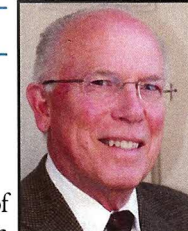
The European Union faces deep and serious challenges. A debt and Euro-currency imbalance has threatened the sovereign default of Portugal, Italy, Greece, and Spain. Economic stagnancy, high unemployment, especially among youth, fosters an emerging anti-European mentality. A migration crisis with hundreds of thousands of refugees from the Middle East and Africa challenges the "open borders" policy within the European Union, stressing the system even further. Radical terrorism is a growing threat. New security challenges from a resurgent Russia question NATO's cohesion and viability in response to Russia's claims on Ukraine and potentially other states formerly part of the Soviet Union. With serious internal and external challenges, Europe might enter a long period of disunity. The European Union may not collapse but will need a fundamental overhaul of its institutions.

Dr. Dieter Dettke is Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University and the BMW Center for German and European Studies, where he teaches courses on European security and Europe-Russia relations. He is the author of numerous publications, including *Germany Says 'No': The Iraq War and the Future of German Foreign and Security Policy*. As former Executive Director of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Washington, DC, a major German policy institution, he is well-known in the transatlantic community as a voice of clarity and vision.

MARCH 8, 2017

**Dr. John Turner**

*"The Rise and Fall of the Great American Songs"*



Dr. John Turner, a former professor of psychology with an academic specialty in psychophysiology, recently retired from his position as Provost at Sandhills Community College. In his retirement, he continues his avocation-- the study and appreciation of modern music and its impact on our culture.

George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Hoagy Carmichael, Duke Ellington and others are among a group of American composers who wrote the melody for classic songs that have become standards and today are often referred to as "The Great American Songbook." These writers, along with writers like Ira Gershwin and Lorenz Hart, who wrote the lyrics to these songs, lived during a time when authors and composers were given recognition and adulation that only today's most famous rock stars receive. Between 1935 and 1950, the music listening and buying public lost interest. What happened to those songs of "The Great American Songbook?"

Through music, video and commentary, Dr. Turner will provide an entertaining and informative look at the changes in American music of the late 1940's and 1950's and in the songwriters and popular singers who brought that music to us.

NOVEMBER 16, 2016

**Hardin Marion**  
"Wit and Wisdom of Winston Churchill"



Winston Churchill has been voted the "man of the century" for his enormous contributions to the Allied war effort in World War II and his long and varied life as a statesman, orator, author, artist, author, and soldier. If not the most important man of the last century, he was one of the most interesting. Today, he is recalled for his words almost as much as for his deeds. Hardin Marion, a distinguished lawyer, and an admirer and student of Churchill will provide an evening full of "the wit and wisdom of Winston Churchill."

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 (12:30 Lunch)

**Michael Neiberg**

*"The Road Over There: America and the Great War 1914-1917"*



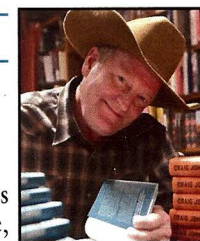
The common explanation for the outbreak of World War I depicts Europe as a minefield of nationalism, needing only the slightest pressure to set off an explosion of passion that would rip the continent apart. In a crucial reexamination of the outbreak of violence in his book *Dance of the Furies*, Neiberg shows that ordinary Europeans, unlike their political and military leaders, neither wanted nor expected war during the fateful summer of 1914. What would lead the United States to travel the road over there in 1917?

Michael Neiberg is the inaugural Chair of War Studies in the Department of National Security and Strategy at the United States Army War College.

APRIL 12, 2017

**Craig Johnson**

*"Longmire and Me"*



Craig Johnson is the New York Times bestselling author of the Walt Longmire, Sheriff of Absaroka County, series. To date there are fifteen novels in the series, from which a very successful television program, Longmire, has been created. The fifth season is currently in production via Netflix.

Many of the novels, as well as the author, have received awards and recognition from fellow mystery writers and the literary world. Walt Longmire has a strong international following, especially in France.

Craig will speak to the inspiration for creating Walt Longmire, the choice of locale, and the incorporation of local characters (real and imagined) in his novels. Much flows from his life in Ucross, Wyoming, population 25.

Johnson's success is celebrated in an annual Longmire Days festival in Buffalo, WY. Close to 10,000 people visit this small town, the real life inspiration for Durant.

DECEMBER 14, 2016

**Jeremy Fiebig - Sweet Tea Shakespeare**  
"Evening with Will"



Jeremy Fiebig is Assistant Professor of Theatre at Fayetteville State University and founder and artistic director of Sweet Tea Shakespeare (STS). A project of Fayetteville State University, STS seeks to celebrate the wonder of Shakespeare, other classic plays and new work in beautiful environments with family-style flare by providing simple, elemental, magical theatre experiences with a nod to the diversity and heritage of southeast North Carolina. STS imagines, enacts and embraces theatre in the spirit of Shakespeare and early modern performance as it seeks to employ the ingenuity and drive behind Shakespeare's own company through productions, educational opportunities, artist development and community engagement.