

# Sandy Springs Lodge #124

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### WB Tommy Meeks to Share the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam by U.S. Forces

At our next meeting, WB Tommy Meeks, our Director of Work, will share his experiences from his recent Sea Bee Reunion, which was held on the island of Guam. How's your Guam I.Q?



Did you know that Guam is located in the western North Pacific Ocean, and that it is an unincorporated territory of the U.S? It has a population of approximately 166,000. It is the largest of the Mariana Islands, 30 miles long and 8 miles wide.

Guam was captured by the Japanese army in 1941, enduring three years of occupation before being liberated by forces of the United States in July, 1944. Now, 60 years later, the U.S. military retirees who took part in the liberation of this island have returned for a wonderful reunion. Tommy Meeks, as a member of the Navy Sea Bees, was there for both

events. The people of Guam are most grateful for the restoration of their independence, and their military and governmental personnel displayed their hospitality to our veteran fighting men on this anniversary of their liberation.

The picture above shows a monument to our fighting forces. Today Guam is the site of a large military establishment of U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel and operations.

Tommy has prepared a slide-show presentation which will be projected on the large screen at our next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m. Show your appreciation of "the Greatest Generation," by being there to listen to his message.

### Plan to Attend the Fifth Masonic District Convention

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Fifth Masonic District Convention. It will be held at the College Park Lodge #454 on Saturday, September 11. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The Lodge is located at 1725 E. Virginia Avenue. We want to have a good attendance, and hopefully we can receive the attendance banner to keep until next year. Our Lodge Memory Book has been submitted for consideration. Sample sheets from this book will be available for your viewing at our next meeting.

Also keep in mind the **Sandy Springs Festival**. WB Floyd King is signing up volunteers for Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19. Call him at **770-396-6638** or email him at **floydmking@mindspring.com**. Floyd is also selling Kroger gift certificates, and we appreciate his volunteer efforts.

