



## **Intergenerational Roundtable #1**

December 12, 2012 (10-11:30 a.m.)

### **Topic: War**

### **Veterans' Brief Bios**

**1. David Robinson** – David was plucked from Cornell in his senior year when he agreed to be a part of the V12 program. Students who enlisted in the army or navy would be able to continue their schooling until “lifted.” At that time, they would be sent for officers training and then assignment, all with the promise of finishing their education after serving their country, David spent his entire military service aboard the USS Ormsby with the amphibious forces whose mission was to carry troops and landing craft, as well as functioning as an auxiliary hospital.

**2. Jules Sachson** – Jules was born in Brooklyn. This former Bronx Police Commissioner began his service career when drafted at the age of 23 and reached the rank of Captain during the war in the US Army. He remained in the reserves for another 30 years when he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after serving a total of 35 years. He was in the military police and helped uphold Marshall Law after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was awarded the “usual campaign ribbons; nothing heroic”.

**3. Sidney Fox** – Sidney, NYC born and raised, was drafted at the age of 25 and went on to serve as Master Sergeant in the US Air Force. He was offered and declined the rank of Lieutenant (as he was already a graduate of City College when drafted) because he knew he would make more money as a Master Sergeant. He went to boot camp in Fort Dix, NJ and then was sent overseas where he earned good conduct medals (“and others I can’t remember”). A most vivid memory is of being given a whole day off to

write letters in which they were told to say that no one would be able to contact them for awhile. “The next day we were in combat at Okinawa. That was it – everything stopped.” He remembers “such scenes of brutality; you have no idea”).

**4. Erick Liebenstein-** Erick came to America from Germany when he was 14 with his family to escape Nazi aggression. When was 18, he was drafted in the military. As a German speaking soldier, he used his language skills to intercept information that led to the capture of German soldiers as part of General Patton’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Army, Military Intelligent Service Team IPW72. He received two purple hearts, along with medals from France for assisting the French government in bringing a captured German submarine into a French port. One of his purple hearts came from being injured in line of duty.

**5. Irv Sandberg** - Irv was drafted into the Army in 1942. He was sent to Medical Replacement Training Camp in Aberdeen, Texas and trained to be a medic. As a medic, he was not permitted to carry a gun. His job was to tend to the wounded. He also never flew in an airplane, being transported from one place to another only by train and boat. He served during the war in Iran which was a gateway for supplies to be sent to the Russians during the war and then Munich after the war, where his company took over estate of one of the top Officers of the Third Reich under Hitler.

