



## **INVITATION**

**Friday 23 May, 2014 at 7.30 pm**

The War Archive is delighted to invite you in a presentation on

### **US Army mission to occupied Greece, 1944: An unknown page of Greek history**

**PRESENTER : SCOTT HATHAWAY**

A presentation in English followed by a documentary film in Greek

For more than half a century a fascinating page of the history of occupied Greece laid unknown and unexplored, possibly because of the post-war sensibilities of Greek-US relationships. The operations of the British SOE ( Special Operations Executive) in Greece are very well-known and investigated, including the books by Chris Woodhouse and his associates. What has been so far totally unknown was a military mission to occupied Greece in 1944 by the US OSS ( Office of Strategic Services).This consisted by a detachment of US soldiers, all of them of Greek origin of first or second generation of Greek immigrants to the US !

The presentation on the history and operations of this unit is based on a Greek documentary film and on the personal experience of the presenter, Scott Hathaway, who has met some of the still surviving Greek-American protagonists!

**The Presenter  
Scott Hathaway**

Scott Hathaway considers himself half-Greek being married to a Greek wife and having lived in Greece intermittently since 1985.

Scott served in the US Air Force ( USAF ) base in Hellinikon from 1985 to 1991, and then at the US Embassy in Athens during 1991-1997 in various military posts and roles. He retired from the USAF in 2004 and moved to Greece where now acts as consultant and advisor to various Greek firms, including a starring role in 2013 in a TV commercial for the Aegean Airlines !

Scott is deeply interested in all aspects of military and of the history of WWII.

**The Introducer**  
**John Carr**

John Carr was born in Staffordshire in 1948, and spent a career in broadcasting and journalism. He has written many news articles and made many radio and television broadcasts from Greece, where he was the correspondent for the Wall Street Journal Europe (1986-1993) and The Times of London (1992-2011). John has a BA degree from the University of Maryland (USA) and an MA from the University of Leicester (UK) in history, politics and mass communications. He is the author of "The America Capsule" (2005), a science-fiction novel, "On Spartan Wings" (2012), a history of the Royal Hellenic Air Force in World War Two, and "Sparta's Kings" (2012). He is currently preparing for publication "The Defence and Fall of Greece 1940-1941", to be released by Pen and Sword Books (UK) later this year and also "Royal Hellenic Navy Ship Averof".

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The Arheion is looking very much forward to your presence in this event.

We ask you however to let us know whether you will be coming either by replying to this email at [afreeris@wararchivegr.org](mailto:afreeris@wararchivegr.org) and/or by contacting Maka Dokhnadze at the phone of the Arheion, 210-8676390 ,or mobile phone 69-98088220 by latest Tuesday 20 May Please do note that space is limited.

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We look forward to your presence at the Archive.

Andrew Freris