



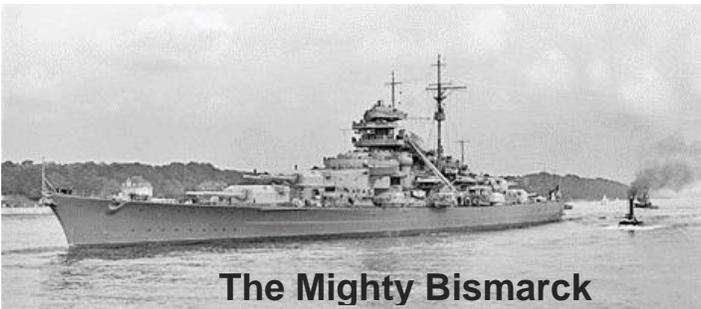
Jacques Stoskopf gave his life for Freedom. His espionage activities saved millions of lives by impeding the dastardly sinkings of Allied Convoy Ships delivering food to the UK and Russia. The huge Lorient SubPens were renamed in his honor after the war.

## Nazi MegaWeapons at Sea (Part I)

The most lethal WW2 service as a percentage of those killed was the Merchant Marine, 36,000 sailors killed. Early in WW2, Nazi U-Boat submarines ran amok sinking convoy ships carrying critical supplies to the UK. The U-Boats had several bases but the most awesome base was at Lorient, France; it was huge and massively protected with reinforced concrete. Communications going through the vast Zeppelin bunker near Berlin were vital to these early Nazi successes. However, the U-Boats were finally defeated by a brave hero who sacrificed his life for Freedom, Jacques Stoskopf, and using captured Enigma machines, British Code breakers directing Allied warships and aircraft.

Later in the war, the megabattle ships Bismarck and Tirpitz were set free in the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans in order to block convoys to the UK and Russia. After the Bismarck sank Britain's most famous battleship, the HMS Hood, the UK went all out to "Sink the Bismarck." British airpower turned out to be the killer of both of these monster battleships.

The discussion will be at the **Apple Valley Senior Center, Tuesday, February 25 at 10 A.** For more information, contact Gary Gray, [gdgray@q.com](mailto:gdgray@q.com), 952-895-8960.



**The Mighty Bismarck**



**The Enormous Nazi Submarine Pens at Lorient, France**