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**Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury to Commemorate Anniversary of Pearl Harbor
Bombing with Lecture by Army Historian**

On Tuesday, November 29, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury will host a lecture by retired Brigadier General John W. Mountcastle, former Chief of Military History for the United States Army. The event is being held as part of RWC’s commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. That attack caused the United States to enter the Second World War.

“We are honored to have General Mountcastle join us to commemorate this important event in American history,” says RWC president Stuart Bunting. “Many of our residents are part of the Greatest Generation that made great sacrifices for our country during the war years.”

Brigadier General Mountcastle is a Virginia native and a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. He served in Vietnam and in Germany, and on the faculty at the U.S. Military

Academy. He earned his doctoral degree from Duke University. General Mountcastle now teaches courses at the University of Richmond and lectures at the Virginia Historical Society. He is Vice President of the Richmond Civil War Round Table.

To help attendees understand the reasons for Japan's attack, General Mountcastle will describe the world situation in 1941 and explain America's role as a noncombatant at the time. He will review the December 7 attack and outline the United States' political, military, and societal responses, concluding with a discussion of the long term impact of Japan's actions on Allied strategy during World War II and in the post-war period.

General Mountcastle's lecture is open to the public. His presentation will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium at the Chesapeake Center on the RWC campus, 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvington. A complimentary lunch will be served to attendees following the presentation. Space is limited, so reservations will be accepted beginning Tuesday, November 15. Those wishing to attend should contact RWC at 438-4000.