Behind the Lines in Greece: The Story of OSS Operational Group II

with

Robert E. Perdue, Jr.

Robert Perdue will speak about his book, *Behind the Lines in Greece: The Story of OSS Operational Group II*, an account of twenty-two men and two officers of the OSS, predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency, who served in German-occupied Greece in 1944. All but one were fluent in Greek. Some were U.S. born, the sons of Greek immigrants; others were recent arrivals in the U.S. The OG II mission was to disrupt the German evacuation of Greece by destroying trains and rail lines and killing and wounding enemy troops.

The book is based on documents in the U.S. National Archives: the official history of OG II, a record of the debriefing of the first leader of OG II, Lt. John Giannaris, after he was severely wounded, the diary of Robert Moyers, the OSS dentist serving as a physician who treated Giannaris at the clandestine airstrip where he awaited evacuation to Italy, the recently released “consolidated 201 files” of the men of OG II and interviews with Giannaris and Nicholas Pappas (second leader of OG II).

Monday, October 4, 2010
12:15 p.m.
Voesar Conference Room
1957 E Street, NW, Suite 412
Please RSVP to ieresgw@gwu.edu.

Copies of Dr. Perdue’s book will be available for purchase.
Soft drinks will be provided.