



# THE LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE & THE MILLIONAIRES' UNIT

Presented by: Darroch Greer

Two Thursdays: February 29 and March 7  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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Valle Verde Theater  
900 Calle De Los Amigos, Santa Barbara

Over twelve years, Darroch Greer wrote, directed, and produced two feature documentaries on World War I aviation. In these two sessions he will discuss the making of, and then screen, these important films. *The Lafayette Escadrille* is about a diverse group of American



volunteers who joined the French Foreign Legion as the war started, then formed an all-American squadron flying for France until the end of the war. The Lafayette Escadrille became the founding squadron of US combat aviation. *The Millionaires' Unit* is about a group of Yale friends who formed an aero club, the First Yale Unit, which became the founding squadron of the US Naval Air Reserve. The families of these men preserved photos, letters, diaries, and military records that



played a crucial role in the ability to bring these stories to life.

**Preferred registration deadline\*: February 22, 2024**

\*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

## Enrollment form: *The Lafayette Escadrille* and *The Millionaires' Unit*

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**VISTAS members \$30; non-members \$45**

- **EITHER pay online** on our website by secure credit card through PayPal:  
<https://www.vistaslifelonglearning.org/current-courses>
- **OR mail this form** and your check to: VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc.  
P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara CA 93121

Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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*It is understood that attendance is limited to those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.*



**Darroch Greer** is an award-winning documentary filmmaker whose films have aired on PBS, TCM, and History. He served as researcher on the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Darroch wrote and co-directed two films on WWI aviation: *The Millionaires' Unit* and, with Paul Glenshaw, *The Lafayette Escadrille*. During the Covid pandemic they produced 40 short films of Duke Ellington tunes. As the French American Documentary Enterprise, they are making four films on the founding principles of democracy by France and America from the Revolution to the present, in time for the 250th celebration of American independence in 2026.



### IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email ([vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org](mailto:vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org)) or text (805-967-6030). This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



## VISTAS Winter/Spring 2024 Calendar

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website ([VistasLifelongLearning.org](http://VistasLifelongLearning.org)) frequently!**

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
VISTAS Winter Social	<b>NOTE NEW DATE!</b> Sun. March 3	1:30 pm	The Music Academy
Fiction Book Club	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
The SB Civil Grand Jury: The Public's Watchdog	Mon. Jan. 8 and 15	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Not Just a Pretty Place: Science at SB Botanic Garden	Tues. Jan. 9	1:00 pm	SB Botanic Garden
Legendary Lovers in Opera	Tues. Jan. 23, 30, Wed. Feb. 7	9:30 am	The Music Academy
The Hapsburgs	Thurs. Jan. 25 and Feb. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Five Good Emperors	Mon. Feb. 5	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Whose Land Is It, Anyway?	Tues. Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5	9:30 am	The Music Academy
The Climate Crisis: Where We Are, What We Can Do	Weds. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<b><i>The Lafayette Escadrille and The Millionaires' Unit</i></b>	<b>Thurs. Feb. 29, Mar. 7</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Valle Verde Theater</b>
Conserving the Gaviota Coast, in Pictures and Stories	Mon. March 4	9:30 am	Bethany Cong. Church
Heroes & Rogues, Series 5	Mon. Mar. 11, 18, 25	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
American Folk Music Revival of the 20th Century	Mon. April 1, 8, 15, 22	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
String Quartets in the Vienna in Beethoven's Time	Wed. April 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	The Music Academy
Will China (Still) Eat Our Lunch?	Thurs. April 4	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>Sinkable: Adventures with Shipwrecks</i>	Wed. April 24	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Golden Age of the Broadway Musical	Fri. May 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	The Music Academy
Artistic Renderings of Human Body / Women Artists	Mon. May 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Short Story Discussion Grp., Sect. 1	<b>NOTE NEW DATES!</b> Tues. May 7, 14, 28, Fri. May 24	1:00 pm	Valle Verde
Short Story Discussion Grp., Sect. 2	<b>NOTE NEW DATES!</b> Thurs. May 9, 16, 23, 30	1:00 pm	Montecito Covenant Church
Celebrating 100 Yrs. of the Granada	<b>NOTE NEW DATE!</b> Tues. May 14	1:00 pm	Granada Theatre
The Magic Behind TV Music	Wed. May 8	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
13,000 Years of Local Maritime History / Whales	Mon. May 13	9:30 am	SB Maritime Museum
The Immigration Conundrum	Wed. May 15, 23	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church