



Presentation at 2pm Sunday March 29

**Lost in the Shadow of Fame: The Neglected Story of
Kermit Roosevelt;
a Gallant and Tragic American** by William Lemanski



Kermit with his father, President Theodore Roosevelt

Kermit Roosevelt was Theodore Roosevelt's second son and Franklin Roosevelt's cousin. He was a remarkable character, a war hero in both WWI and WWII while fighting for the British. He was an intellectual, author and explorer who developed some of the largest shipping companies in America.

However, there was also a dark side to Kermit. His troubled lifestyle even forced FDR to enlist J. Edgar Hoover's FBI to surveil Kermit and his mistress during World War Two, as Kermit's mistress may have been a German spy. Assigned as a Major to the far reaches of Alaska, he was found in 1943 with a bullet through his head and publicized as a suicide. Author William Lemanski discovered much circumstantial evidence that it had been foul play, concealed from the public for many years.

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