

Honoring the World War II Generation

Press Release

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"Wall of Honor" to be displayed during Senate Opening Today – Marking 75th Anniversary of Historic Doolittle Raid

(Salem, Oregon April 18, 2017) A 20 ft. "Wall of Honor" composed of the individual photos of the brave men who flew one of the most heroic missions of WWII will be displayed at opening of the Senate Session at the State Capitol in Salem today, Tuesday, April 18, 11 AM.

On April 18, 1942, 80 volunteers led by Lt. Col. James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle, flew 16 B-25B bombers off an aircraft carrier on a secret mission to bomb the Tokyo. The "Doolittle Raid" boosted American morale in the wake of the attacks on Pearl Harbor and has become an enduring symbol of courage and valor. All of Doolittle's 79 Raiders were originally trained in Oregon; three were Oregonians.

Senators Brian Boquist (Dallas) and Bill Hansell (Pendleton) will jointly honor the 75th Anniversary of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders at the opening ceremony of the Senate Session. Legislative pages have been selected to hold the Wall of Honor.



A 3 PM hearing before the Senate Veterans Committee will further address this 75th Anniversary and the 2017 statewide tour for the Oregon Doolittle Raiders banner for 'Airpower' year in



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Oregon. (Testimony attached.) This Senate Committee led the nation in 2013 by adopting congressional legislation to create a 'Spirit of '45 Day' for the WWII Generation and our over 152,000 Oregonians who served.

This national Wall of Honor will also be showcased with the United States Air Force, the Air Force Association, the American Rosie the Riveter Association, the American Veterans Center, the Spirit of '45 WWII 75th Anniversary Commemorations Alliance and the Chinese Embassy at a ceremony at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, VA,

The ceremony at the Air Force Memorial is one of several events commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid that will be taking place on April 18, in support of the two –day commemoration at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, OH.

Ceremonies featuring the Wall of Honor will also be held at the USS Hornet in Alameda, CA, the Oregon State Capitol, and several other locations across the country

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"Time will not dim the glory of their deeds" – General of the Armies John. J Pershing (1860-1948)



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