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Our Mission: To Educate Children * Promote Patriotism * Honor the Military Past, Present & Future

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NEW 467 PROJECT UNITE STUDENTS

WITH WAR II HEROES

67TH REUNION OF DOOLITTLE RAIDERS TO TIE IN WITH SCHOOLS

Celebrate Freedom Foundation® Project SOaR, Dr. Jim Rex, South Carolina Superintendent of Education, and Colonial Life will announce the launch of Project 467 in schools across the State. This announcement will take place at a press conference to be held on Tuesday, March 17th at one o'clock at the St. Andrews Middle School located at 1231 Bluefield Road in Columbia.

The intent is to have students in every school and community in South Carolina understand the historic challenges faced by the Doolittle Raiders by marking, in a visible public space, a 467 foot line in red, white and blue to honor the incredible aviation feat these WWII heroes accomplished.

The Doolittle Raiders provided tremendous psychological lift to the American people in April 1942 with their strike into the heart of Japan four months after their devastating attack on Pearl Harbor. To accomplish this, the Raiders had to do something that had never before been done before. Because the deck was going to be crowded with 16 fully loaded B-25 bombers, the Raiders had only 467 feet for take-off far less than had ever been attempted. Project 467, thus, honors not only the courage and dedication to duty of the Doolittle Raiders, but also their historic aviation accomplishment.

Across the state, these 467 feet measurements can be used to make history come alive to students and adults alike and also serve as the starting point leading up to the Colonial Life's SchoolEd Day on Friday, April 17. On that day, the Celebrate Freedom Foundation's SOaR program will immerse students of all grades in living history by letting them meet and talk with Doolittle Raiders and other veterans from WWII to the present, to see historical military vehicles, airplanes, scout dogs and much more.

These events are part of a 30-day celebration to honor the Doolittle Raiders that will conclude on the anniversary of the raid, April 18th.

A detailed list of events for the month of celebration and additional information on all of these events will be available at the March 17th press conference.

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For additional information about the SOaR, School Ed Day, and the 467 project and other upcoming events, please visit our website: www.CelebrateFreedomFoundation.org.

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