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DOOLITTLE RAIDERS RETURN
WWII HEROES TO HOLD 67th REUNION
IN COLUMBIA

Doolittle Raiders Celebration planned for April 17-18 2009

COLUMBIA, SC— The Celebrate Freedom Foundation is pleased to announce that it has reached agreement with the Doolittle Raiders' Association to hold their 67th Reunion in Columbia, South Carolina, with events beginning Friday, April 17 and running through Saturday, April 18, 2009. The Foundation has formed a committee that is organizing events around the Raiders' reunion, and a schedule will be released to the media early in 2009. Of the remaining Raiders, it is estimated that eight will be able to participate.

The Doolittle Raiders, led by then famous aviator Lt. Col. James Doolittle, were formed in Columbia in the early dark days following the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The Doolittle Raiders air assault on April 18, 1942, against targets in Japan is credited with boosting American morale and turning the tide against the advancing Japanese invaders.

"We are proud to be welcoming the Doolittle Raisers back to Columbia. They are returning to the actual site of their initial training and are a very important part of Columbia's history. Their reunion here in 2002 was an exciting international event, and the 2009 event will again give us the opportunity to thank these brave heroes," says John Lenti, Chair of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation, which is organizing the event.

"The 60th anniversary reunion was the first time in the Raiders' history, when the general media was allowed to witness the "Goblet Ceremony." The solemn and poignant ceremony honors the Raiders who were lost during the raid and who have since died. Ken Breivik, Foundation spokesman, says, "The event garnered national press coverage including coverage on ABC Nightly News, The NBC Today Show, CBS and Fox News."

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