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MEDIA ALERT

“Wall of Honor” to be displayed at Air Force Memorial to mark 75th Anniversary of Historic Doolittle Raid

(Washington, DC April 11, 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 a public wreath laying ceremony at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, VA, on Tuesday, April 18.

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.



Representatives from 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 have been invited to speak briefly during the 40 minutes ceremony, that will conclude with the laying of wreaths and the performance of “Taps” to honor the Raiders and the Chinese who helped them after they landed on the east coast of China.

The ceremony at the Air Force Memorial will be 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.

The ceremony begins at 12:00 noon and is open to the public.

What: Public Wreath Laying Ceremony to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Doolittle Raid

Who: Representatives of the USAF, Air Force Association, American Veterans Center, Arnold Air Society, Spirit of '45, WWII 75th Anniversary Commemorations Alliance, Chinese Embassy

Where: Air Force Memorial (1 Air Force Memorial Dr. Arlington, VA, 22204)



20 ft Doolittle Raiders Wall of Honor will be displayed at April 18 ceremonies