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James Herald Doolittle

By Ben

James "Jimmy" Doolittle was educated at Los Angeles Junior College and the University of California School of Mines. As an army enlistee during World War I, he became an expert aviator and flight instructor. He stayed in the Army Air Corps after the war, was promoted to first lieutenant in 1920, and also studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, Mass.), where in 1925 he received a doctorate in advanced engineering.

Doolittle remained in the Army Air Corps until 1930, demonstrating, testing, and racing aircraft. Upon resigning his commission, he took charge of the aviation department of the Shell Oil Company. While serving as a consultant to the government and the military, he continued to race aircraft, setting a world high-speed record in 1932.

With the outbreak of World War II, Doolittle returned to active duty in the Army Air Forces. On April 18, 1942, he commanded a bombing mission that began on the deck of the aircraft carrier Hornet. Sixteen B-25s struck Tokyo, Yokohama, and other Japanese cities. The planes then proceeded westward, and most of the crews arrived safely behind friendly lines on the Chinese mainland. While the raid did little damage, it greatly bolstered U.S. morale and caused the Japanese to shift precious resources to air defense.

Doolittle, made a brigadier general after the raid, received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions and soon was promoted to major general. He continued to lead air operations during the war, on the European, North African, and Pacific fronts, winning promotion to lieutenant general in 1944. He commanded the 8th Air Force in its attacks on Germany during 1944-45. After the war he returned to Shell Oil and to advisory positions in both the public and private sectors, remaining active in the aerospace industry after retiring in 1959. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1989.

Announcements

June Program- Physical Fitness-
Bring those running Shoes!



Thursday June 3rd Roundtable
7:00 P.M

Wednesday June 9th Committee
Meeting and PLC

Thursday June 10th O.A Chapter
Meeting 7:00

Friday-Sunday June 25th Bike
Campout Feather Regional Park
Anaheim



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Why Are You In Scouting?

By Tom Gebelin

You know, there are more than a million Scouts in our country. I wonder how many of them will stay in scouting and climb to the top, don't you? Tell Me Why you are in scouting. So many boys enter scouting for one reason- to have fun. If you think that is the only reason to be in scouting, believe me, there are other good reasons too. Sure scouting is fun. But a lot of other things are fun too. If you are just looking for fun, you can play all kinds of indoor and outdoor games, go to the movies, watch television- or a thousand other things. Scouting must be more than just fun for you. It must be a way of life, a law and an oath to which you are loyal. Unless you try to live scouting, you'll find that other kinds of fun are easier an you'll quit

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