



Doolittle Raiders Toast

Participation Instructions

For your organization, chapter, or unit to participate, we encourage you to join us by following the tradition of the original Doolittle Raiders Toast while incorporating the unique traditions and culture of your own community.



1. Review your organization's scheduling requirements.

Compare your time zone to our livestream. We will be hosting from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM EDT on YouTube.

EDT (New York): 17:45–18:30, **5:45 PM–6:30 PM**

CDT (Dallas): 16:45–17:30, **4:45 PM–5:30 PM**

MDT (Denver): 15:45–16:30, **3:45 PM–4:30 PM**

PDT (Los Angeles): 14:45–15:30, **2:45 PM–3:30 PM**

The YouTube streaming link is available at afa.org/toast⁷. We will begin the video livestream a few minutes early to give your organization time to adjust sound and picture. The ceremony will proceed at 5:45 PM EDT.

If your organization cannot join us for the livestream at a reasonable hour, we will be posting a recording of the livestream soon after the event has concluded, available at the same link. You are welcome to use this recording at your convenience.

2. Review in-person needs for the Toast.

We recommend having the following to participate:

Hennessey Cognac, enough for your group (any type: General Doolittle's personal favorite)

Glasses for all participating members

A projector or TV with the ability to connect to YouTube

3. Participate in the Toast ceremony day-of.

On April 18th, 2024, 5:45 PM EDT, the ceremony will begin on YouTube. The traditional Toast itself will happen at 6:16–6:19 PM EDT. Link available at afa.org/toast⁷.

The toastmaster will acknowledge the names of all 80 Raiders. At this point, at 6:18–6:20 PM EDT, the Toast will be proposed.

A traditional toast wording, as of Colonel Travis Hoover, is:

“Ladies and gentlemen, I propose a toast, to those who gave their all in the success of their mission, and to those who have since joined them, our fondest memories, sincere appreciation, and gratitude. May they rest in peace. To those who have gone.”

The traditional response (by all participants) is:

“To those who have gone.”

Once the toast has been proposed and given a response, all participants may raise a glass and drink.

3. Take a photo of your group and let us know about your tradition!

We would love to hear from you on your experience and share how your organization, chapter, or unit participated in the Doolittle Raiders Toast in 2024. We would be delighted to feature your stories and photos with the Air & Space Forces Association community, Airmen, Guardians, and their families. Send to:

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