



2026 Doolittle Raiders Memorial Toast

April 17, 2026 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 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM EDT on YouTube.

EDT (New York): 17:30–18:15, **5:30 PM–6:15 PM**

CDT (Dallas): 16:30–17:15, **4:30 PM–5:15 PM**

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

PDT (Los Angeles): 14:30–15:15, **2:30 PM–3:15 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 livestream will proceed at 5:30 PM EDT; the ceremony itself 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 to guide your organization's ceremony at your convenience.

2. Review in-person needs for the Toast.

We recommend having the following to participate:

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

Glasses/snifters for all participants

A projector or TV with the ability to connect to YouTube

3. Participate in the Toast ceremony day-of.

On April 17, 2026, 5:30 PM EDT, the ceremony will begin on YouTube. The traditional Toast will happen 30-35 minutes into the ceremony. Link available at afa.org/toast⁷.

The Toast (as per Doolittle Raider Colonel Travis Hoover):

“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 response:

“To those who have gone.”

Upon completion of the Toast and response, all participants raise a glass and drink.

Take a moment of silence after the Toast to remember the Raiders.

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

We would love to hear from you about your experience and to share with others how your organization, chapter, or unit participated in the Doolittle Raiders Toast in 2026. 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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