



## **DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS**

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### **Doolittle Raider Lt. Col. (Ret.) Edward J. Saylor Dies at 94**

SARASOTA, FLORIDA – It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Lt. Col. (Ret.) Edward J. Saylor, Flight Engineer of Crew #15 on the famous Doolittle Tokyo Raid.

Lt. Col. Saylor passed away at his home in Enumclaw, WA surrounded by his family. He requested a quiet burial with his wife of 69 years, Lorraine. In lieu of flowers, he asked that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Lt. Col. Saylor was born on March 15, 1920 in Brussett, MT and he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1939. He volunteered to go on a secret mission which turned out to be the legendary Doolittle Tokyo Raid which took place on April 18, 1942. He served throughout World War II as an enlisted man, both stateside and overseas, then was commissioned in October, 1947. He served until he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. His decorations include the Congressional Gold Medal which was recently award to the Doolittle Raiders, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Chinese Army, Navy and Air Corps Medal, Class A, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.

Lt. Col. Saylor is survived by three children and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family, the surviving Doolittle Raiders and the extended Raider Family.

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