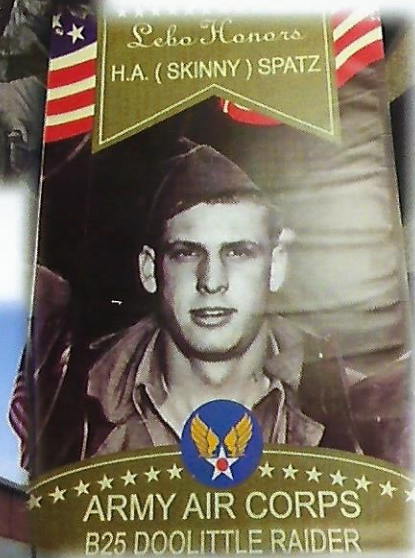




Crew 16 of the Doolittle Raiders taken just before Tokyo raid on April 18, 1942



Banner made in honor of Harold "Skinny" Spatz for Lebo Veterans Banner Project



Lebo American Legion Post 323



Cemetery marker in Sec Q Site 297 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, HI



Monument located in Lincoln Cemetery in his hometown of Lebo, KS

AMERICAN LEGION HAROLD "SKINNY" SPATZ POST #323



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Invocation *Chaplain Jones*

POW/MIA Table *Chaplain Jones*

Welcome and Introductions *Commander Frye*

District Remarks *Commander Frank*

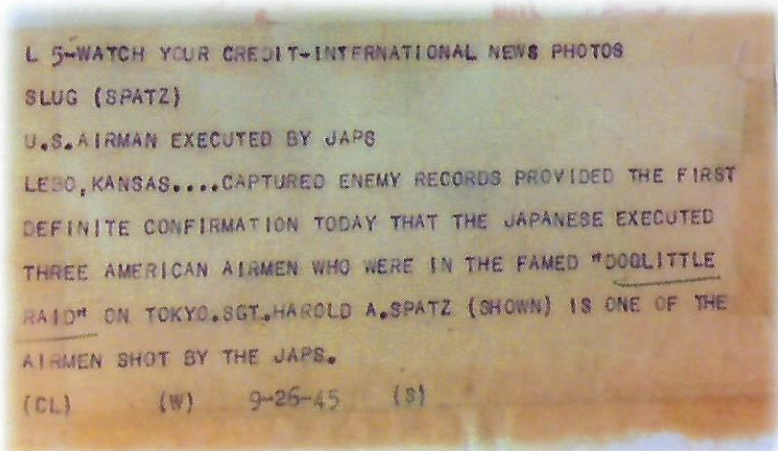
Department Remarks *Commander Wiley*

Guest Speaker *Dr. Jim Barnett*

Dedication of Hall *Commander Frye*

Reading of the Charter *Sgt at Arms Whitaker*

Benediction *Chaplain Jones*



HAROLD "SKINNY" SPATZ

Harold Spatz was born on July 14, 1921, in Lebo, Kansas. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps on November 25, 1939, and was trained as an aircraft mechanic, flight engineer, and aerial gunner before joining the 34th Bomb Squadron of the 17th Bomb Group at Pendleton Field, Oregon, in March 1941. Sgt. Spatz was accepted for the Doolittle Mission in February 1942. He was the engineer-gunner on the 16th B-25 to take off from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet (CV-8) on April 18, 1942, and after bombing its assigned targets in Japan, the crew bailed out over China when their aircraft ran low on fuel. He and the other members of the crew were all captured by the Japanese in Occupied China the same day they bailed out, and he was held as a Prisoner of War in China until being executed by the Japanese on October 15, 1942. After the war, his remains were recovered and buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

His Distinguished Flying Cross Citation reads:

"For extraordinary achievement while participating in a highly destructive raid on the Japanese mainland on April 18, 1942. Sergeant Spatz volunteered for this mission knowing full well that the chances of survival were extremely remote, and executed his part in it with great skill and daring. This achievement reflects high credit on Sergeant Spatz and the military service."

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