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Luncheon Meeting - Tuesday, March 18, 2008 @ 11:30 AM
Evergreen Retirement Community
230 West Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, Ohio (Hartwell)
(West of Drake Hospital, past Williamsburg on the right in the Dining Room)

AIR RAID ON TOKYO

THOMAS GRIFFIN

Our speaker Mr. Griffin is a "Real American". Let us honor him and listen to his story. Mr. Griffin, 91 years old, is a 1939 graduate of the University of Alabama. He was a member of the University R.O.T.C. and received his commission as an Army Anti-Aircraft Officer and was assigned to Fort Sheridan, Illinois. From there he transferred to the U.S. Air Force. He was assigned to the B-25 Bomber Group in January of 1941. After December 7, 1941 (Pearl Harbor), the Group went into training under command of Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle to bomb Tokyo. Mr. Griffin was trained as a navigator in the B-25 Bomber Group.

Not to tell Mr. Griffin's story, the raid was successfully carried out April 18, 1942. Everyone of the 16 planes in the raid was lost, either on the coast or the mainland of China. After parachuting out of their planes or crash landing the planes, the flight crews spent days and weeks making their way to friendly Chinese forces. Mr. Griffin reached friendly forces and after rehab was assigned to the Mediterranean theater. He was captured there July 4, 1943 and spent 22 months in a German prison camp being released at the end of the European War. (Continued on **Page 2**)

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Member Name _____ @ \$12.00 _____

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Make checks payable to RESC R.W. Haas (859-331-2579)

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Menu:

Baked Fish with tarter sauce

Macaroni and Cheese Gratinee

Stewed Tomatoes

Rye Rolls

Fresh Fruit Cobbler or Pie

Beverages

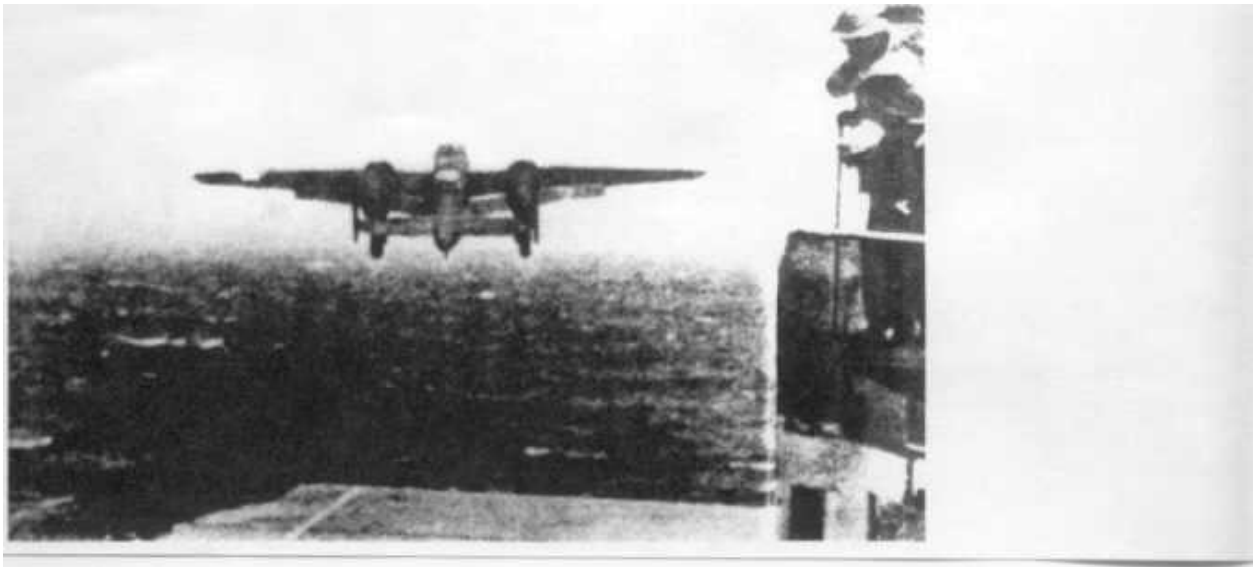
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After the war Mr. Griffin returned to Michigan where he married his wife, a Cincinnati native. They moved to Cincinnati in 1947 and have lived here to the present time. He has a family of two sons and two grandchildren. At Cincinnati he attended the University of Cincinnati where he received a degree in Accounting. After graduating he started his own company, "Account-O-Matic" and manufactured accounting and payroll machines and equipment. Upon retirement he sold the firm. Since that time he has lived in Bridgetown.

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B-25 Bombers take off from the USS Hornet to bomb Tokyo, April 18, 1942

ATTENTION RESC MEMBERS

Nominations from the floor for the RESC Lifetime Achievement Award – 2008, will be open at the March 18, 2008, Luncheon.

Membership drive. RESC members are encouraged to invite prospective members to be our guest at upcoming Luncheons

2008–2009 Programs & Tours We need your suggestions including Christmas and P.E. programs

OHIO P.E. CPD CREDIT BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE MARCH LUNCHEON PROGRAM

At press time, there was not enough information to determine if this program content would qualify for a credit. Therefore, the committee will make a final decision at the conclusion of the program. Those interested in obtaining a CPD credit should indicate it on the reservation box.

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Doolittle Raiders reunion and friends in the 80's



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