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Roy and Team

Several years ago we got to know each other through a mutual interest in flight, both as a computer generated fantasy and real flight only as the birds see it. At some point, through a generous offer that I still find hard to comprehend, you gave us a gift of profound technical prowess.

That gift has given many people a window into what was previously a very exclusive club. The images, sound and reaction of a WWII B-25 Mitchell Bomber. But not just any B-25. It was our very own Yellow Rose.

The gift was such, both in the technical quality and the financial help to the aircraft that is impossible to repay. Any show of thanks to you and your team would have to be of such unique quality that it went beyond basic monetary definition.

More recently, our squadron became involved with a group of WWII aviators. These aviators flew the B-25 bomber into the history books with the first raid on Tokyo, the heart of the Japanese Empire. They were the aviators of the Doolittle Raiders. On April 18<sup>th</sup> of this year our Yellow Rose Squadron hosted the 65<sup>th</sup> reunion of that 1942 raid with seven of the 14 survivors and their families. They are living legends of the greatest generation and they will not be with us much longer.

As a result of this reunion, I feel I have a window to provide something of unique historical significance to the Roy Chaffin Flight Simulator Team.

Find enclosed for each of the team members a reunion edition print of the recently released art **Westbound, A Date with the General, by William S. Phillips.** This print was done exclusively for the reunion and has been signed by the original raiders themselves.

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| <b>Col. Wm. M. Bower</b>        | <b>Pilot, Crew No. 12</b>           |
| <b>Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole</b> | <b>Co-pilot, Crew No. 1</b>         |
| <b>Major Thomas C. Griffin</b>  | <b>Navigator, Crew No. 9</b>        |
| <b>Lt. Col. Robert L. Hite</b>  | <b>Co-pilot, Crew No. 16</b>        |
| <b>M/Sgt Edwin W. Horton</b>    | <b>Engineer/Gunner, Crew No. 10</b> |
| <b>Maj. Gen. David M. Jones</b> | <b>Pilot, Crew No. 5</b>            |
| <b>Sgt. David J. Thatcher</b>   | <b>Engineer/Gunner, Crew No. 7</b>  |
| <b>Col. John P. Doolittle</b>   |                                     |
| <b>Honorary Raider</b>          | <b>Son of Gen. J. H. Doolittle</b>  |
| <b>Col C.V. Glines</b>          | <b>Raider historian and author</b>  |

In addition to the art, there is one Doolittle Reunion Commemorative coin for each member of the Flight Simulator development team. Only 400 were made of which only a few remain available. Of these, the serial numbers 1 through 16 were given to the Living Raiders by virtue of their plane number on the mission. Where all crew members were deceased, other notable members of the Doolittle organization received them.

Once the Raiders were duly awarded, it fell to me to award a few others to appropriate contributors to the Yellow Rose Squadron.

Therefore, serial numbers 021 to 025 are appropriately awarded to the Flight Simulator team.

In my closing statement to Roy, again I thank you for the generosity of your gift to help the Yellow Rose keep flying. Dedication such as yours is rare and without it, certainly the world would be sadly lacking. But you have proven your place in the world of art and the world of aviation with your gifts, your guidance, and your inspiration.

Thank You



Regards

Steve Gladwin

B-25 Yellow Rose Squadron.