



# Monthly Newsletter Pack 208

## TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1926



Chartered by the Murbach-Siefert American Legion Post 479 in Swanton, OH

May 2025

*Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website*

[www.swantonscouts.org](http://www.swantonscouts.org)

### May Pack Meeting = Thursday May 15th

7pm at the American Legion Hall

### May 26th ~ Swanton Memorial Day Parade

Details as soon as we confirm starting time, etc

Expect the starting time to be around 10am, but we will confirm and let everyone know



May 11th, 2025

**Happy  
Mother's  
Day Moms**

### Wreaths Across America Thank you

On behalf of our Chartering Organization, Murbach-Siefert American Legion Post 479, I would like to thank all of the Scouts and their families once again for your help on March 30th. It is yet another time when you helped with commemorating our veterans and your help was greatly appreciated.

There are many families I know of who have been very grateful for the efforts to put out the Wreaths and to later pick them up on behalf of someone in their family. It may seem like a simple act of service, but it does not go without notice. Thank you all.

It also proved two well known facts -

Many hands make light and fast work of a project

Young Scouts make it go even faster because they can go faster than the leaders do!



For those who don't know it, the Kroger Community Rewards program allows you to help yourself to pay for your Scout's expenses like Summer Camp or Day Camp.

<http://www.swantonscouts.org/KrogerCommunityRewards2015.pdf>

### UPCOMING EVENTS for the Troop...

#### Spring Camporee @ Courageous Acres Park

April 25th - 27th, 2025 is the Swan Creek District Spring Camporee. The theme is disAbilities Awareness .

May Troop activity... what shall we do Scouts?

#### PSR - Summer Camp 2025

June 29th through July 5th

Nessle Campsite (where it's cool & quiet) again

Plenty of time to get ready for our current and future (the Webelos II) Boy Scouts to plan for a week of Camp.

And time for any parents who'd like to go to plan for it too (we have to get you registered as a leader).

For the parents of our Scouts - if your family needs some help to send your Scout to camp please let us know. There are discrete ways to help you so they don't miss out on camp.



#### BIG, BIG REMINDER - BSA PHYSICALS !!

Every Scout and Leader attending Summer Camp will need a complete **BSA** physical completed before going to PSR. Plan on getting it done SOON PLEASE (before June)! They are good for 12 months. If you need another form, please see Mr Raven.



### Flag Day 2025

Tentative June 14th @ ??

Please join the Troop and the Legion as we respectfully retire these honorable US Flags

### Looking down the road a few months for the Troop...

You have Options... attend one, the other, both?

#### District Fall Camporee ~ Commodore Perry sponsored

Oct 17th - 19th at Maumee Bay State Park

Program is to be determined, more later...

OR

#### The Fall Davis-Bessie Atomic Energy Camporee

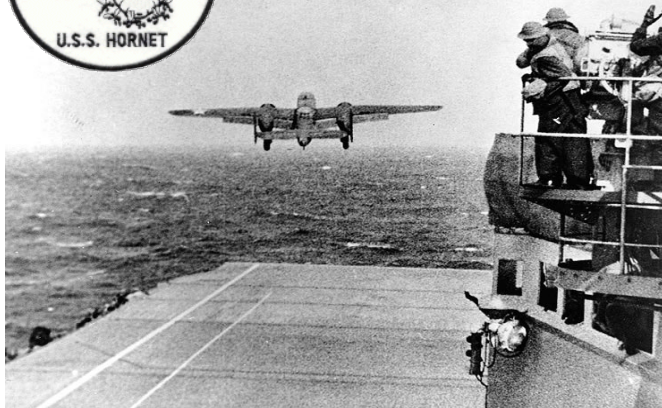
[www.dbaec.org](http://www.dbaec.org)

September 26th thru 28th, 2025  
if you want to participate



## Army Air Forces & the Navy ~ LtCol Doolittle, B-25B's and the USS HORNET (CV8)

Photo # 80-G-41194 B-25 takes off from USS Hornet to attack Japan, 18 April 1942



It's April 18th, 1942 and LtCol James Doolittle leads an air raid with 16 B-25B bombers off of the flight deck of the USS HORNET (CV8) which was 650 miles east of Japan.

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/doolittle-leads-air-raid-on-tokyo>

The B-25B Mitchell was a "medium" bomber flown during World War II. Built by North American Aviation, it started its service in February 1941. It was chosen for this mission because it had the required range, bomb capacity and (most especially) it had a short takeoff distance. These aircraft, which were fully loaded with fuel and bombs, had to be able to take off within 300 feet. There was only 300 feet available on the HORNET for them to use; 1 football field!

The wing span on the B25B Mitchell was 67 1/2 feet wide. The widest part of the ship (the flight deck) was only 114 feet wide, which includes the ship's "island" on the starboard (right) side. Unlike aircraft carriers of today these pilots had to literally "thread the needle" (see the top picture) as there was almost no spare room on the left side or right side of the bomber when they flew aboard. And there was no catapult to help them get up to speed on their launch.

The air crews "cheated" by timing their launches with the ship's pitching up and down to help them on take off. They launched when the bow was going up ... anything to help them get an extra jump/push on their take off. Imagine

how the crews must have felt having never (even in practice) flown on or off of an aircraft carrier! They were probably saying they would have joined the Navy if that was their desire; to fly off a ship.

For his leadership and daring, LtCol James H Doolittle was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and eventually promoted to the rank of General (4 stars) while in the Air Force Reserve Force. For those who are not aware, the US Air Force did not come into existence until 1947. Originally they started out as...

August 1907 to July 1914	United States Army Signal Corps Aeronautical Division
July 1914 to May 20th, 1918	United States Army Signal Corps Aviation Section (note MAY 20th)
May 20th, 1918 to May 24th, 1918	United States Army Division of Military Aeronautics (only 5 days!)
May 24th, 1918 to July 1926	United States Army Air Service
July 1926 to June 1941	United States Army Air Corps
June 1941 to September 1947	United States Army Air Forces
September 18th, 1947 to today	United States Air Force



U.S. AIR FORCE

After the US Army Air Forces came into existence, the Army Ground Forces retained the use of light aircraft to support their efforts. In 1947 the Army developed light planes and rotary wing aircraft to support ground operations. Flying the H13 Sioux Helicopter, O-1 Bird Dog airplane all the way to the forming the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in 1961 to support combat in the Vietnam conflict flying the UH-1 Iroquois (or Huey) helicopters starting in 1964. Today the UH-1 still flies along with many other faster and lighter attack helicopters like the AH64 Apache.



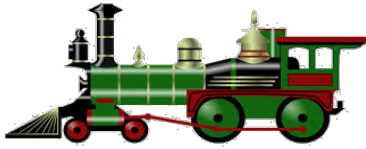
Lt Col James Doolittle



# Upcoming Activities

## 2025 National Train Day at Toledo Amtrak Station

May 10th 2025 ~ a  
Free Open House,  
Model Train displays  
and more... FUN!



For the young (and more senior) train enthusiast this is a great way to spend your Saturday. Fun & history both. Sound interesting? Want more details? Check <https://www.facebook.com/NationalTrainDayToledo/>

## Cub Day Camp 2025 at Camp Miakonda

- Week 1 June 16th - 20th
- Week 2 June 23rd - 27th
- Week 3 June 30 thru July 3rd; TWILIGHT Camp
- Week 4 July 7th thru 11th
- Week 5 July 14th thru 18th

Information on price, hours, etc. will be coming out in the spring and Cub Scouts can both complete advancement requirements AND have a lot of fun too!

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdc>

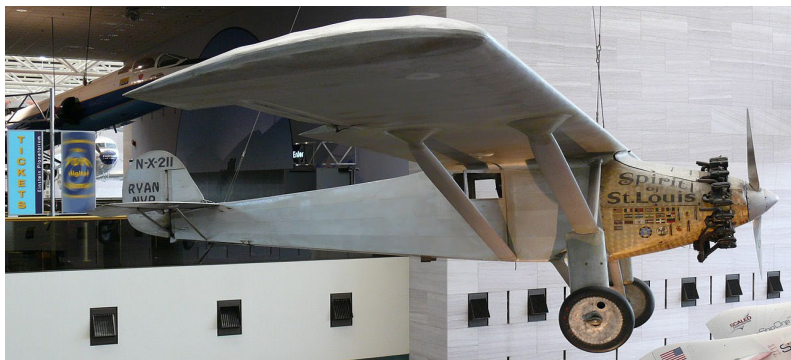
## Cub Scout Adventure Camp

- Session 1 @ PSR July 27 - July 30
- Session 2 @ PSR July 30 - August 2

<https://www.psrweb.org/content/115527/Cub-Scout-Adventure-Camp>

a little bit more historic trivia... Aviation history May 20th

**May 20, 1927** - Charles Lindbergh, a 25-year-old aviator, took off at 7:52 a.m. from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, in the *Spirit of St. Louis* attempting to win a \$25,000 prize for the first solo nonstop flight between New York City and Paris. Thirty-three hours later, after a 3,600 mile journey, he landed at Le Bourget, Paris, earning the nickname "Lucky Lindy" and becoming an instant worldwide hero.



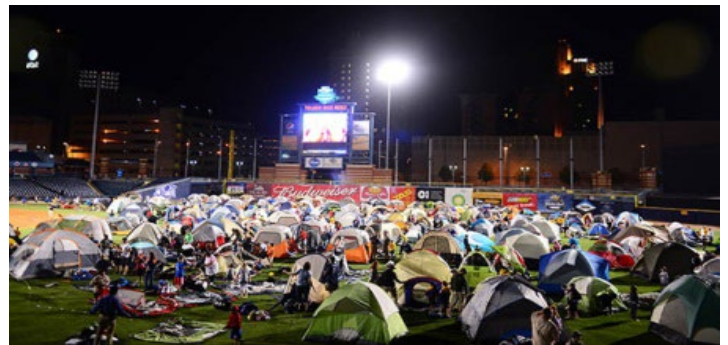
It's time to start planning for the "boys of summer"



## Toledo Mud Hens 2025 Scout Sleepovers



**Activities included** an On Field Parade before the game, meet the mascots, post game fireworks, Scouts can run the bases, a Family (friendly) movie, the sleepover\*, an all you can eat breakfast and, of course, the game too!



the 2014 Mud Hens Sleepover on 5/3rd Field

\* **WARNING** - Sleeping on the outfield of 5/3rd Field can be extremely difficult for the experienced camper. It's so smooth with no rocks, ruts or tree roots.... like a nice carpeted floor. It's a challenge! You're WARNED!

## Boy/Cub Scout Sleepover Schedule for 2025 is....

Friday, June 13th at 7:05pm

Friday, August 1st at 7:05pm

The Mudhens will provide more details soon

<https://www.milb.com/toledo/tickets/scout-experience>

**May 20, 1932** - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She departed Newfoundland, Canada, at 7 p.m. and landed near Londonderry, Ireland, completing a 2,026-mile flight in about 13 hours. Five years later, along with her navigator Fred Noonan, she disappeared while trying to fly her twin-engine plane around the equator.



# May Historical & Current Events

[www.aboutfamouspeople.com](http://www.aboutfamouspeople.com)

May 1st

- The Empire State Building opened, 1931

May 4th

- Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island, 1626

May 5th

- John T. Scopes was arrested in Tennessee for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution, 1925
- Astronaut Alan Shepard went on the first manned space flight, 1961

May 7th

- A German torpedo sank the British liner *Lusitania* off the coast of Ireland, 1915
- Germany surrendered to the United States, 1945

May 8th

- First transatlantic flight, 1919
- V-E Day, Victory in Europe (WWII), 1945

May 9th

- The Transcontinental Railroad was completed, 1869

May 10th

- Benedict Arnold was tried for treason, 1779

May 12th

- Last technical day of American Revolutionary War, 1784

May 14th

- The first vaccination against smallpox was administered by English doctor Edward Jenner, 1796
- The first Olympic Games were held in the United States in St. Louis, Missouri, 1904

May 16th

- Annie Get Your Gun* opened on Broadway, 1946

May 17th

- The New York Stock Exchange was established, 1792
- The first Kentucky Derby was held; the winner was "Aristides" 1875

May 21st

- Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, 1881

May 24th

- Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the first message as America's first telegraph line was opened, 1844

May 25th

- Memorial Day 2015** celebrated (the last Monday in May); previously known as Decoration Day, is a <http://www.usmemorialday.org> day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. Artificial POPPIES are sold by service organizations to help our disabled veterans every year.

May 26th

- Confederate forces west of the Mississippi River made surrender arrangements, 1865
- The first legal casino opened in Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1978

May 27th

- The Golden Gate Bridge was opened to the public, 1937
- The German battleship *Bismarck* sank off France, 1941

May 28th

- The first black regiment from the North left Boston to fight in the Civil War, 1863

May 30th

- The first Indianapolis 500 road race was held, 1911
- The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated, 1922

May 31st

- The last Ford Model T automobile was made, 1927

