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Recalls July 1977 and his personal visits with:

**General Jimmy Doolittle
Colonel Jimmy Stewart
And Will Rodgers Jr.**

The meeting was for recognition of L.D. Bell



(Bill Ettinger, General Doolittle, Gerald Romine)

General Doolittle, in conversation said, "Some people say I am an imperfect piece of pottery!"
Gerald answered, "A cracked pot?"
Doolittle answered, "**You got it!**"

The purpose of the meeting was for L.D. Bell being honored at The National Museum of USAF located in Dayton Ohio. Recently at the museum, November 9th, 2013, three of the four surviving Doolittle Tokyo Raiders made the final toast to their deceased comrades.



The Raiders, 80 in all, lead by then, Lt. Col. Doolittle, carried out a mission in 16 carrier-launched B25 bombers. The raid proved to Japan, their home land was vulnerable. Prior to the final toast, roll call of the crews of the 16B-25s with only Cole, Saylor and Thatcher answering.

Jimmy Stewart, after winning the Best Actor Oscar for the 1940 classic, *The Philadelphia Story*, put his career on hold to join the US Army Air Corps.

Colonel Stewart flew combat missions, as command pilot deep into Nazi Europe. He was awarded, The Distinguished Flying Cross and The Distinguished Service Medal. Stewart remains in the USAF reserve and was promoted to Brigadier General, July 23, 1959.



(Jimmy Stewart and Romine)

Stewart told Gerald about the time he was taking his commercial license flying examination. While doing stalls and 8's, the examiner shut off the engine and said, "Emergency landing!", Stewart lined up to land in a beet field, pleasing to the examiner. So the key to the engine was turned back on, however the engine failed to **restart!** Landing in the beet field was a disaster and the aircraft had to be dismantled to be removed. Two months later Jimmy passed his commercial examination, with the same flight examiner.



(Gerald Romine and Will Rogers Jr.)

Will Rogers Jr., like his father, told so many quotes Gerald couldn't remember them all; except this one. "Don't let yesterday use up much of today". Rogers Jr. was a US Senator that resigned to enter WWII. In the Army, he became a tank commander. He was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and was decorated for heroism.

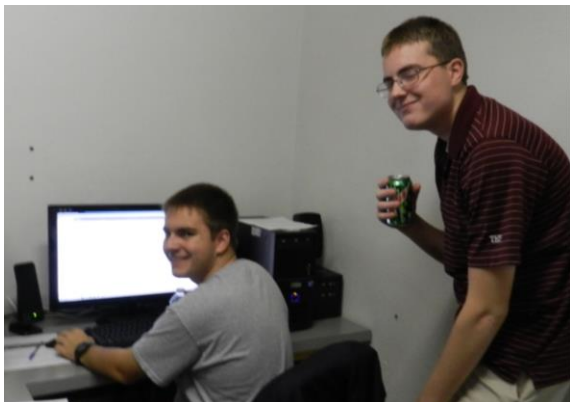
**IMPRESSIVE!
HOWE CYBERPATRIOT TEAM!**

On Sat. Nov. 16th, The Howe Military Academy CyberPatriot Team of Jared Slabaugh, Ben Roberts, Paul Sienkiewicz and Nick Plane completed round one of the Cyber competition. The team was tasked with securing two separate systems. They scored well on the Windows 7 workstation finding 13 out of 14 vulnerabilities (hackers). This is the highest the past Howe Cyber Teams has ever scored on a single image during a competition! The Windows Server 2003 image was challenging as a virus at the very start was difficult to find and hard to remove. Finally past the virus the system could only be secured 6 out of 11 possibilities. When the 6hr. time limit was reached the Cyber Team found 19 of 25 vulnerabilities, rating them in the top 10 percent.



Ben Roberts, Mike Reed (Coach), Nick Plane

On Sat. Dec. 7th, the second Cyber competition the rigor of being responsible for 3 images at the same time was exciting! On the 1st, they found 8 of 13, the 2nd, 7 of 14 and 9 of 13 on the 3rd. In round one the Cadets placed 10th. And in round two they placed 11th, out of all the Army ROTC teams competing Nation Wide. This is a banner achievement! The cadets look forward to the State and Regional completion finals to be held in January.



Jared Slabaugh and Paul Sienkiewicz

**AFA Chapter 411
Sponsors its First Robotics Teams at
Wawasee Middle School**



Jack Collins, Mr. Edgar (Coach), Braxton Studabaker, Clay Kelsheimer – not pictured Ryan Zorn.

On Sat. Nov. 23rd, Twenty one teams from area schools competed in the second annual, FIRST Lego League Tournament at Manahan Orthopedic Capital Center at Grace College, Winona Lake Indiana. Only the top four teams got to advance to state competition at IPFW, December 14th 2013. Our sponsored team Wawasee Middle School Teams 2 and 3 were two of the teams to finish high enough to move to state competition. The students spend about two months preparing before the competition. During that time students are engaged in research, writing, programming and building. They have to learn to work together as a team and communicate effectively with other teammates. On Sat. Dec. 14th, our teams competed in Fort Wayne at the State level. The team, “Fire beetles” captured the trophy because of their robots innovative programming. The Wawasee Team programmed their robot to use light sensor for the mission to find and follow a road, to its target destination. The trophy our team received was constructed entirely of LEGOS and was given to the team for Strategy and Innovation.

