

Retelling History Continuing Friendship – Jiangxi Province held the 80th anniversary of the "Doolittle Operation" Shangrao rescue activity

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On April 18, the Provincial Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the Shangrao Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries held a video conference to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the "Doolittle Operation" Shangrao rescue, and together with the "Doolittle Children's Association" of the United States, reviewed the history of the rescue of the pilots of the "Doolittle Operation" in Shangrao 80 years ago, and the children of the pilots met with the descendants of the people involved in the rescue, and continued the deep friendship formed by their fathers in the blood and fire of the war years. Zhao Hui, President of the Provincial Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, attended the event and delivered a speech.



// Zhao Hui said

In 1942, Officer Doolittle led the young American pilots to brave hardships and sacrifices to heroically carry out "Operation Doolittle" for the world anti-fascist war, providing valuable support for China's victory in the War of Resistance. The people of Shangrao braved artillery fire and carried their shoulders and shoulders to save the pilots, sacrificing their lives. The story of the "Doolittle Operation" Shangrao rescue composes a heroic song of the Chinese and American peoples defending justice and pursuing peace with their blood, and carries the deep friendship forged by the Chinese and American people with their lives. The Jiangxi Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, the Shangrao People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, the Doolittle Action Children's Association, and the Descendants of the Rescue People of Shangrao City gathered here to recount history and share friendship, in order to remember the past, but also to inspire the people of China and the United States to work together to create a peaceful and beautiful future. The Jiangxi Provincial People's

Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries is willing to strengthen exchanges with friends from all walks of life in the United States and jointly contribute positive forces to enhancing mutual understanding and trust between China and the United States.



Thomas Marcia, the representative of the "Doolittle Children" Association and the son of James Marcia, one of the Doolittle raiders, said that Jiangxi Province has never forgotten this history, and on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the "Doolittle Operation", it does not forget to review the contributions made by American soldiers in the early days of World War II, which makes the descendants of the Doolittle Raiders happy and appreciative, and thank the people of Jiangxi for their brave and fearless rescue in 1942 and the great sacrifices made in the subsequent Battle of Zhejiang, without the rescue of the warm, friendly and kind Shangrao people. His father and comrades-in-arms had no chance to return to the United States alive. As a close friend of the Shangrao people, he sincerely wished that the friendship between the Chinese and American peoples would last forever from generation to generation.

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Bobby Bourgeois, the son of Robert Boergiova, one of the Doolittle Raiders, a representative of the "Children of Doolittle" association, choked up several times in the connection, saying that without the rescue of the people of Shangrao, his father would not have left China alive, and he and his four brothers and sisters would never have been able to video connect with everyone today to remember this history.

Deputy Wang Yuanfu, a descendant of Shangrao's rescuers, said that the friendship established by his grandfather in participating in the rescue of US military pilots has been passed down to the hearts of our generation today. Although they are thousands of miles apart and have different skin colors, our yearning for peace is the same, and we wish the friendship between the Chinese and American peoples a long and lasting life.

Professor Luo Shiping, director and scholar of the Shangrao Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, spoke as a representative of the research experts of the "Dulitt Operation" and shangrao rescue, he said that the Dulitt raid operation Shangrao rescue is a major event in the history of World War II, the bravery of the American pilots is worthy of praise, the selfless and fearless rescue of the Shangrao people and the major sacrifices encountered afterwards are more worthy of being understood and remembered, so it is of special significance to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Rescue of Shangrao in the Dulitt operation.

Bill Einlekhov, a well-known American director and Emmy award winner who filmed the documentary about "Operation Doolittle", sent a video speech for the video conference, saying that the purpose of shooting the documentary is to summon the people of China and the United States, especially the young generation, to perceive the temperature of history and draw wisdom and strength from history.

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Zhang Heqiang, Counselor of our Embassy in the United States, Hu Zhiyang, Vice President of the Provincial Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, and Dong Lihua, President of the Shangrao Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, attended the above activities.





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The 80th anniversary of "Operation Doolittle": The "Cloud" Exchange of Future Generations Commemorates the Online Conversation History continues friendship

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The picture shows the video conference of the 80th anniversary of the "Dulit Operation" Shangrao rescue activity in Nanchang, Jiangxi. Photo by Liu Lixin

Nanchang, 18 Apr (Xinhua) -- On the morning of 18 April, a video conference commemorating the 80th anniversary of the "Doolittle Operation" rescue in Shangrao, Jiangxi Province, was held, and representatives of the descendants of the American pilots of the "Doolittle Operation," representatives of the descendants of Chinese rescuers, and relevant experts and scholars held a "cloud" exchange commemorative activity through online video to recount the history of the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression 80 years ago and to continue the friendship between the Chinese and American people.



The picture shows the video conference of the 80th anniversary of the "Dulitt Operation" Rescue in Shangrao. Photo by Liu Lixin

80 years ago, on April 18, 1942, the United States successfully carried out the first military bombing of the Japanese mainland, "Operation Doolittle", which was a major event in World War II. The operation was carried out by 16 B-25 bombers of the Army Air Corps led by Lieutenant Colonel Doolittle of the United States. After completing the bombing targets, 15 of them flew to Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui and Fujian in China to crash or force land, and the Chinese military and civilians launched a large-scale rescue of the pilots of Operation Doolittle, and a total of 64 American pilots were rescued and safely evacuated.

Thomas Marcia, a member of the Doolittle Action Children's Association of the United States, is the son of the pilot of Crew 14 who landed in Guangfeng, Jiangxi Province. In a video address, Marcia recalled the story of how her father and teammates carried out bombing missions, how they flew into China for forced landings, and how they were rescued by local villagers after skydiving.



The picture shows the video conference of the 80th anniversary of the "Dulit Operation" Shangrao rescue activity in Nanchang, Jiangxi. Photo by Liu Lixin

"Without the help of these kind, warm, friendly Chinese people, Unit 14 would not have been able to get rescue." Marcia said the villagers didn't know who the strangers were, but they were resourceful to help the pilots. It was their concerted efforts that allowed the pilots to be cared for and soothed, and eventually to safety.

Wang Yuanfu, a representative of the descendants of the rescuers in Shangrao, Jiangxi Province, said that the Sino-US friendship established by his grandfather's participation in the rescue of US military pilots has been passed down to him today. Although they are thousands of miles apart and have different skin colors, their descendants have the same yearning for peace and justice, and welcome the descendants of American pilots to the place where their predecessors fought and established friendships.



Professor Luo Shiping, a researcher of the "Doolittle Operation" Research Association in Shangrao City, exchanged views with Marcia, the son of the leader of Operation Doolittle Crew 14. (Infographic) Luo Shiping Courtesy of

Bill Einlekhov, director of the Department of Broadcast Journalism at the New York Film School and documentary director of "Turbulent History: America, China, and the Doolittle

Air Raid on Tokyo," said by video that this year marks the 80th anniversary of Operation Doolittle, one of the most important operations of World War II. But in the United States, the Doolittle raiders are gradually forgotten, hoping to reawaken the memory of this history of the American people, especially the students, who should know about these young heroes and what China did in this operation. Without the rescue of Chinese people, including Doolittle and other team members may never be able to return to the embrace of the motherland.



Marcia's oil painting "Father and the Villagers who Rescued Him" for the 80th anniversary of Operation Dulitt expresses his gratitude to Shangrao and the people of Guangfeng. Photo courtesy of Luo Shiping

Professor Luo Shiping, a researcher at the "Doolittle Action" Research Association in Shangrao City, Jiangxi Province, said that the Doolittle raid was a turning point in China's War of Resistance, and the two provinces of Zhejiang and Gansu paid heavy casualties for this turning point. China persisted in the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression for 14 years, paid the price of 35 million casualties, and made great contributions to the victory of the world anti-fascist war. The purpose of commemorating the Doolittle raid is to

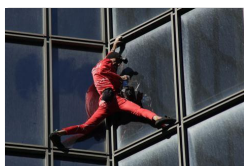
remember history, remember heroes, develop traditional friendship of watching out for each other, safeguarding hard-won world peace, arousing the aspirations and adherence of the Chinese and American peoples to world peace, and working together to create a peaceful and beautiful future world.

Zhao Hui, president of the Jiangxi Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, said: The story of the Rescue rescue in "Operation Doolittle" has composed a heroic song of the Chinese and American people defending justice and pursuing peace with their blood, and carries the profound friendship forged by the Chinese and American people with their lives. The Jiangxi Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries is willing to strengthen exchanges with friends from all walks of life in the United States and jointly contribute positive forces to enhancing mutual understanding and trust between China and the United States. (End)

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