



NEWS RELEASE:

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Pooler, GA — The following article is ready for immediate release.

FROM: Judge Ben Smith, 303rd Bomb Group, Mighty Eighth Ambassador

Recently I have taken on a task that will require a lot of time and effort, but at the same time should be very rewarding. In fact this initiative is critical to the future of our great patriotic museum. My position is **Ambassador** of the Mighty Eighth Foundation for the Eighth Air Force veteran community.

The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum affords the greatest opportunity of any existing facility to memorialize the great Americans who participated in the Air War in Europe, as part of the Eighth Air Force, 1942-1945. Many of the members have made gifts as memorials to their fellow crew members, a husband or father, a wartime buddy or hero who needs to be recognized for their service.

Successful institutions have substantial endowment funds. This is the only way to insure that their operations will be protected against future unknown economic trends. The Mighty Eighth Foundation was organized to build the endowment for the Museum. This is the only way to insure that the memory of the Mighty Eighth will live into perpetuity. Our goal is to raise \$25 million dollars..... one gift at a time.

Now is the time for you to step up to the plate and provide support to the Mighty Eighth Foundation with your estate gift, bequest or an outright cash gift. Museum founder, General Lewis E. Lyle urges each Eighth Air Force veteran to do their part. Your own family lawyer can show you how to do this. Every day we mourn the loss of one of our beloved members. They may have intended to make a gift but death tragically intervened before they got around to it.

DO IT TODAY — TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE!

Become a part of the Mighty Eighth Foundation. It is your memorial. Help to preserve our history as a great beacon of freedom to all Americans. Contact Judy Walker, executive director at 912 748 8888 for more information.

EVERY 8TH AF VETERAN MUST INSURE THAT THE MUSEUM WILL SURVIVE IN PERPETUITY BY MAKING A GIFT TO THE FOUNDATION.