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Doolittle Raid 75th Anniversary commemorated April 18 with '40s-style dance and concert at Lourie Center

The Lourie Center, in partnership with the Capital City Big Band (CCBB) and with support of some of the area's patriotic and cultural organizations, will present a dance and concert of WWII-era music **Tuesday, April 18, from 7-9 p.m.**

The weekday event will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the April 18, 1942, airstrike that went down in history as the Doolittle Raid

At 6:30 p.m., before the music begins, there will be a short presentation underscoring the Midlands' role in the morale-altering aerial attack on Tokyo. Many local connections involving Columbia, Lexington, Lake Murray and base personnel continue, 75 years later.

The all-volunteer CCBB, led by Dick Goodwin, will perform two 45-minute sets. The ensemble is comprised of small business owners and a wide variety of professionals. Few are professional musicians, but all are passionate about perpetuating the sound of the Big Band Era.

CCBB formed in 1997 under the leadership of USC jazz artist-in-residence Roger Pemberton. Several musicians have been members of the band from its inception; at least five have been playing with CCBB for more than 15 years.

The band either rehearses or performs on the first and third Tuesdays of months, September through May, oftentimes at area retirement homes, civic engagements or churches.

Local patriotic organizations will staff information tables, and a static display of WWII military vehicles will be parked adjacent to the Lourie Center.

The commemorative event also will recognize the associated 75th anniversary of the opening of Columbia Army Air Base where crews were recruited by Lt Col. Jimmy Doolittle for the historic aerial mission.

Tickets for the April 18 concert are \$10 in advance and can be obtained at the Lourie Center, 1650 Park Circle, 29201, or through the website: LourieCenterSC.com/activities/special-events/upcoming-concerts. Reserved seating can be made for ticket purchases of 10 or more. Soft drinks will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from this event will go toward operations and programming of the Lourie Center.

. For information about other events commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid and the opening of CAAB, visit schistoricaviation.org and watch local newspapers.