

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Des Chutes Historical Center Honor Col. Rex T. Barber in Joint

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On December 7, the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Oregon Parks and Recreation (OPRD) and the Des Chutes Historical Center (DHC) will dedicate two new memorials in honor of Colonel Rex T. Barber. On April 18, 1943, Barber, who served as a W.W. II Army Air Corps fighter pilot, shot down Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, architect of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The first dedication begins at 1:00 p.m. at Peter Skene Ogden State Scenic Viewpoint adjacent to the Rex T. Barber Veterans Memorial Bridge (over the Crooked River on US Highway 97). Two kiosk panels will be unveiled that highlight the impact of the Yamamoto Mission on the war effort and celebrate Barber's post-war civic service.

Following the OPRD ceremony, dedication participants will travel to the Des Chutes Historical Center in Bend to dedicate a new "Yamamoto Mission" display in the Center's "Heroes of the High Desert" veteran exhibit. Ceremonies at the Center are slated for 2:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. DHC (541.389.1813) is located in the old Reid School adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club in downtown Bend.

For more information about these events, please contact Kelly Cannon-Miller at 541.389.1813 or Paul Patton at 541.923.7551.

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