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COMING UP...

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- 9/04: Letticia Flores-Texas Home Health & Hospice
- 9/11: Kris Radcliffe-KCEN TV
- 9/18: Dr. Colin Wilborn-Dean, UMHB Mayborn College of Health Sciences
- 9/25: Don Stiles-Temple Literacy Committee

CLUB CALENDAR:

- 9/04: Noon Meeting-Gober-Caterer Big Hoss
- 9/06: 3rd Annual Wildcat Hamburger Cookout! Take Tickets to Sell & Posters to Adver-
- 9/06: WILDCAT PARKING-5:00 p.m.
- 9/09: Noon Meeting, Board of Directors-Cotton
- 9/11: Noon Meeting-Gober-Caterer Gregory's
- 9/18: Noon Meeting-Gober-Caterer Fat Boys

BIRTHDAYS:

- 9/05: Lee Ann Deal
- 9/05: Sue Lockett
- 9/06: Elwood Smith
- 9/06: Howard Schnorrbusch

UPCOMING GREETERS:

- 9/04: George White & Mike Hamby
- 9/11: Michael Washam & John Bailey
- 9/18: Joe Kieffer & Jake Herndon
- 9/25: Mike Hicks & Julie Alyso



Today, TFLC heard from WWII Fighter Pilot

James J. Irvy. At 95 years of age, he lights up when he recounts the many tales of his WWII days and all 67 missions. There was never a dull moment in the room! Born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Irvy did his Basic Training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita



Falls, Texas. He was 17-years-old when he entered the service. When asked about his experiences with the P-38, he indicated that it was the fastest plane in WWII, and he loved that plane because "it took such good care of me." When asked if it was difficult to bail out of a P-38, he told us, "the easiest way was to roll over upside down and just drop out." He received a room full of laughs after that comment! Retired Lieutenant Irvy was also asked if he had been in any dog fights. He shared that he was only in two dog fights. During one dog fight, his wing man ran into him and both planes stuck together. They then broke apart while spiraling down over the Rhine River. Unfortunately, his wing man did not survive the crash and Irvy visited his grave not long ago. He talked about how he built an airplane after leaving the service, how he and his wife flew the plane to the west coast several times, and also many times to visit their daughter in Indiana. "Saved a lot of miles on the car!" When he was asked about how accurate the sighting systems were on the aircraft and for dropping bombs, he said, "Well, dropping bombs isn't rocket science."

He explained the dive bomb process—getting as vertical as you can while maintaining sight of the ground, and ensuring you pull your plane up before it hits. He called this "the dive -bomb technique."

