



# Brown County Bald Eagles

December 7, 2024

1100 Meet n Greet 1200 Lunch

The 83rd Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack



At our next meeting, we will have as our guest speaker former US Air Force pilot Joe Bianco. He is a 1980 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. After graduation and completing pilot training his first assignment was to fly the legendary F-4E Phantom based in Moody AFB in Valdosta GA. Following his initial assignment he was selected as a instructor in the F-4E flying out of Homestead AFB near Miami, FL.. He later transitioned to the F-16 Fighting Falcon at Homestead AFB.

In 1989, he had began a disassociated non-flying tour where he became an Air Liaison Officer (ALO) and Forward Air Control (FAC) attached to the 82nd Airborne Division out of Ft. Bragg, NC. So yes, he was also trained to jump out of perfectly good airplanes. Joe will be presenting his experiences as an ALO/FAC during Operation Just Cause with the parachute assault into Torrijos-Tocumen Airport during the invasion of Panama seeking the arrest of General Manuel Noriega.

If that wasn't enough excitement, Joe was still with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in 1990/91 for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and deployed and advanced with French Division Daguet, 4th Dragoons and Foreign Legion.

Following his combat deployment, Joe returned to the F-16 Viper flying out of Eielson AFB, AK before separating from active duty.

Joe continued flying in the airlines and retired from UPS in 2022 having flown the Douglas DC-10 with American Airlines, Boeing 747, Airbus A-300.

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The Bald Eagles were formed by a group of WW2 veterans living in Brown County during the 1980's who were involved in aviation during the war who felt it important to commemorate the important dates and sacrifices that so many gave. The public is welcome as we continue their tradition today in honor of all Americans who have served and sacrificed for our freedoms.

If you have family members you wish to invite, please do so; however, let us know the first and last name of each person attending.

If you wish to attend but are unable to drive, please contact us. We will try to locate transportation for you. Understand that doing so is not an inconvenience for us. We want to help you attend.

### **New Location!**

**Brown County Historical Society  
90 East Gould Street, Nashville, IN  
47448**



**Directors notes:**

This will be our third meeting at the Brown County Historical Society Building. We really like the venue, it has been ideal for our meetings. Most of you know of this modern facility and for those of you who don't, it is located at 90 East Gould Street, Nashville, IN 47448. Parking will be handy in the county administrative office lot next door.

Our December meeting will be a buffet luncheon featuring Barbecue Pork or Chicken with great sides. As our former director, Floyd Crouse would say it's "great and plenty of it" The price will be \$20 cash or check. As usual we will have the 50-50 raffle along with other memorabilia that will be offered up as door prizes.

I hope you will join us as we commemorate the 83rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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## List of Previous Guest Speakers

- June 8<sup>th</sup> Capt Jeff Daus Navy Tomcat  
 Dec 23 LtCol Jeff Moore, USAF (Ret) Stealth Fighter  
 June 23 Al Albrecht A-6 Intruder  
 Dec 22 Jim Olivi My Uncle, Bockscar's Co-pilot  
 June 22 USMC Major Aaron Huffman V-22  
 Dec-21 Dave Newill Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame  
 Dec-19 Mike Stock, Piasecki PA-97 Helistat  
 June-19 Gary Quigg Search for Amelia Earhart  
 Dec-18 Tim Sparks and Keith Baker  
 June-18 Captain James Paulsen Medal of Honor recipient Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare  
 Dec-17 Alan Teller Combat Gliders  
 June-17 Randy Yablonowski Helicopter Pilot Lifeline, NIPSCO Dept of Energy  
 Dec-16 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack  
 Dec-15 John Kelly Indiana State Police and Indiana Air National Guard Pilot  
 Jun-15 Hank Marshall Vietnam Helicopter Pilot  
 Dec-14 Keith Baker Light Attack Naval Aviation – The Story of the A-7 Corsair II  
 Jun-14 James Graham Story of the Shortest Pilot in the U.S. Navy  
 Dec-13 Robert Kelly- Austin Malcomb Ross Porter Eagle's Nest Project Building Aircraft in Public Schools  
 Jun-13 Marty Wyal Wasp Women Airforce Service Pilot WW II  
 Dec-12 Gerry Harkin 45 Years of Aviation 1965 to 2010  
 Jun-12 Lee Hutchinson The Boys in the B-17  
 Dec-11 Mark Pillar STRATCOM Welcome To Your New Job  
 Jun-11 Robert Kelly Broken Wings Scrapping 3200 Aircraft in England after WWII  
 Dec 10 Rollin Mosher Hank Weidner Don Born Flying THE HUMP in the CBI Theater WWII C-46/C-47  
 Jun-10 Jim Stark Two Turning, Two Burning! Memories of a Naval Aviator P2V Neptune  
 Dec-09 Martin Baier The Berlin Airlift Post WWII  
 Jun-09 Matthew Sweeney – Reflections on a United States Air Force Career F-16 Falcon  
 Dec-08 Raymond Brandt – Survivor of 5 Kamikaze Attacks on USS Saratoga (CV-3) – WWII  
 Jun 08 Herbert J Spier Jr – Rescue at Kham Due Vietnam May 13 1968  
 Dec-07 Ray Lepore A WWII Fighter Pilot Remembers P51 Mustang  
 Jun 07 Ray Hall – 30 Year Career of a Naval Aviator  
 Dec-06 Richard Graham Afghanistan Deployment  
 Jun-06 John Walter Thirty Five Missions over Europe WWII B-17  
 Dec-05 Dirk Melchior Career in the West German Air Force Luftwaffe F-4 Phantom II  
 Jun-05 E D "Buz" Dryfoose Five Six-Month Antarctic Deployments  
 Dec-04 Charles Holleman Famous Fighter Aces of WWII  
 Jun 04 Robert Stewart D-Day Invasion WWII  
 Dec-03 Daniel Jensen Rolls Royce Heritage Trust  
 Jun-03 Charles McGee Tuskegee Airman WWII P-51  
 Dec-02 Donald Steel Naval Flight Officer P-3 Orion  
 Jun-02 Glen Jackle P-38 Lightning Pilot Pacific WWII  
 Dec-01 Edgar Whitcomb USAAC Philippines POW WWII B-17 Navigator  
 Dec-00 John Hoff "The Way It Was" Before WWII  
 Jun-00 Margaret Ringenberg Wasp Women Airforce Service Pilot WWII  
 Dec-99 Erick Bradley Civil Air Patrol  
 Jun-99 Frank Dulley Senior Medical Officer USS Enterprise CVAN-65