



INVITATION
**THE STORY OF THE RESTORATION OF
A NORWEGIAN HISTORIC WARPLANE**
AND THE MEN WHO OPERATED
AND MAINTAINED IT

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Norwegian Spitfire Foundation, Descendants of Norwegian
Aircrew 1943-1945 and Norwegian Armed Forces Museums,
have the honor of inviting

to the formal presentation of a Norwegian Spitfire IX
and its wartime history in the Norwegian 331 sqd.

Among the speakers will be:
Royal Air Force, Air Marshal (Retired) Clifford Rodney Spink,
CB, CBE, FCMI, FRAeS, as well as other distinguished
representatives.

The event will take place
Thursday October 17th 2019 at 13:00

At the "Hall of Banners" at
Akershus Fortress in the City of Oslo

Canopies will be served from 13:00
The presentation starts at 13:30 and ends at 15:00

RSVP by September 1st 2019

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THE BRIEF STORY

The aircraft was flown and maintained by the 331 sqd. in the Norwegian led 132 (N) Wing. It came to the squadron at Tangmere, in south England, from April 24th to December 29th 1944, when 2nd Lt Carl J. Stousland had a midair collision with Sgt. Ole Tilset. Loosing his propeller and with a jammed hood, Stousland was unable to bail out, instead bellylanding the damaged Spitfire behind enemy lines in a field near Tubbergen, Holland. Stousland managed to escape from the airplane and into hiding. With the assistance from local patriots he made it back to the allied forces after 79 days.

The PL258 had two scores:

On August 6th 1944 a FW190 was shot down by 2nd Lieutenant Eivind Tjensvoll near Beaumont-sur-Oise in France.

On December 29th 1944 a FW 190 D9 was shot down by 2nd Lieutenant Carl Jacob Stousland on his last mission.



Eivind Tjensvoll



Carl Jacob Stousland

The stories of the Norwegian squadrons, their achievements and sacrifices, with some cohorts loosing up to 82%, has not yet been told in full, - more than 75 year after the war. The agony of the families that lost their sons are too often neglected. General Wilhelm Mohr stated "We want no memorials, but we want our story to be told".

As a nation, we owe these pilots and crews the respect of telling their stories to the new generations to ensure that their willingness to fight for our freedom was not in vain.

What is better occasion than to restore the historic Spitfire - PL258 - into flying condition. A plane flown and maintained by these men, in the only Norwegian military unit that continuously were in action during the second world war!

**This is a unique opportunity to do just that.
We hope you will join us in this effort!**



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