



**FLIGHT OVER GERMANY – FLT LT RUSTY WAUGHMAN DFC**

**LAA HQ. WEDNESDAY EVENING. 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER. FROM 7PM.**

**A CHANCE TO HEAR FIRST-HAND FROM A WW2 LANCASTER VETERAN.**

Flight Lieutenant Russell "Rusty" Waughman was just 20 years-old when he flew his first sortie during the Battle of Berlin in 1943, after he was posted to No 101 (Special Duties) Squadron at Ludford Magna, Lincolnshire. His Lancaster bomber squadron carried top-secret equipped "Airborne Cigar" radio equipment to jam German air defence communications over Berlin. As they were required for every sortie, he was told by his flight commander that it was "the squadron with the highest attrition rate in the RAF".

Over the next two years, Rusty and his crew survived a mid-air collision, only to write off the aircraft on landing. They also escaped when their plane was blown upside-down over their target, with Rusty completing probably the only-ever barrel roll in a fully laden Lancaster!

A special one-off evening is being organised in conjunction with the LAA Oxford Strut and Turweston Flying Club to allow interested pilots, enthusiasts and LAA members to hear of Rusty's experiences first-hand.

Admission is free, but we hope those attending will offer voluntary donations to Rusty's preferred charity, Help for Heroes and to the LAA Educational Trust. Complementary tea and coffee will be available from 6.30pm in the LAA HQ building at Turweston Airfield.

**Places are strictly limited so please email LAA HQ – [office@laa.uk.com](mailto:office@laa.uk.com) or call 01280 846 786 before **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, to reserve a place.**