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THE PRESIDENTS' PAGE



THE NEXT TWO CHAPTER MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 March 2017 and 13 April 2017 @ 1900 hours (7:00 p.m.)

Please Arrive between 6:30 & 6:45pm-before doors are locked.

At 613 Abbott in Downtown Detroit (3rd and Abbott)

REMEMBER: CHAPTER MEETINGS ARE *ALWAYS* THE 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Please Wear Tuskegee Airmen Marked Clothing to Meetings to Show Uniformity

Good Day, we are already in the third month of the year and so much is happening. I have shared with you a calendar of events for the year and it is always changing. We shall receive a report on the first two months of the year and here are some of the happenings that are already in place from now until the Labor Day weekend.

March 16, 2016	Urban League Dinner and Special Event Distinguished Warrior
April 9, 2017	Young Eagles at the City Airport
April 28, 2017	Women in Aviation
April 29, 2017	Michigan Military Space Heroes Museum Recognition of Two Heroes 6 to 8 PM Saginaw, Michigan-several folks invited
May 19, 2017	Starbase at Selfridge ANG Base 300 Students invited to participate
May 21, 2017	Young Eagles at the City Airport
May 26 – 28, 2017	City Airport 26th – B O Davis, School Day 300 students 27th – Chapter and Museum Day 300 28th Fly IN
June 23-25, 2017	Detroit River Days Air Show
June 26, 2017	Ford Fireworks
August 3-5, 2017	Tuskegee Airmen, Inc Convention in Orlando, Florida
August 19– 20, 2017	Selfridge Air National Guard Base 100th Anniversary 18th Family and Friends
September 2 – 4, 2017	Thunder Over Michigan, Willow Run 75th Anniversary

There are ten Original Airmen that are members. Have you visited or contacted any of them. They would love to hear from you. On another note Hugh Barrington is in a rehab center and Uncle Al's wife is in an ICU. Let them know that you Love them.

Also, please bring your Laptops so that EAA background clearances can be completed.

Be Blessed,

Miguel Thornton

President

Detroit Chapter

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

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Saturday, March 18th, 2017

8:00AM-3:00PM

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[8:00am – 9:30am] VA Information Fair

[10:00am – 11:30am] Job Seekers Workshop

[12:00pm - 3:00pm] Hiring Fair

For Hiring Our Heroes Registration, register for free at:

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AMERICAN BLACK JOURNAL

Tuskegee Airman Frederick Henry, Sr.

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Frederick Henry, Sr., one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, joins us to talk about how the unit paved the way for the integration of the U.S. military. Episode 4519/Segment 1.

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This Inspirational Film Starring Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson is A MUST HAVE for Now and for Future Generations.



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MILITARY HIRING FAIR

CAREER EVENT

Personal Branding • Hiring Fair • Career Planning

Date and Time

Saturday, March 18, 2017
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location:

Detroit VA Healthcare System
4646 John R Street
Detroit, MI 48201

Join local and national employers on March 18 for a hiring fair for veterans, military service members, guard, reserve, and military spouses. Jobs will be available for all ranks and levels of experience.

At 8:00 a.m. the VA will provide a VA Open House Information Fair for veterans. At 10:00 a.m., a free employment workshop for job seekers featuring resume building, networking, and interview tips. At 10:30 a.m., a free "Best Practices" workshop for employers will feature how to find the right Veteran talent and how to brand your company.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's "Hiring Our Heroes" event is being conducted by Detroit VA Healthcare System, Detroit Area Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Committee of Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR), Michigan Veterans Service Division, Wayne County Veteran Services, Vets Returning Home, Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, the U. S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS), U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs, The American Legion, Goodwill Industries International, NBC News and other local partners.

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Blacks in Aviation

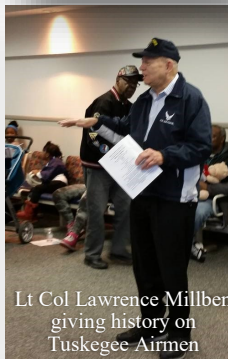
Beverly Kindle-Walker

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The Friends of Detroit City Airport hosted our annual "Blacks in Aviation" program on February 20, 2017 in the main terminal of the Coleman A Young International Airport with the Tuskegee Airmen, Black Pilots of America, Civil Air Patrol and other aviation enthusiasts. Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTA) **Frederick Henry**, age 93 talked about his experiences. He also talked about NASA, "Hidden Figures" and opportunities that the field presents to young people. We had a light dinner which included "Moon Pies" which is celebrating 100 years. We also circulated a "Valentines Community Bear" for hugs as we were talking. People could hold him for as long as they wanted before passing on.



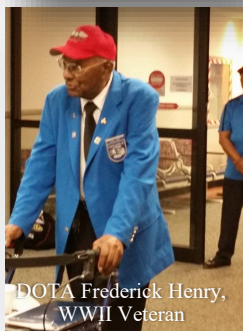
DOTA Tuskegee Airmen Fredrick Henry and Black Pilot of America Calvin Morrison



Lt Col Lawrence Millben giving history on Tuskegee Airmen



Love those Moon Pies!



DOTA Frederick Henry, WWII Veteran



Kodjo Bediako and Alfonso King.



David Head



Eddie



Burton Lowe leading Lift Every Voice and Sing



City of Detroit Airport Operations Tobin Hunter



Tony Stevenson talking about Civil Air Patrol and aviation news.



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DOTAs Alexander Jefferson and Frederick Henry with chapter member Dorothy Kandle-Walker and Dave Pollock from the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day committee



DOTA, Lt Col Alexander Jefferson, receives the 2016 Victory Award from Russell Levine of the WWII Legacy Memorial;



DOTA, Lt Col Alexander Jefferson, and the WWII Legacy Memorial 2016 Victory Award



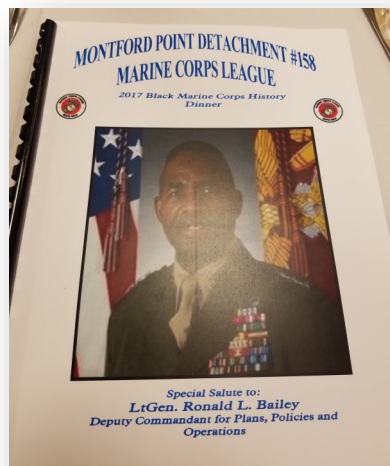
Ernest Pickett is presented the EAA-Certificate of Appreciation from Larry Sargent



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Airmen Enjoy Montford Point Marine Dinner

Eric L Palmer



documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTA) **Frederick Henry**, chapter Vice President Gwen McNeal, Membership Chair Bill Welborne, Haw's Cry II Editor and Publisher and

Friday, the 24th of February of 2017, the Detroit Detachment of the historic Montford Point Marines celebrated the close of Black History Month at their annual dinner.

In attendance were members of the Detroit Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen. Representing the Detroit Tuskegee Airmen were Docu-



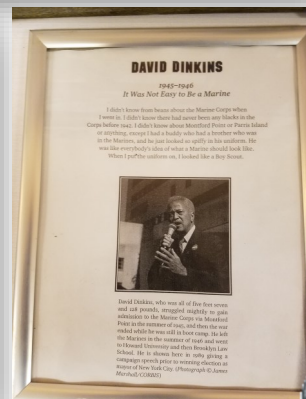
newly appointed Chapter Public Relations officer, Eric Palmer. Accompanying Mr. Palmer was his mother, Donna.

During the evening, special guest, LtGen Ronald L. Bailey talked about his extensive service to this country in intelligence and assured everyone that no matter what is going on in government, foreign relations and terrorism today, "we will be alright" because our



military and it's leadership is solid, competent and capable.

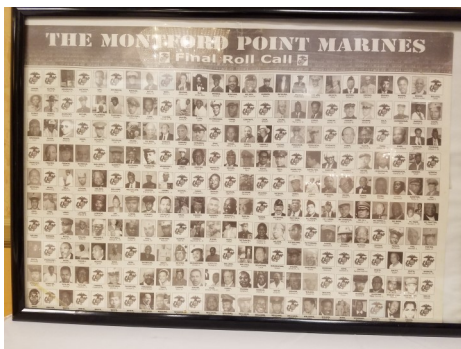
At the end of the event, the opportunity presented itself for all in attendance to get photographs of living legends together. As shown on the cover of this issue, DOTA Fred Henry met and talked to three (3) original Montford Point Marines.



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Why I Fly Young Eagles

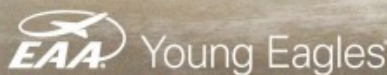
"My neighbor, Robert Shurney, a NASA engineer, got a friend of his to take me flying in his Cessna 172 when I was 12 years old. After that flight I spent many hours building airplanes and rockets. I eventually earned a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering, and later in life I dedicated myself to educating other underrepresented youth to careers in aviation."

"I started EAA Chapter 1351 around the turn of the century with the sole purpose of doing Young Eagles rallies. Several of the Young Eagles I flew went on to pursue careers in aviation, and several are in the Tuskegee Airmen Flight Academy, an aviation program run by the Tuskegee Airmen National Museum, where a dedicated student can earn a pilot certificate."

> **Brian Smith, Ph.D., EAA 495180**

President and founder of EAA Chapter 1351 in

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