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# **Selfridge ANGB Street Honors Tuskegee Airmen**



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**ON THE COVER:** Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen, PFC Frederick Henry (95) and LtCol (ret) Harry T. Stewart, Jr (94) receive a Tuskegee Airmen Way street sign that honors the Tuskegee Airmen at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Photo By [Master Sgt. David Kujawa](#)

# THE PRESIDENTS' PAGE



## THE NEXT TWO CHAPTER MEETINGS

Thursday, 8 March 2018 & 12 April 2018 @ 1845 hours (6:45 p.m.)

Please Arrive between 6:20& 6:40pm. **Doors WILL BE Locked at 6:45pm**

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**

Hello Everyone,

I hope that you are having a wonderful day. Let's do the three R's.

Reflect, Respond and Revitalize. We are coming off a very stressful year. As we do the three R's, then what is next. First and Foremost, we need to pay our dues. Ask yourself "what shall we do this year to promote our legacy and serve our youth. If it is to be, it must begin with me.

This me is a collective. We put our individual efforts in motion within the confines of our organization.

Membership! Have you paid your dues???

Cruise! Have you picked up your tickets? If not, you can do so at our meeting.

Commit to sell or buy seven (7) tickets.

National Convention is in Las Vegas! Are you going to attend? Our voting delegates depend on our membership. Convention dates are August 9-11, 2018. More information is on page 3. DOTAs and Officers are due in August 8th.

Two (2) local parades are scheduled; **St. Clair Shores Parade** is Sunday, **May 27th** and **Sterling Heights Parade** is Monday, **May 28th**. *Detroit RedTail has also scheduled three (3) additional "outreach" parades*; the **Tulip Time MUZIEK Parade** in **Holland, Michigan** on **May 12th**, the **Cherry Royale Parade** in **Traverse City, Michigan** on **July 7th** and the **National Blueberry Festival Parade** in **South Haven, Michigan** on **August 11th**. Please coordinate with Eric Palmer if you want to help him represent the chapter at the parades Detroit Red-Tail has scheduled.

Our next three (3) meetings are April 12th, May 10th and June 14th.

Thunder Over Michigan is August 25-26th. Set up is August 24th.

The following is a list of the Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTAs)/ Trailblazers in our Detroit chapter:

Matt Corbin

Dr. John Cunningham

Cornelius Davis (Florida Res)

Frederick Henry

Alexander Jefferson

Preston Jowers

Russell Nalle

Harry Stewart

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Thank you God bless you all,

*Miguel Thornton*

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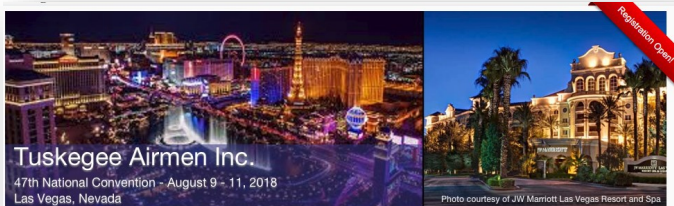
## The 2018 TAI Convention Registration website is now Active

The [TAI Convention 2018 registration website](#) was activated on Monday January 15, 2018 to allow the earliest push for registration for this year's convention proceedings -- As in previous years, the TAI Convention Committee is offering discounted/reduced rates for TAI chapter participation in the providing advertisements in the official convention journal AND renting vendor booth space. Of course, since these reduced rates are not available to all viewers/vendors, they cannot be published or made available on the general convention website.

I ask your help in please forwarding the two (2) attached information guides for chapter rate journal ads and vendor booths to each of your respective chapters (and/or the appropriate points of contact within your chapters, as you know best) as soon as possible and encourage every chapter to participate as entries in the official convention journal and supporters of the convention exhibit hall (as well as sponsoring one DOTA or surviving spouse) to help make this year's event a resounding success!!!

As always, if you (or your members) have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thanks in advance for helping to get the word out. See you in Las Vegas!!!

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### Good Afternoon, Native Detroit,

Tuskegee Airman, and former WWII POW **Lt. Col. Alex Jefferson** (USAF Ret.) visited the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) facility in Honolulu, Hawaii this week. He was hosted by DPAA Director Kelly McKeague and DPAA Deputy Director - Outreach & Communications Johnnie Webb.

I have no adequate words to express how much seeing 97-year-old Col. Jefferson with some of the DPAA staff tasked with locating our nation's unreturned veterans means to me. I believe it was meaningful to the staff, too. I have attached three photos from the visit. (Photos courtesy of Earnestine Lavergne).



I first met Col. Jefferson in 2007 at a special event in Southfield, MI hosted by Detroit Public TV just prior to the premiere of Ken Burns' series, The War. However, I was familiar with his life story long before I met him. He's one of my personal heroes.

Thanks to DPAA for hosting this special man. Never give up.

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## Former 'Red Tail' pilot helps keep famed Tuskegee Airmen's memory alive

Friday, February 9th 2018, 10:07 pm EST

By Jim Mendoza, Reporter

HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - For their heroics during World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen became one of America's most-decorated fighting units. The U.S. Army Air Corps fighter and bomber pilots were all African-Americans put into service to fight Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime. "We were given the opportunity of advancing this country. We took it upon ourselves to take it. We did it," said retired **Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson**, who visiting the islands this month. In the 1940s, the military resisted using black men as fighter pilots, but a special segregated

unit was created and trained at Tuskegee

Army Airfield in Alabama. Jefferson enlisted in 1943 and became a fighter pilot, one of about 1,000 Tuskegee Airmen. "I wanted to go first-class and to serve my country the best way I could," he said. The squadron was known at the Red Tails because the tail section of their aircraft was painted red for easy identification when they were in the air. In 1944, during a strafing run over southern France Jefferson's airplane was hit by German ground fire. "At about 200 feet -- boom! The darn shell came up through the floor and I had to pull out," he said. He parachuted to the ground but was captured and imprisoned in a POW camp. Jefferson was one of 32 Tuskegee pilots captured by the enemy. He said they were the lucky ones. "We left some guys in the soil of

France, in the soil of Germany," he said. When Gen. George

Patton liberated the prison camp he was in, Jefferson saw firsthand the atrocities at one of Hitler's concentration camps. "I saw Dachau two days after the American's liberated it. It was horrible," he said. Jefferson returned to the U.S. to racism, segregation and discrimination. "Walking down the gang plank in New York, flags waving, all the tooting going on," he recalled. "At the bottom of the gang plank white soldiers said, 'Whites to the right. N\*\*\*\*\*s to the left.'" Jefferson was stationed at Tuskegee as a pilot trainer. He retired from the Air Force in 1969 then taught science to elementary school students in his hometown of Detroit until he retired in 1980. At, 96, Jefferson is one of only about 18 Tuskegee Airmen fighter pilots that served in the European theatre still alive.

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/clip/14116783/former-red-tail-pilot-helps-keep-famed-tuskegee-airmens-memory-alive>



# SANGB street renamed in honor of DO-TAs

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03.01.2018 Story by Tech. Sgt. Chelsea Barber



SELFDRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Mich.-- With jazz music lulling in the background, the din of conversation grew louder as the room of the 127th Wing's dining facility filled with people. While Airmen moved briskly about greeting guests and securing last-minute details, uniformed service members representing all branches of the military and the Department of Homeland Security, community leaders and civilian guests found their seats. But the heroes donning turquoise-blazers, gentlemen who served our nation during a bygone era

here at Selfridge and overseas, and persist to tell the amazing tale of the "Tuskegee Airmen," were the guests of honor during the 127th Wing's "Moments in Black History," event held on base Tuesday. "I look around this room and see a lot of distinguished visitors, but most importantly, our wonderful Tuskegee Airmen: Welcome back to Selfridge," said Brig. Gen. John D. Slocum, commanding officer of the 127th Wing, the base and host of Tuesday's event. Slocum said during his short tenure at Selfridge, he's developed a deep appreciation for the Tuskegee Airmen's service to their country and a sense of pride for the historical connection between the group's service and their residence here at Selfridge. "Whenever I hear the last [line of the National Anthem], 'Oh say does that star-spangled banner wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave,' there's always a phrase that pops in my head right



then...., 'You're damn straight it does,'" Slocum said, telling the Tuskegee Airmen they've contributed significantly to America's continued freedom. The event, organized by members of the 127th Wing's diversity council, hosted two documented original Tuskegee Airmen, **Harry Stewart**, retired lieutenant colonel and **Frederick Henry**, both of (the) Detroit (Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen). To further honor the famous aviators, the event also unveiled the renaming of Birch Street here to "Tuskegee Airmen Way." A video played at the program's opening, allowing **Stewart** and **Alexander Jefferson**, also a retired lieutenant colonel, to briefly recount their experiences during World War II. Stewart flew 43 bomber escort-missions, escorting B-17's and B-24's and continues to serve as a member of the



Detroit chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen (Inc) Association, an organization conceived in Jefferson's basement. "I only got 18 missions and on my 19th mission, strafing radar stations on the coast of Southern France, I ran into some ground fire and had to pull up and bail out," recounted Jefferson, of an emergency ejection. Apprehended by German soldiers, Jefferson was held captive as a POW for nine months before returning to the U.S. and to duty as an Air Force Reserve officer here, where he served the duration of his career. "I came back home to Detroit, wanted to fly for the domestic airlines," remembers Jefferson. "Heck no!" Jefferson said there were no openings available for African-American pilots at neither United Airlines nor Spirit Airlines until he was 40 years old and too old to qualify as a pilot. "We're still kicking, not too high, but heck, there's an old saying," Jefferson said as Stewart chuckled and patted him on the back. "Somebody had to do it, we rose to the occasion." Jefferson said, looking to Stewart with a smile. "Still trying to do it with the help of a cane, but we're still kicking," said Jefferson. Photos by [Master Sgt. David Kujawa](#), [127th Wing](#) <https://www.dvidshub.net/>





A Tuskegee Airmen Way street sign is briefly displayed in front of a 1943 T6 Texan aircraft used to train pilots during WWII during a Street Renaming Ceremony at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Tuesday afternoon, February 27, 2018. The event celebrated Black History Month by honoring three of the original Tuskegee Airmen who served at the 127th Wing. Todd McInturf, The Detroit News

## Selfridge street renamed to honor Tuskegee Airmen

[Sarah Rahal](#), The Detroit News Published 5:54 p.m. ET Feb. 27, 2018 | Updated 11:39 p.m. ET Feb. 27, 2018

Harrison Township — The famed Tuskegee airmen have been awarded, honored and saluted by a president for their service. On Tuesday, another recognition was bestowed on the thinning ranks of the first African-American military aviation squadron in the U.S. armed forces. “You’ve made this country what it is and we’re proud to have you here,” said Brig. General John D. Slocum at Selfridge Air National Guard Base for a ceremony to rename a street on the base in honor of the World War II airmen. Selfridge was one of several training sites for African-American units after President Harry S. Truman issued an executive order abol-

ishing segregation in the armed forces in 1948. “Renaming the street is symbolic but is nothing in comparison to what you’ve done for Selfridge, for Michigan and for our country,” Slocum said. Selfridge celebrated Black History Month day with the street renaming and honoring three of the original Tuskegee Airmen who served in the 127th Wing. About 200 airmen, their families and local leaders gathered at the base to salute the service of former airmen **Harry Stewart Jr.**, **Fredrick Henry** and **Alexander Jefferson**. Stewart and Henry were on hand for the street renaming; a video presentation honored Jefferson. The base replaced a street sign with a “Tuskegee Airmen Way” sign. “It’s wonderful to be here and I’m so honored to forever be on the streets of Selfridge,” said Stewart, 93, of West Bloomfield. Stewart flew P-40, P-47 and P-51 fighter planes on 43 missions, escorting bombers over Germany. “The unit started as ‘an experiment’ and it took interventions from local and military advocates to have them deploy on their first flight (the 99th Fighter Squad)



Maj. Gen. Leonard Isabelle, assistant adjutant general and commander of the Michigan Air National Guard addresses attendees. Todd McInturf, The Detroit News

to serve our country,” said Maj. Gen. Leonard Isabelle, assistant adjutant general and commander of the Michigan National Guard. Isabelle said the airmen paved the way for desegregation of the military. “I flew and trained everywhere, I can’t imagine going somewhere to fly and not knowing if I would have a place to sleep when I got there or if I would be treated well,” Isabelle said. [srahal@detroitnews.com](mailto:srahal@detroitnews.com) Twitter: [@SarahRahal](#)



Anton Hampton, right, 16, of Lansing, carries the Tuskegee Airmen Way sign to the flight line for a photo opportunity. Hampton is one of several cadets in the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, in Battle Creek, MI. The military-style program helps teens, ages 16 to 18 years old, get their lives back in order. Todd McInturf, The Detroit News



Documented original Tuskegee Airmen, from left, PFC Frederick Henry of Mount Clemens and retired LT Col. Harry Stewart of Bloomfield Hills hold a sign renaming a road at Selfridge Air National Guard Base as Tuskegee Airmen Way. MACOMB DAILY STAFF PHOTOS

## Tuskegee Airmen honored with road renaming at Selfridge

By Don Gardner, The Macomb Daily POSTED: 02/28/18, 4:49 PM EST

It's been 74 years since teenaged **Harry Stewart** enlisted in the US Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet, later to be trained at Tuskegee Air Field in Alabama. As one of the most-decorated of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, Stewart has seen more than his share of racism, segregation and disappointment. In today's contentious political climate, it would seem race relations are going backwards. But through the lens of the retired lieutenant colonel, who lived through some of the worst race relations in this country, the glass is more than half full.

"A lot has changed, a lot has improved," Stewart said. "Many

people who didn't experience those things back then probably think that nothing has improved, but there have been big improvements, believe me." Stewart, 93, a World War II veteran, was one of the honored guests at Selfridge Air National Guard Base on Tuesday afternoon as a street was renamed on the base to honor the heritage of the Tuskegee Airmen. He was one of two DOTAs, documented original Tuskegee Airmen to attend the ceremony, along with Private First Class (retired) **Frederick Henry** of Mount Clemens, who served with the military police on the Tuskegee base. "There is a deep appreciation for what you've done for this country. You've knocked down barriers, you've paved us on a path that we're continuing to follow at this point," Brigadier Gen. John Slocum, Commander of the 127 Wing said. "We're not to the end of the road by any stretch of the imagination. But you've made this country what it is." The street, renamed Tuskegee Airmen Way, replaces Birch Street and is located in the central eastern part of the lakefront base. The road runs to the flight line and to an original operations building known as Building 50. "It's our honor to make this part of the base permanently named after you," Slocum continued. "It's a symbolic thing that we're doing, but you have to know that it's coming from our heart. You've always been in our hearts, and now you're on our streets." Major Gen. Leonard Isabelle, Assistant Adjutant General for the Michigan National Guard, said in the 1940s with the United States entering World War II, everyone wanted to be a pilot. Is was considered a glamorous thing, a position of achievement. But for African Americans, becoming a pilot wasn't just improbable, it was impossible. "The secretary of war believed, and it was a commonly held belief at the time, that black Americans didn't have the innate intelligence to be able to fly. Obviously, today we know that to be far from the truth," Isabelle said. "Our military leaders felt it was their job to win the war, and they considered any effort to integrate the military was an experiment that would distract us from the job at hand." Isabelle said it took the military and political intervention of many people, most notably President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor, to finally make it possible for black Americans to fly in the military. Still, they were forced to train in segregated units and work separately. With military brass still considering their existence an experiment, the 99th Fighter Squadron was the first all-black group to be deployed overseas. With dozens of successful missions winning more than 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, the program proved successful. Stewart, now a Bloomfield Hills resident, flew 43 missions in Europe, mostly in Germany and Austria, and once shot down three German FW-190 in one mission, which earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross. After the war, he took part in the first Top Gun contest, then called the William Tell National Gunnery meet, and his three-man Tuskegee group won first place in the conventional fighter class. That was in 1949. Stewart received an honorable discharge in 1950, stayed on with the reserves and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonial. Despite all of his accolades, he was twice rejected for jobs as a commercial airline pilot due to his race. Stewart said one airline went so far as to say to him, "I would certainly not inspire the confidence of passengers as I walked down the aisle." Years later, Delta Airlines, which was not one of the airlines that rejected Stewart, tried to right the wrong by awarding him honorary captain's wings. The street renaming was another way of acknowledging the efforts of those like Stewart and the others who made up the Tuskegee Airmen and try to right the wrongs. "It means a great deal," Stewart said. "My mom used to say tempus fugit, which means (in Latin) time is passing real fast. Time has passed so fast, it's been a blink of the eye. As Gen. Slocum said, we're not at the end of the road yet, but we're getting there." [don.gardner@macombdaily.com](mailto:don.gardner@macombdaily.com) <http://www.macombdaily.com/article/MD/20180228/NEWS/180309966>



The back of a dark flight suit is shown, featuring a large 'Red Tails' patch with wings and a star, and a 'Tuskegee Army Airmen' patch below it. The 'Red Tails' patch includes the text 'Red Tails' in a stylized font, a central star with wings, and a banner that reads 'SPIT FIRE'. The 'Tuskegee Army Airmen' patch is in a bold, blocky font. The person wearing the suit is standing in a room with other people in the background.



<<<<<<<<<<< Maj. Gen. Leonard Isabelle, left, assistant Adjutant General and Commander of the Michigan Air National Guard and 127th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. John D. Slocum, second from left, and other VIPs bow their heads during a moment of silence and invocation. Todd McInturf, The Detroit News

Second Lt. Litchfield Clement, left, takes a selfie with Tuskegee Airmen Frederick L. Henry, Jr., right, both of Detroit. Clement is Second Lt. of Detroit 100 Red Tails By Request Composite Squadron of the Michigan Civil Air Patrol. Todd McInturf, The Detroit News >>>>>>>>>



<<<<<<<< Tuskegee Airmen Frederick L. Henry, Jr., left, of Detroit, and Harry T. Stewart, Jr., of Bloomfield Hills, pose with the new Tuskegee Airmen Way street sign during its unveiling. Todd McInturf, The Detroit News



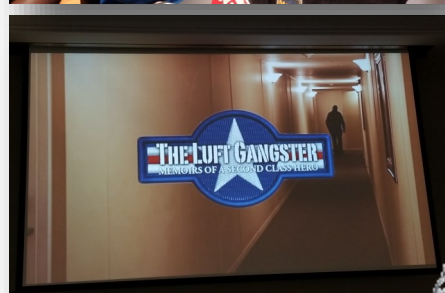
The U.S. flag blows in the wind as the new Tuskegee Airmen Way street sign is seen at the corner of Wilbur Wright. Todd McInturf, The Detroit News

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# Airmen Honored by AKA

The torchbearers of the Detroit Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen were on hand to receive an honor from the Omega Xi Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority at their annual Black History Month celebration. During the event, the audience of about 100 people also got a chance to watch LtCol Jefferson's documentary, Luft Gangster: Memoirs of a Second Class Hero (Photos by Eric Palmer)



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# Local Activities w/TAI Det

Shown are numerous local events attended by TAI Detroit Membership Chair Bill Welborn.

- Warren City Hall Black History with Munford Point Marines.
- Detroit Historic Museum
- Optimistic Scholarships Awards Dinner
- One Detroit Celebration



Shown below is a speakers bureau event performed by Larry Sargent and DOTA PFC Fred Henry at the local DOJ prosecutors office .





# 'Round Town w/RedTail

On the weekend of 3-5 March 2018, Detroit RedTail reached out to over 10,000 people as it sat in static display at Meguiar's 66th Annual Detroit AutoRama. During the weekend, Hawk's Cry II Editor/Publisher and President of [www.DetroitRedTail.org](http://www.DetroitRedTail.org), Eric Palmer, Detroit Chapter TAI Membership Chair, Bill Welborn, Tuskegee Airmen National Museum Vice President, Larry Sargent and Civil Air Patrol 100th Squadron's Beverley Kindle-Walker were on hand to talk face-to-face with 100's of people.



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# Tour the Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum

Sunday, April 22, 2018



## Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum

6325 West Jefferson Avenue

Detroit, MI 48209

Sunday, April 22, 2018

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Learn about the history of the Tuskegee Airmen, America's first black military airmen. The tour will provide a portrait of the service and dedication of World War II aviators, navigators and bombardiers. Tour guides will also share information about current Tuskegee Airmen programs that introduce young people to experiences and careers in aviation. Get your FREE ticket through the EventBrite link below.

<https://detroitcenter.msu.edu/events/tour-the-tuskegee-airmen-national-historical-museum>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tuskegee-airmen-national-historical-museum-tickets-39019667877>

## From our friends on Social Media...



Mike Hill of TeamG8#38 with DOTA PFC Fred Henry. Mike owns a Pontiac G8 (CA-38 Project Pearl Harbor G8) which is a tribute vehicle to his grandfather.





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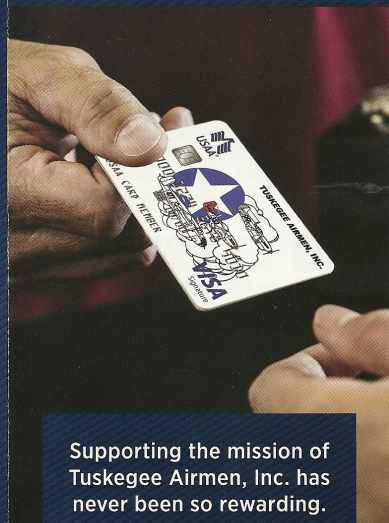
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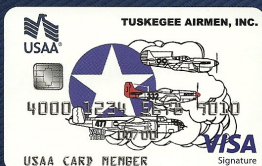
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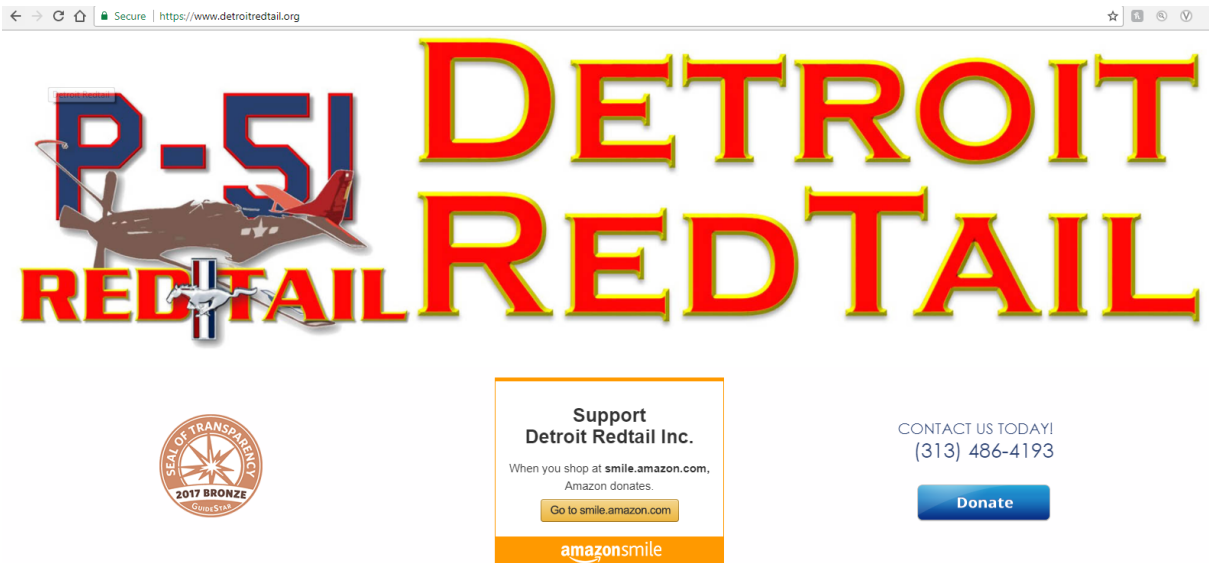


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