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ON THE COVER: State Senator Coleman A Young II, son of DOTA and Detroit Mayor Coleman A Young and Detroit Chapter President Miguel Thornton present DOTA SGT Preston Jowers with recognitions for his 103rd birthday. To the left of President Thornton is Chaplin Ted Whitely and to the right of SGT Jowers is Burt Lowe. Photo by: Eric Palmer

THE PRESIDENTS' PAGE

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NEXT TWO CHAPTER MEETINGS

Thursday, 10 May 2018 & 14 June 2018 @ 1900 hours (7:00 p.m.)

Please Arrive between 6:45pm & 7:00pm. Gates Open at 6:00pm

At 1425 East Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48207

Entrance off of Frederick Ave and Russell Street

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 fellow Airmen,

I hope you are all doing well. First and foremost, please turn in your ticket money, for the CRUISE 2018, to our Treasurer at our meeting on the 12th of July. The cruise is next month. If you don't plan to be in attendance to the meeting, call a fellow Airmen and have them bring the money or check in. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

If you have secured any sponsors or adds please bring that info. Hopefully, every one of you has secured either an ad or a sponsor. This is where the finances come from that primarily supports our youth programs.

CRUISE CRUISE CRUISE CRUISE CRUISE CRUISE

Get really folks, this is our major event this year. We need your support to pull it off. We are dedicated to helping our youth and continuing the Legacy. We've had several requests for helping with flying lessons and we must continue to take our presentations to all that allow us to.

Ms. Freda Sampson has invited us to be Special Guests at a program/Fundraiser for the AKA Foundation on Saturday, August 18, 2018. We shall have more information to share at our July Meeting.

The National Convention is scheduled for August 8-11, in Las Vegas NV. Several of us will be in attendance. Eric Palmer will cruise "RedTail" across Route 66. Eric Love will ride "shotgun." Detroit RedTail, Inc is continuing to take individual donations to help with the expenses of the cruise. You can make a fee free donation through their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/donate/191450485044559/>) or through their web site: www.DetroitRedTail.org, in which a small fee is charged to Detroit RedTail, Inc. Please do so as soon as possible. They are scheduled to leave out on August 3rd. By the way, "**Subscribe**" to Detroit RedTail's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3ZLsR6HHZ6iMpSfz7WYRbA>). Jump in the backseat and **RIDE ALONG with RedTail** and be a part of all of it's adventures. You will definitely want to be subscribed when they hit Route 66 to the convention.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need a POC and volunteers to help put together and carry out our Christmas Dinner. The date will be December 6, 2018. Remember, there will be NO museum dinner this year. So the Christmas Dinner will be our only opportunity to fellowship together over a hearty meal.

Young Eagles is still going strong. This past Sunday, there were a number of children in attendance. Larry Sargent's brother, Harris Edwards, Jr, brought a performance vehicle from the M1 Concourse in Pontiac and "RedTail" was also in attendance. Watch this video <https://youtu.be/f8hRwnocEV8> from Harris and visit the linked photo album discussed later in this newsletter to see how much fun was had. The next three (3) dates are: August 12, September 9 and October 14, 2018. Get the word out to all 8-17 year olds you know. Registration starts at 10am.

As we move into the second half of this year we should take the time to Reflect on what we have completed and set our goals for the New Year. Ask yourselves the question " If it's to be its left up to me, if not me then who?"

By the way, we will have visitors from the Hugh J. White Chapter in town (from Friday, 7 September to Sunday, 10 September). Yolande and Larry Wood will be here to attend the Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village. Larry is taking pictures of DOTAs for a gallery display. Let's show them some support.

We have nine (9) DOTAs in our Chapter and six (6) of them are very active. Have you visited a DOTA lately. If you are questioned, Detroit Chapter's current list of Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTAs) are as follows:

Alexander Jefferson
Matt Corbin
Cornelius Davis (Living in Florida)

Harry Stewart, Jr
Russell Nalle

Frederick Henry
Dr. John Cunningham

Preston Jowers
Fletcher Williams

Be Blessed and I shall see you Thursday at our Monthly meeting,

Miguel Thornton

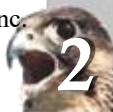
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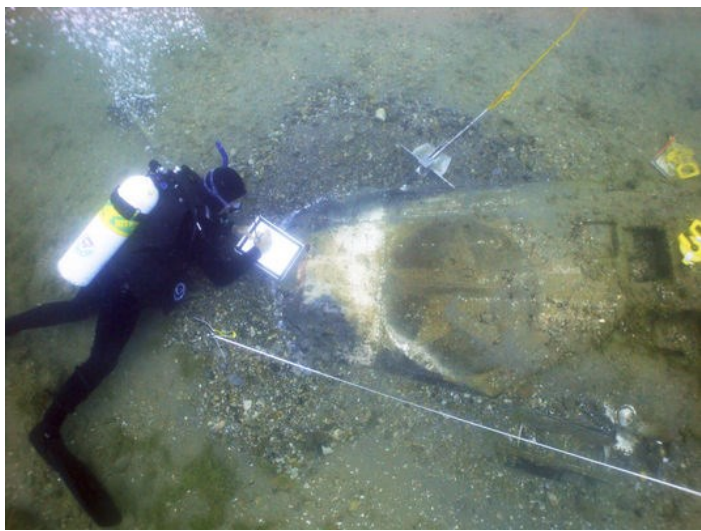


Group picks International Flag Plaza for Tuskegee memorial

Jackie Smith, Port Huron Times Herald Published 12:03 p.m. ET June 28, 2018 | Updated 2:55 p.m. ET June 28, 2018

<https://www.thetimesherald.com/story/news/2018/06/28/group-picks-international-flag-plaza-tuskegee-memorial/734887002/>

The group proposing to install a Tuskegee Airmen memorial in Port Huron has pegged the International **Flag Plaza** as home for the monument. But first, **Diving with a Purpose**, an organization whose divers made an expedition in 2015 of a Tuskegee aircraft that crashed into Lake Huron more than 70 years ago, has to get the OK from the city. “Our organization will raise the funds for the design and installation of the memorial,” said Erik Denson, lead instructor with the maritime archaeology program with the group. “We’re planning to host a ceremony, hopefully getting Tuskegee airmen that are still alive to participate, guests and also decedents of those pilots that have perished in the city of Port Huron and provide an unveiling for that particular monument.” Denson gave City Council members a rundown of the memorial idea, detailing the Tuskegee history earlier this week. Previously, he’d identified the Blue Water River Walk after a previous visit to the area. “I got a chance to actually look at the Flag Plaza today, although I’ve been here before for a possible location, and I just got chills when I looked at the Flag Plaza memorial area,” Denson said of the area, perched along the water beneath the Blue Water Bridge. “I thought it was a perfect location. Just beautiful.” Denson didn’t detail a potential cost of the memorial that DWP needs to fundraise for, but he told city officials they hoped to unveil it



sometime in summer 2019 or “probably August.” He said the monument would recognize the accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen, the group of all African-American military pilots who fought during World War II. Although pilots trained out of the namesake Tuskegee, Alabama, Denson said during the middle years of the war, they also trained in Michigan because of the European theater’s similarity to the state’s terrain. There were two Tuskegee plane wrecks in that time — both pilots having flown the Bell P-39 Airacobra. One was flown by **2nd Lt. Frank H. Moody**, whose aircraft was the subject of the 2015 expedition in Lake Huron. The wreck, Denson said, was spread out over a large area of the lake just north

of Port Huron. **Wayne Lusardi**, state maritime archaeologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, was the lead investigator of that expedition, and Denson said he and the **Tuskegee Airmen National Museum in Detroit** are working to recover and conserve some of the wreckage for a permanent exhibition there. The other wreck was of an Airacobra flown by **flight officer Nathaniel P. Rayburg** before it landed in the St. Clair River. Mayor Pauline Repp said City Council members will consider an agreement with Diving with a Purpose at their next meeting July 9. Mayor Pro Tem Anita Ashford was among the Port Huron officials who lauded the memorial idea. She added she had an uncle who was a Tuskegee airman. “He’s since passed away. But just the significance for the city of Port Huron, we need that presence,” Ashford said. “... You give us a chance in the city of Port Huron to make a difference. I can just see the kids, how they shine. Particularly, people of color, it does something for you.” Denson said they thought it was important to recognize the contribution of the Tuskegee Airmen, especially if they’re still alive. “They fought for their country, they died for their country, even at a time when their country really didn’t believe in them,” he said. “But they believed in their country. We thought it was something (we) really needed to do — to honor them.” *Contact Jackie Smith at (810) 989-6270 or jssmith@gannett.com. Follow her on Twitter @Jackie20Smith.*

Right time for Tuskegee memorial

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<https://www.thetimesherald.com/story/opinion/editorials/2018/06/28/right-time-tuskegee-memorial/36472259/>

*In our modern era when civil discourse includes dividing Americans into those who are American enough and those who aren't and dividing human beings into those who are like us and others who are more like animals and insects, **Na-thaniel P. Rayburg** and **Frank H. Moody** present Port Huron with an important opportunity.*



Activists want to erect a monument to the two men on the St. Clair River just north of the Blue Water Bridge. We think that is a just and fitting idea for any era.

Rayburg was born in Washington, D.C., and was studying engineering at the University of Illinois when he decided to leave his studies and join the fight against Nazi Germany and the Axis. He joined the Army Air Corps and earned his wings Nov. 3, 1943.

Moody was born in Los Angeles and earned his wings in the Air Corps Feb. 8, 1944. He died a few months later during a training mission for the 553rd Fighter Squadron (*the replacement training squadron for the 332nd Fighter Group*). He was 22 years old, and among America's best and brightest.

Rayburg, a member of the same unit, died during a flight Dec. 12, 1943. Both crashes were due to mechanical failure of their Bell P-39Q Airacobra fighters, and both planes carried the scarlet tails of the Tuskegee Airmen. They flew out of Selfridge Field, near Mount Clemens. *Moody crashed in Lake Huron near Lakeport. Rayburg died in Lake St. Clair near Pearl Beach.*

Seven members of the Tuskegee Airmen died in training around the Great Lakes. The pilots of the unit were among the most storied of World War II. They escorted hundreds of bombers on dangerous missions across enemy territory, destroyed hundreds of enemy vehicles and downed hundreds of enemy planes. Despite superior aircraft and arms, the 332nd shot down three German jets in a single day. "These pilots were scholars with degrees from some of our country's finest colleges and universities," U.S. Air Force veteran Melody Garrett, said. "They were only limited, in some instances, by their color. But they were strong and courageous."

The 332nd was all black. They were heroes of World War II. It is right that we memorialize them for what they did to defeat Nazi tyranny. It is appropriate that we honor them here, where two of their number sacrificed their lives for a country they believed, even if it didn't completely believe in them. More than that, it is essential to our past and our future that we memorialized an important turning point in our nation's history. Impediments were put in their way. The Tuskegee Airman not only broke Hitler's Germany, they broke down barriers here in American and in our military. Not all those barriers are gone. A memorial to Rayburg and Moody will stand as a reminder of what we must continue to fight for together.



Black pilot association opens flight training academy

By Michelle Corbet – Reporter, Memphis Business Journal Jun 20, 2018, 8:28am

<https://www.bizjournals.com/memphis/news/2018/06/20/black-pilot-association-opens-flight-training.html>

A new flight academy has opened at the Olive Branch Airport with a goal of meeting the pilot shortage and adding diversity to the industry — by training 50 African-American pilots per year for the next

five years.

The [Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals](#) (OBAP) opens the Lieutenant Colonel [Luke Weathers](#) Jr. Flight Academy today with plans to train more than 225 Memphis-area high school students to become certified flight instructors or secure private and instrument ratings by the year 2025.

"One of the challenges in the Memphis area, there are a lot of silos of excellence," said Capt. [Albert Glenn](#), the academy director and a FedEx 777 pilot. "Everyone does a great job, but they are by themselves." The organizations that have partnered on the new flight academy have been working toward the same goal for more than 20 years — to diversify the aviation industry. "It's not 'we have a program' or 'they have a program,'" Glenn said. "We all work together, and I hope folks will see that and talk about the work all the organizations are doing rather than just one." The academy is an extension of OBAP's Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy, which provides summer programming for students interested in aviation, and OBAP's partnership with the East High School T-Stem Academy, in which students can get their private pilot's license and instrumentation before they graduate. "I believe a collective of people, regardless of race, when all minds come together, we can be at our best," said [Micah Clark](#), OBAP's third female flight instructor and assistant academy director. "We strive for excellence with this nonprofit, and the training we provide will improve a student's life wherever they go." Capt. Glenn is working to solve the workforce shortages in the aviation industry by making it more diverse. "The U.S. is becoming more diverse, and we have to change the way we look for and develop the workforce," Glenn said. "If we can expose kids who normally don't become pilots, by making this program available to the school system, we can show them a pathway to the future, and how we can fuel those jobs." Now that OBAP has its own facility, it plans to expand its pilot training curriculum to other local high schools. The building and hangar became available when another local flight school, Downtown Aviation, moved to the General Dewitt Spain Airport in Downtown Memphis. The academy is named in honor of the late Weathers, a native Memphian who became a famed member of the Tuskegee Airman. Upon his return from service, he was the first African-American to be given a key to the City of Memphis, in 1945. Weathers would go on to also become the first African-American air traffic specialist. He died in 2011 and was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. The academy will offer Far 141 and 61 Flight Training, JET Transition Training, a Maintenance and Air Traffic Control Academy, UAV Pilot Training, Air Force Candidate Flight Training and a Military Rotor Fixed Wing Transition program. Community partners who will share in the value of the new flight academy include [Shelby County Schools](#), Air Venture Flight Center, [CTI Professional Flight Training](#), [Tuskegee Airmen](#) Inc., the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees, Memphis Blackhawks, Tuskegee Next and Taste of Aviation. OBAP will host a ribbon cutting for the new academy today, 11:30 a.m., at the Olive Branch Airport – North Hangar, located on Jack Cross Road.

Behind the Wheel: Custom Mustang honors Tuskegee Airmen

By: Jennifer Sigouin | C&G Newspapers | Published July 11, 2018
<https://www.candgnews.com/news/behind-the-wheel-custom-mustang-honors-tuskegee-airmen-108887>

Three years ago, Pontiac resident **Eric Palmer** was looking for a new convertible for summer cruising, so as a 20-plus-year General Motors Co. employee, he began scoping out Corvettes. “I had a couple of convertibles in the past, so I yearned for the breeze to blow through my scalp again,” he said in an email interview. His plan changed, however, after he attended a spring 2015 meeting of the Detroit Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, of which he’s been a member since 2003. During the meeting, the chapter had to turn down a request to participate in a parade because the organization didn’t have access to a proper vehicle to use. “At that time, I changed my focus to finding a convertible that I could use in parades for the chapter, one that would have meaning and one that would stand out and honor the Tuskegee Airmen.” The Tuskegee Airmen were a group of African-American military personnel who fought in World War II under the Army Air Corps program. According to TuskegeeAirmen.org, the Tuskegee Airmen included “pilots, navigators, bombardiers, maintenance and support staff, instructors, and all the personnel who kept the planes in the air.” Today, Tuskegee Airmen chapters nationwide help honor Tuskegee Airmen accomplishments and preserve their legacy. To help out the Detroit chapter, Palmer decided to forgo his Chevy brand loyalty in favor of something that he could connect to the Tuskegee Airmen — a Ford Mustang. “Along with some of the other fighter groups in WWII, the 332nd Fighter Group of Tuskegee Airmen ended the war flying P-51 Mustang fighter planes,” Palmer explained, noting that a convertible Mustang became his new target. In February 2016, he purchased a 2011 Mustang. The next step was to customize it in honor of the Tuskegee Airmen. Palmer used Adobe Illustrator to create a design for a custom car wrap that would emulate a P-51 “Red Tail” fighter plane and recognize two Tuskegee Airmen “living legends” whom he knows through the Detroit chapter — **Lt. Col. Harry T. Stewart Jr.** and **Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson**.

“Those two really appreciated the fact that I was going to honor them by having either side modeled after their P-51 fighter planes,” said Palmer. “I then showed them a mock-up of the license plate that I was going to order to put on the car to get their approval. The license plate is an Army Veteran plate that reads RDTAIL. They gave me the thumbs up.” The car, which Palmer affectionately calls “RedTail,” also features the Detroit Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen logo emblazoned on the hood. The wrap was printed and applied to the car by FastSigns last June, just in time for display during the GM River Days festival in Detroit, which included an air show sponsored by the Detroit Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen. “From then until the end of the fall, I found car shows to participate in, and our chapter and museum already had air shows and parades that they were committed to,” said Palmer. “I ended up participating in five or six car shows, four parades and four air shows.” In addition to using RedTail to transport Tuskegee Airmen veterans during parades, the car also serves as a mobile museum. Palmer created a series of storyboards to display with the

car that explain the history of the Tuskegee Airmen. The Mustang has also collected a number of signatures from Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen, known as DOTAs, on the hood. To continue his outreach efforts with the Mustang, Palmer started a 501(c)(3) nonprofit called Detroit RedTail Inc., and he coined the motto “Rolling the Tuskegee Airmen into the American car culture.” So far this summer, RedTail has appeared in the St. Clair Shores and Sterling Heights Memorial Day parades, as well as in several local car shows. In August, Palmer will drive RedTail along Route 66 to Las Vegas for the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. 47th National Convention, with several stops planned along the way. “We are sure we will get lots of opportunities to talk to people about the Tuskegee Airmen during our stops,” he said. For more information on Palmer’s Mustang and Detroit RedTail Inc, including upcoming appearances, visit www.DetroitRedTail.org.



LOCAL HAPPENINGS



Black Pilots of America Fly In

Photos By: Beverly Kindle-Walker



8 July 2018 Young Eagles Rally

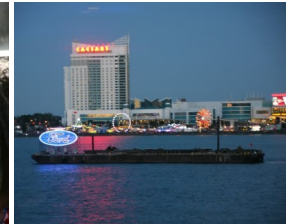
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103rd birthday of SGT Preston Jowers



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On Saturday, June 23rd, members of the Detroit Chapter of Tuskegee airmen join DOTA SGT Preston Jowers and his family and friends for a luncheon at the local Golden Corral that SGT Jowers frequents. SGT Jowers received a resolution from the State Senator Coleman A Young II and the Michigan State Senate, a Spirit of Detroit Award from the city Council of the city of Detroit and a resolution from the Friends of The Detroit City Airport.

Photos and story by: Eric Palmer

FYI: For Your Information



FYI: This picture appeared in last month's Hawk's Cry II in reference to Walter Payton Manning in the upper right hand corner, dancing with a young lady and facing the camera. It was realized by one of our readers, Michelle "Mike" Long, that below Manning is her father, Victor Terrelongue. Three of his daughters, Mike, Patt, and Toni are members of TAI Chapters and we appreciate them reading *The Hawk's Cry II*.

(Patt & Toni are with the Claude Govan - Tri-State in NYC and Mike is with the Claude Platt in Dallas)

FYI: This picture from Patt Terrelongue, shows our own Harry T. Stewart, Jr "chillin" with another one of our own, Carl Carey and George Lynch along with Patt, Toni and Mike's mother, Yvonne and Godmother, Millie (Battle) Spaulding



FYI: Larry Sargent takes a family reunion from Georgia and South Carolina on a tour of the Tuskegee Airman National Museum.



Former Tuskegee Airman dies at age 91 in Wichita

By Samantha Foster

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<http://www.cjonline.com/news/20180622/former-tuskegee-airman-dies-at-age-91-in-wichita>

A former Tuskegee Airman and commander of the Kansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol died Thursday in Wichita, according to a news release. Retired **Col. George M. Boyd**, a two-time recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal, was 91. He would have turned 92 on Saturday, the Civil Air Patrol said. Col. George M. Boyd, a former Kansas Wing commander and Tuskegee Airman as well as Civil Air Patrol's 2010



Senior Member of the Year, died Thursday. He was 91 and would have turned 92 Saturday. "Col. Boyd's passing represents a real loss to CAP, to the Tuskegee Airmen, to the entire aviation community and to the nation," Maj. Gen. Mark Smith, the Civil Air Patrol's national commander, said in a statement. "He served as a true ambassador for our organization, and we will all miss him deeply. Our entire organization's condolences go to his family, especially his wife, Mattie, and all those who were privileged to know him." Boyd joined the Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in the New Jersey Wing's North Bergen County Squadron in 1943. He served as a cadet sergeant and taught new cadets how to drill. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps on Jan. 20, 1944, and became a Tuskegee Airman. He also served during the Korean and Vietnam wars, became a radar intercept officer and helped protect fuel tanks for bombers in Tule, Greenland, according to the air patrol. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a major. Boyd rejoined the Civil Air Patrol and served as deputy commander, chief of staff and executive officer before becoming Kansas Wing commander. He served in that position from February 2000 to May 2004. He also helped establish the Kansas State Department of Civil Air Patrol. At the national level, he served as controller, as a member of the National Board and the National Executive Committee, and as Urban Programs adviser. Boyd and his fellow Tuskegee Airmen were honored with a Congressional Gold Medal on

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- July 27, 2018 - [GM Employee Car Show](#) (Warren, MI) **Registered**
- July 27, 2018 - [Battle of The Brands](#) (Plymouth, MI) **Open House**
- July 28, 2018 - [Main Street Memories - Downtown Car Show](#) (Port Huron, MI) **Registered**
- August 3-8, 2018 - [Cruise Route 66 to TAI Convention](#) (Chicago, IL to Rolla, MO to Oklahoma City, OK to Albuquerque, NM to Flagstaff, AZ to Las Vegas, NV) **Registered**
- August 8-11, 2018 - [Tuskegee Airmen Inc National Convention](#) (Las Vegas, NV) **Registered**

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