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ON THE COVER: Detroit Chapter members with DOTAs (L to R) Fred Henry, James Harvey & Harry T Stewart, Jr

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THE NEXT TWO CHAPTER MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 March 2019 & 11 April 2019 @ 1900 hours (7:00 p.m.)

Please Arrive between 6:45pm & 7:00pm.

At Civil Air Patrol Building south of 11499 Conner, Detroit, 48213

**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 all.

I hope that you are having a wonderful day. Let's review the three R's that I spoke about last year:
Reflect, Respond and Revitalize.

REFLECT:

What did we do in 2018 that we felt worked well and what did we do that we need to improve upon? Only you can answer that.

RESPOND:

When requested to serve and work on our vision, did you respond to that request favorably or not? What committee are you serving on or what is your serving plan?

REVITALIZE:

We all have times that we would like to sit back and let others do it. But is that what This organization is all about? Is it?

Membership! Have you paid your dues?

National Convention in Orlando, Florida—Are you going to attend? Convention dates are August 8 - 10, 2019, DOTA's and Officers need to arrive on August 9, 2019.

There are two Parades the Memorial Day Weekend. Are you going on participating in either or both. The **St. Clair Shores Parade** is Sunday May 26, 2019. Parade starts at 1:00 PM, form up at 10 AM, and The **Sterling Heights Parade** is Monday the 27th, at 9:00 AM. You'll receive more info at our meeting on April 11, 2019. Also, RedTail will be making a road trip immediately after the St. Clair Shores Parade and will be representing the chapter in the **National Memorial Day Parade** in Washington, DC. Wish Eric a good trip when you see him and I'm sure he would not mind it if you wanted to help him finance the trip with a donation.

Next Three Meeting Dates

May 9 (Picture Day—Wear Blue Blazer) June 13 July 11 No meeting in August

Detroit River Days participation is unconfirmed at this time. Location has changed to behind the main post office in Detroit

Thunder Over Michigan is August 3-4, 2019. Set up is August 2, 2019

2019 Young Eagles Rallies

At Coleman A. Young Airport from 10 AM to 2 PM on the following dates (registration at 9am):

- ⇒ April 14, 2019
- ⇒ May 19, 2019
- ⇒ June 09, 2019
- ⇒ July 14, 2019
- ⇒ August 11, 2019
- ⇒ September 08, 2019
- ⇒ October 13, 2019

TO GOD BE THE GLORY,

Miguel Thornton

President

Detroit Chapter

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

WWII Veteran and Tuskegee Airman to speak at Dr. MLK celebration in Portage

wwmt.com/news/local/wwii-veteran-and-tuskegee-airman-to-speak-at-dr-mlk-celebration-in-portage?jwsource=cl

Adapted from an article by Franque Thompson | Newschannel 3 Wednesday, March 6th 2019

On 8 Mar 19, leaders of the City of Portage (MI) joined with the staff of the Air Zoo Aerospace and Science Museum to present its' annual Black History Month program in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and featuring **Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson**, of the Detroit Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen as the keynote speaker. Four of the planes used in training and combat are on display at the Air Zoo as well as a new, permanent Air Zoo exhibit, called Black Wings American Dreams of Flight, which features the Tuskegee Airmen. **With well over 500 people in attendance**, Jefferson, who was inducted into the Air Zoo's Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame in 1995, spoke of his experiences and engaged one on one afterwards.



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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

A Tuskegee Airman Remembers Those Who Supported The Pilots And The Country's Acknowledgment

By GORDON EVANS • MAR 7, 2019

A former Tuskegee airman says he and his fellow pilots suffered discrimination from their white counterparts, but ultimately proved they were as good as anyone else in protecting the country During World War II. **Retired Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson** spoke at an event at the Air Zoo Friday night. Jefferson is a native of Detroit. He was part of the 332nd Fighter Group. In 2007, more than 60 years after the end of World War II, Jefferson and others were at the White House to receive the Congressional Gold Medal. "Finally the country acknowledged some of the misdeeds that the Tuskegee airmen underwent." Jefferson says the pilots also relied on many others to carry out their mission. "People in all occupations to support the guys who were flying." In August of 1944 German soldiers captured Jefferson after his plane was shot down and he became a prisoner of war. Jefferson says the Tuskegee Airmen were highly decorated: "We had guys who received the Purple Heart, which means they were injured. We had 25 men who got the Bronze Star for an act of courage." Jefferson received the Purple Heart in 2001 for injuries he suffered in 1944. Friday night's event at the Air Zoo is part of Black History Month and the Kalamazoo area's Martin Luther King Junior celebration. It runs from 7:00p.m. until 9:00p.m. NPR did stories on the Tuskegee Airmen and Alexander Jefferson in [2006](#) and in [2011](#)



President Bush, center, greets Tuskegee Airmen Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, left, during a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, Thursday, March 29, 2007, awarding the Tuskegee Airmen with Congressional Gold Medals. Fellow Airman Dr. Roscoe Brown is at right.

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Tuskegee Airmen Mazie Warren turns 100

<https://www.fox26houston.com/news/393165242-video>



LOCAL NEWS



Tribute to Detroit Area and Original Tuskegee Airmen

There is a Full production of Layton Gray's off Broadway "Black Angels Over Tuskegee" coming to Detroit, organized by Detroit Heritage Theatre Festival. The public showing is Sun, May 19, 2019 at 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT at Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 East Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201. Get tickets here...<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/detroit-heritage-theatre-festival-black-angels-over-tuskegee-tickets-56923773539>

Torchbearers visit MacArthur K-8 University Academy PTA

Torchbearers **Eric Love** and **Eric Palmer** visited the Parents Teachers Association of MacArthur University Academy to discuss the history and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen. On display for observation, was RedTail, the custom wrapped Tuskegee Airmen tribute car of Detroit RedTail, Inc. *About 50-75 people were in attendance.*



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City of Warren Black History Month Presentation

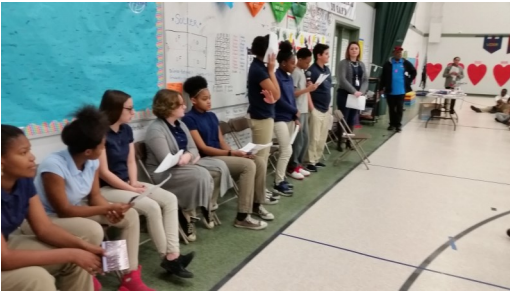
Torchbearers **Gary StClair**, **Bill Welborne** & **Bob Tillman** visited the City of Warren civic center and made a presentation about the history and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen. *About 50 people were in attendance.*



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Quest School Black History Month Presentation

Torchbearers **Gary StClair** & **Bill Welborne** abd Detroit Chapter President **Miguel Thornton** visited Quest School in Taylor (MI) made a presentation about the history and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen for the schools Black History Month program. *Over 1000 people were in attendance.*



LOCAL NEWS

Friends of Detroit City Airport CDC
Detroit Aero Club and Detroit Fly Girls
Annual Black History Month Program



"Blacks in Aviation"

A Community Conversation

Thursday, February 28, 2019

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Coleman A. Young International Airport

(In the new "Friends of Detroit City Airport" Bldg)

11499 Conner

Detroit, MI 48213

Special Invited Guests:

Tuskegee Airmen

Black Pilots of America

Aviation Speakers

Pictorial Displays

Videos

Essay Contest on the lasting contributions of Tuskegee Airmen

Coleman A. Young & Benjamin O. Davis Jr. to the

Civil Rights struggle during WWII (1st, 2nd & 3rd prize)

Free Parking

Prizes

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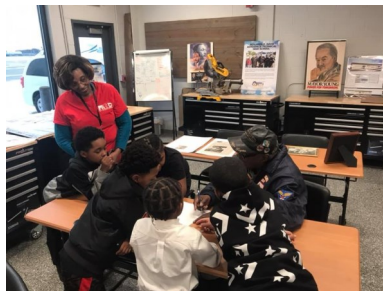
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FDCA Blacks in Aviation

The Friends of Detroit City Airport conducted their annual Black History Month's Blacks in Aviation youth program with special guest from the Black Pilots of America, the Macon-Thomas and Detroit Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.



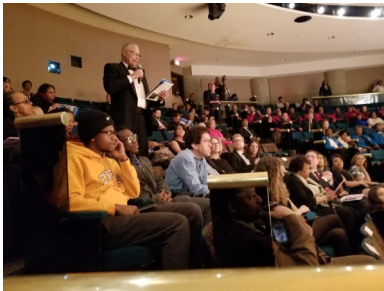
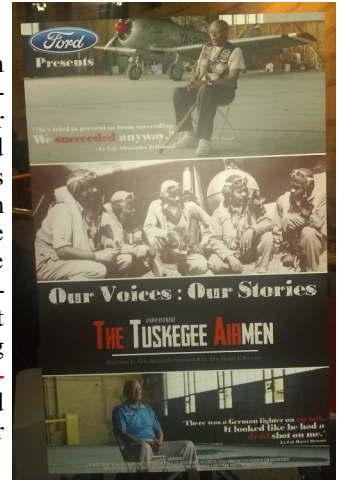
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30th Annual Salute, Reception and Dinner

On 23 Feb 19, the Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum held their 30th Annual Salute, Reception and Dinner at Detroit's famed Charles H Wright Museum of African American History. The evening was a recognition of the 1949 Air Force Air Gunnery meet in which a delegation from the still segregated 332nd Fighter Group won the Conventional class. Although they score the most points of all 12 fighter groups represented, it was not a head-to-head competition with the 5 jet class groups that were there because the jet groups could not participate in the skip bombing part of the competition. Also, recognized that night was the opening of an exhibit about the 1949 competition located in the museum's Coleman A. Young room. Attendees also got a chance to see a new documentary that will be used in educational settings called **Our Voices: Our Stories** and featuring Detroit chapter's own **LtCol (Ret) Harry T. Stewart, Jr** and **LtCol (Ret) Alexander Jefferson**. The evening ended with a Q&A session with Stewart and **LtCol (Ret) James Harvey** of Denver. He and Stewart are two (2) of the four (4) pilots that represented the 332nd in the 1949 competition.



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2019 Season of Out Reach (at time of press)

- 23 February 2019 – [Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum Open House at Charles H Wright MAAH](#) (Detroit, MI) [PICTURES](#)
- 6 March 2019 – [MacArthur K-8 University Academy PTA Meeting](#) (Southfield, MI) [PICTURES](#)
- 8 March 2019 – [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration @ Air Zoo](#) (Portage, MI) [PICTURES](#)
- 16 March 2019 – [Canton Car Cave Cars & Coffee](#) (Canton, MI)
- 29-31 March 2019 – [Mustangs Take Flight!](#) (Houston, TX) (R)(L)
- 13 April 2019 – [MOCSEM's National Mustang Day Celebration](#) (Dearborn, MI)
- 17-20 April 2019 – [55 Years of Mustang Event](#) (Concord, NC) (R)(L)
- 20 April 2019 – [Tail of the Dragon Drive](#) (Robbinsville, NC)(L)
- 11 May 2019 – [MUZIEKPARADE](#) (Holland, MI)(R)
- 18 May 2019 – [Great Lakes Stampede - All Ford & Mustang Show](#) (Birch Run, MI)(R)
- 19 May 2019 – [12th Annual Mid-Michigan Custom Car Show 2019](#) (Owosso, MI)
- 26 May 2019 – [St Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade](#) (St Clair Shores, MI)(R)
- 27 May 2019 – [National Memorial Day Parade](#) (Washington, DC)(R)
- 1 June 2019 – [High Beam Car Show](#) (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 8 June 2019 – [West Michigan Mustang Club's 38th Annual Mustang and All Ford Car Show](#) (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 15 June 2019 – [American Muscle 11th Annual Mustang Show](#) (Mohnton, PA)(R)

- 22-23 June 2019 – [Sloan Museum Auto Fair](#) (Flint, MI)
- 29 June 2019 – [MOCSEM Downriver Cruise](#) (Lincoln Park, MI)
- 14 July 2019 – [Warrior Appreciation Rally](#) (Frankenmuth, MI)(R)
- 20 July 2019 – [Mackinaw City Mustang Stampede](#) (Mackinaw City, MI)
- 27 July 2019 – [Main Street Memories](#) (Port Huron, MI)
- 3 August 2019 – [Thunder Over Michigan](#) (Willow Run, MI)(R)
- 4-7 & 10-11 August 2019 – [RedTails' Civil Rights Tour](#) (Memphis, TN, Birmingham, Montgomery & Tuskegee, AL and Walterboro, SC) [MAP](#)
- 8-9 August 2019 – [Tuskegee Airmen National Convention](#) (Orlando, FL)
- 11 August 2019 – [Classic Car/Motor Show AND Detroit Firemens' Field Day](#) (Detroit, MI)
- 17 August 2019 – [MOCSEM's Mustang Alley West](#) (Ferndale, MI)
- 18 August 2019 – [Mustang Memories](#) (Dearborn, MI)
- 25 August 2019 – [Cruisin Hines](#) (Westland, MI)(R)
- 31 August 2019 – [TEAMG838 4th Annual Car Show Honoring Those who Serve](#) (Bloomfield Hills, MI)(R)

- 6-7 September 2019 – [Mustang Week](#) (Myrtle Beach, SC)
- 8 September 2019 – [Frankenmuth AutoFest](#) (Frankenmuth, MI)



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Home Loan Guaranty	www.homeloans.va.gov
Records	www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel
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VA Forms.....	www.va.gov/vaforms
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