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ON THE COVER: The recognition of the Tuskegee Airmen and the Women's Air Service Pilots (WASPs) at the Lone Star Aerospace Museum

THE PRESIDENTS' PAGE



THE NEXT TWO CHAPTER MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 May 2019 & 13 June 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 my fellow Tuskegee Airmen and Women. This month is Special. It's where we pay homage to Mothers. Where would any of us be without our Mothers?

What are you Happy about? We have just lived through one fourth of the New Year. Do you believe that the best is yet to come? What are you PASSIONATE ABOUT?

The backbone of our organization is based upon what a few pilots with support personnel accomplished when all the odds were against them. Have you hugged a DOTA today, or even easier have you called one of them today to let them know how much YOU Love them?

Passion is a driving force that each of us have. It is good that we are not all passionate about the same thing (s). When we collectively exercise our passion, we all accomplish more. We know what our Tuskegee Airmen Vision is all about, now we must exercise our Passion within the framework of the Vision.

Ask yourselves the following questions:

Am I building people, or building my kingdom and using people?

Do I care enough to confront people when it would make a difference?

Am I listening with more than my ears?

Am I asking the right questions to develop the right relationships?

What are the major strengths of each individual?

We can if we dare walk in Unity. I hope that you all are having a beautiful day. This is the first day of the rest of your life. Let's live it as though it is the last day of our lives. With that in mind "what is the plan that God has given you to do this day?"

The Young Eagles Program begins on April 14, 2019 and goes through October. There will be no Young Eagles in May because the runway will be undergoing repairs. *Please see the schedule on the following page.*

The dates for the ACE Academy nor the rocket classes, robotics classes etc., from the Museum have not been shared as of this message.

Outings, Events and Activities

- ⇒ **We will take our chapter picture Thursday, 8 May, 2019. BRING YOUR BLUE BLAZER.**
- ⇒ We will participate in the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 26, 2019 We would like maximum participation. Stay tuned for more information.
- ⇒ The play "Black Angels Over Tuskegee" will be Sunday, May 19, 2018 (*see the next page for details*)
- ⇒ This year's Detroit River Days looks to be June 21-23, 2019. Stay tuned for more information
- ⇒ Thunder Over Michigan will be August 3-4, 2019. We will have a spot set up to sell products. We need maximum participation
- ⇒ The Tuskegee Airmen National Convention is in Orlando, Florida, August 8 - 10, 2019. Please consider participating. (*see the next page for details*)
- ⇒ The chapter and Detroit Redtail have been given a complementary vendor spot to sell product during the <http://cruisinhines.com/> cruise on Sunday, 25 August 2019. We need maximum participation
- ⇒ Detroit RedTail made a trip to Houston for the Mustangs Take Flight car show. See story latter in the news-letter.
- ⇒ Detroit RedTail will participate in the MuzikParade on 11 May 2019, during the Tulip Time celebration in Holland, Michigan. LtCol Alexander Jefferson will ride shotgun. Come up and spend the day with us.
- ⇒ Detroit RedTail will jump on the road directly after the St Clair Shores parade because they will participate in the National Veterans Day parade in Washington, DC on Monday.

Our Next Three Meeting Dates are

13 June 11 July No meeting in August 12 September

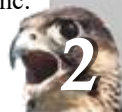
TO GOD BE THE GLORY,

Miguel Thornton

President

Detroit Chapter

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.



LOCAL HAPPENINGS



Tribute to Detroit Area and Original Tuskegee Airmen

There is a Full production of Layon 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://](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/detroit-heritage-theatre-festival-black-angels-)

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



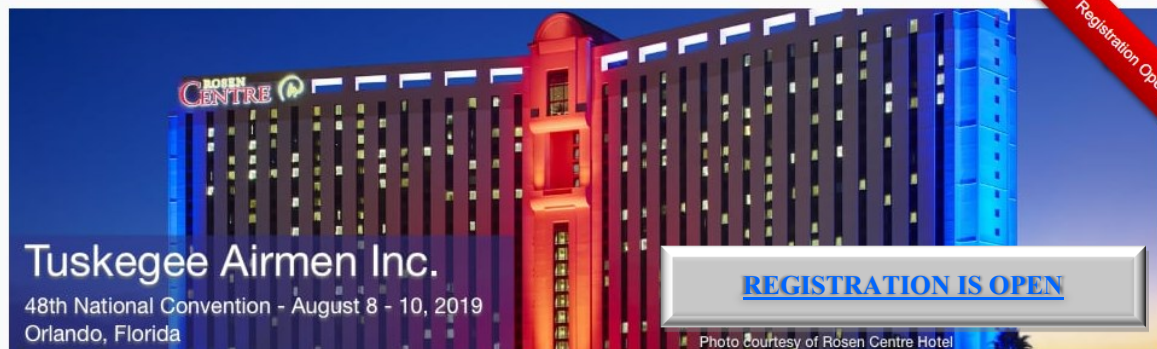
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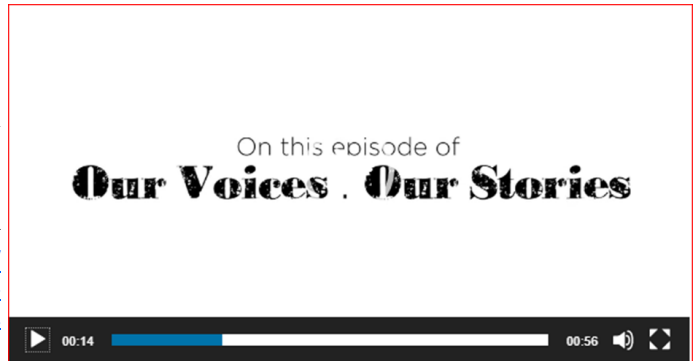
LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Tuskegee Fighter Pilots Visit Houston To Remember The Historic Flight Squadron *Retired Lieutenant Colonels Harry T. Stewart and Alexander Jefferson are featured in a documentary that premieres Monday at Space Center Houston.*

<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/local/2019/05/06/332150/tuskegee-fighter-pilots-visit-houston-to-remember-the-historic-flight-squadron/>
ALVARO 'AL' ORTIZ | POSTED ON MAY 6, 2019, 3:55 PM (LAST UPDATED: MAY 6, 2019, 4:18 PM)

Two World War II heroes are visiting Houston on Monday evening. Retired Lieutenant Colonels **Harry T. Stewart Jr.** and **Alexander Jefferson** flew numerous combat missions in Europe as part of the Tuskegee Airmen's 332nd Fighter Group, and will appear during a presentation of a documentary about their lives as fighter pilots in the historic squadron. The documentary is the first installment of a series titled "Our story: Our voices" and will be premiered at Space Center Houston at 6 p.m. The series was funded by the Ford Motor Company Fund and Pamela Alexander, the Director of Community Development with the fund, said they chose Houston because of its historic role in flight and space exploration. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American flying unit in the U.S. military. They got their name because they trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama. In the documentary, Stewart and Jefferson narrate their stories. They explain why they wanted to be fighter pilots and discuss the difficulties of the training and the hurdles they faced because the United States was segregated at the time. They also give a first-person account of participating in combat missions and the horrors of war. Stewart told News 88.7 the documentary is a "vivid and accurate" representation of their lives. "By virtue of their performance during World War II, they were instrumental in the government seeking to integrate the armed forces," Stewart, who flew 43 missions, said of the Tuskegee Airmen. Stewart said the Tuskegee Airmen were also an example for the African-American community because of their "perseverance and hard work." After the war, one of the highlights of Stewart's piloting career happened in 1949 when he was part of the Tuskegee Airmen team that won the first Air Force Weapons Meet, popularly known as Top Gun. After retiring from the Air Force, he tried to get a job as an airline pilot, but was rejected and ended up becoming a mechanical engineer and a top executive at a Detroit pipeline company.

You can watch a trailer of the documentary here:https://cdn.hpm.io/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/06152920/FGB-Holiday-Video.mp4?_=2



First stop this morning
with
KPRC Ch2 Houston
Harry T Stewart, Jr.,
Alexander
Jefferson and
Pamela Alexander

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Tuskegee Airmen visit Space Center Houston to share new documentary

<https://abc13.com/society/tuskegee-airmen-visit-space-center-houston-/5289408/>

By Melanie Lawson Tuesday, May 7, 2019 7:49PM

HOUSTON, Texas (KTRK) -- Some of the remaining Tuskegee Airmen were in Houston for a new documentary, which made its debut at the Space Center Houston this weekend. The Tuskegee Airmen earned a reputation



as some of the bravest combat pilots during World War II, even though they were treated as second class citizens. The new documentary follows the history of the Tuskegee Airmen who were trained to fly in a special army program in Alabama, but were later told they could not be a part of the war because of their race. At the time, the Armed Forces were still racially divided. But that changed when allied forces needed more pilots, and decided to use the Red Tails to escort bomber planes over Europe.

The men quickly earned a reputation for never losing a man in battle. Today, only about a dozen of the men are alive to tell their stories of courage. "I'm just happy I did my part. That's it. And if it benefits my race, too, that makes me proud," Tuskegee Airmen **Lt. Colonel Harry T. Stewart Jr.** said.



LOCAL HAPPENINGS

YB2C LIVE Ep #108 Tuskegee Airman Day at Detroit Heritage Theatre Festival

Apr 15, 2019

The Detroit Heritage Theatre Festival, now in its second year, is a 3-day celebration of the dramatic arts in Detroit. For 2019, the Festival will be held from Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19, at several iconic venues throughout the City of Detroit. **One of the scheduled events is a special showing and meet and greet for students of "Black Angels Over Tuskegee," the story of the Tuskegee Airmen, America's Original "Top Guns."** The Tuskegee Airmen were an elite group of highly experienced Black pilots who escorted and protected the Allied bomber planes during World War II. This event will be held at the Friends Auditorium of the Detroit Public Library and is a free event for students. In this episode, Karen Chappelle, the founder of the Detroit Heritage Theatre Festival, and **Dr. Brian Smith**, president of the Board of Directors for the Detroit Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum, discuss the importance of the theatre festival for Detroiters, and how the Tuskegee Airmen Foundation provides training in, and awareness of the various career options in aviation, especially for young people aged 14 years and older.



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Dr. Brian Smith, President, Tuskegee Airmen National Museum, click [here](#).

For more information about the 2019 Detroit Heritage Theatre Festival, click [here](#).

For more information about the Detroit Tuskegee Airmen National Museum, click [here](#).

<http://yb2clive.libsyn.com/yb2c-live-ep-108-tuskegee-airman-day-at-detroit-heritage-theatre-festival>

Roscoe Draper, Member Of Tuskegee Airmen, Celebrates 100th Birthday

By Erik Chambliss May 5, 2019 at 8:28 pm

Filed Under: Greater Philadelphia Chapter Of Tuskegee Airmen, Local, Local TV

<https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2019/05/05/roscoe-draper-tuskegee-airmen-birthday/>

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Roscoe Draper, a member of the legendary African American pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen, celebrated his 100th birthday Sunday. The celebration was hosted by Philadelphia's chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen. Draper was the team's flight instructor and is the oldest living airman from the area. In 1949, the Tuskegee Airmen were part of Army Air Corps program to train African Americans to fly and maintain combat aircraft. When 332nd Fighter Wing and its group and squadrons were inactivated, the airmen were assigned to those units, which resulted in the desegregation of the Air Force. He told Eyewitness News that he is loving life and he "has a lot more to go." "He's very happy to be 100-years-old, he loves people, he's very happy with his life. We enjoy his presence and he has a lot to teach us," said Norma Crocker, Draper's daughter. A college scholarship was presented to an aviation student as part of the birthday celebration.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

REDTAIL Outreach: 55 Years of Mustang and Mustang Owners Museum

Apr 15, 2019

From 17 to 19 April, Detroit Redtail, Inc's custom wrapped Tuskegee Airmen tribute vehicle, RedTail, ventured to Concord, North Carolina to participate in the 55 Years of Mustang celebration and grand opening of the Mustang Owners Museum. During the events, direct face-to-face outreach was made to close to 100 people at Charlotte Motor Speedway, the Mustang Owners Museum and Carpenter Industries, who reproduces Ford parts. During the three (3) day event, RedTail participated in a Guinness Book of World Record attempt of the most Mustangs in parade formation. Although, enough vehicles were registered to exceed the record, we fell short in actual participation. To view images and videos of the outreach, select the following links:

IMAGES:

[Mustang Owners Museum Grand Opening 2019](#)

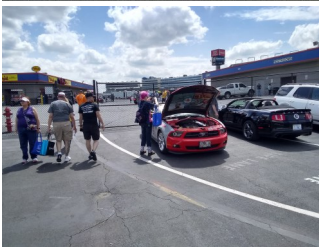
[Daniel Carpenter's Mustang Collection and Parts Restoration Manufacturing Tour](#)

[Charlotte Motor Speedway 55 Years of Mustang](#)

VIDEOS:

[RIDE ALONG with RedTail: Charlotte Motor Speedway PARADE](#)

[RIDE ALONG with RedTail: 55 Years of Mustang Charlotte Motor Speedway](#)



LOCAL HAPPENINGS

REDTAIL Outreach: Moonshiners 28 and Tail of the Dragon

Apr 15, 2019

On the way home from the 55 Years of Mustang events in Concord, North Carolina, RedTail took a detour though Robbinsville, North Carolina and cruised the Moonshiners 28 and the Tail of the Dragon. Direct face-to-face outreach was made with about 20 people. To view images and videos of the outreach, select the following links:

IMAGES:

[Tail of The Dragon](#)

VIDEOS:

[RIDE ALONG with RedTail: Moonshiner 28 From 74 to Deals Gap](#)

[RIDE ALONG with RedTail: Tail of The Dragon](#)



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Adventures of RedTail

On the sponsored Detroit RedTail page, there is a detailed (and [linked](#)) list of all of the events that Red-Tail is planning to participate in this year. The list is fluid. So some planned events will be added while some may be removed over the course of the season.

Give now with 

But, following are highlights of some of our biggest events planned for this year. If you can attend to support that would be great. If you can make a contribution to “Help Keep Red-Tail Rolling” so that we can get to these events, that would be even better. One can do so through the Givelify button at the top of the www.DetroitRedTail.org web site.

- ⇒ Holland’s **Tulip Time MuzikParade** will be through the streets of Holland, Michigan on 11 May 2019. RedTail will participate with LtCol (Ret) Alexander Jefferson riding “shotgun.” This is a closed parade and participants have to be selected and accepted.
- ⇒ **St Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade** on Sunday, 26 May 2019. LtCol (Ret) Alexander Jefferson will be riding “shotgun” again.
- ⇒ **American Veterans Center National Memorial Day Parade** in Washington, D.C. on 27 May 2019. RedTail will leave immediately after the St. Claire Shores parade to Washington, D.C. We will be reaching out to a local D.C. DOTA to ride “shotgun” with us. Possibly Col (Ret) Charles McGee. This is a closed parade and participants have to be selected and accepted. National Memorial Day Parade - Trailer (2019) <https://youtu.be/tJHZEWSxLuA>
- ⇒ **American Muscle 11th Annual Mustang Show** in Mohnton, PA on 15 June 2019.
- ⇒ **Hot Wheels Legends Tour** in Dearborn on 29 June 2019. This is a closed show and participants have to be selected and accepted. RedTail was accepted. Hot Wheels makes a toy version of the winner of the show.
- ⇒ **RedTails' Civil Rights Tour** through Nashville (TN) and Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery and Tuskegee (AL) from the 4th through the 6th of August on our way to the TAI National Convention. We will be visiting a number of civil rights museums and reaching out to make presentations there.
- ⇒ **Mustang Week** from 6 to 7 September 2019 in Myrtle Beach, SC



Grandson Remembers Former Tuskegee Airman From Fort Worth

Sgt. John Flanagan died Saturday at 96 years old

By Noelle Walker

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<https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Grandson-Remembers-Former-Tuskegee-Airman-from-Fort-Worth-509550131.html>

Over the weekend, one of the last Tuskegee Airmen in North Texas passed away. Sgt. John Flanagan's grandson talks about his life and legacy. (Published Monday, May 6, 2019) Sgt. John Flanagan was a young man when he went off to war in the 1940s. He died Saturday at the age of 96.

His grandson, Terrance Flanagan, believed he was the last of the Tuskegee Airmen in Fort Worth.



"He was very generous and open-hearted," Flanagan said of his grandfather. "It's totally a different generation. They were very dedicated in the things that they chose to do."

Sgt. Flanagan was part of the support crew of the 99th Squadron, the first black military aviators. They flew more than 1,500 missions and 15,500 combat sorties during World War II and helped pave the way to desegregate the military. "Understanding the story behind the airmen, the country itself might be different without that," Flanagan explained. "So it makes me feel proud that he was a part of it."

"It allowed for a lot of us to do a lot of things we're doing now," said Flanagan, who also served his country, in the Marines. He said his grandfather had a motto: "If you push yourself and you set your mind to it, you can achieve it."

President George W. Bush awarded the Tuskegee Airmen the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2007. Flanagan was among those that visited the White House.

"What he strived to do was always perfection," his grandson said. "Whether that was something he grew up and learned, or whether that was something that was instilled in the Tuskegee Airmen ... I'm not sure, but that's how he lived."

The family said it was planning a funeral service for next week.

Tuskegee Airman Dr. Granville Coggs passes away at 93

Dr. Coggs was part of the first group of African American pilots and support staff in the United States Military.

Author: KENS 5 Staff

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<https://www.kens5.com/article/news/local/tuskegee-airman-dr-granville-coggs-passes-away-at-93/273-a87d7951-d417-427e-9d82-e6fc872d0b53>

SAN ANTONIO — One of the last surviving members of the Tuskegee Airmen has died, the Medical Examiner confirmed Tuesday. Dr. Granville Coggs was 93 years old and lived in San Antonio. The Tuskegee Airmen were founded in 1941. They were the first group of African American pilots and support staff in the United States Military. Dr. Coggs and his wife, Maud, met in college and got married in 1946. He earned a degree from Harvard medical school and worked for decades detecting breast cancer as a diagnostic radiologist. Maud was by his side through it all. She also coached him to greatness as a senior track athlete in the late 1990's.





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2019 Season of Out Reach *(at time of press)*

- 11 May 2019 – [MUZIEKPARADE](#) (Holland, MI) (R)(L)
- 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) (R)
- 26 May 2019 – [St Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade](#) (St Clair Shores, MI) (R)
- 27 May 2019 – [National Memorial Day Parade](#) (Washington, DC) (R) (L)
- 1 June 2019 – [High Beam Car Show](#) (Grand Rapids, MI) (R)
- 8 June 2019 – [West Michigan Mustang Club's 38th Annual Mustang and All Ford Car Show](#) (Grand Rapids, MI) (R)
- 15 June 2019 – [American Muscle 11th Annual Mustang Show](#) (Mohnton, PA) (R)(L)
- 22-23 June 2019 – [Sloan Museum Auto Fair](#) (Flint, MI) (R)
- 29 June 2019 – [Hot Wheels Legends Tour](#) (Dearborn, MI) (R)
- 14 July 2019 – [Warrior Appreciation Rally](#) (Frankenmuth, MI) (R)
- 20 July 2019 – [6th Annual Mackinaw City Mustang Stampede](#) (Mackinaw City, MI) (R)(L)
- 27 July 2019 – [Main Street Memories](#) (Port Huron, MI) (R)
- 3 August 2019 – [Thunder Over Michigan](#) (Willow Run, MI) (R)
- 4-7 & 10-11 August 2019 – [RedTails' Civil Rights Tour](#) (Nashville, TN,

- Birmingham, Montgomery and Tuskegee, AL) [MAP](#) (L)
- 8-9 August 2019 – [Tuskegee Airmen National Convention](#) (Orlando, FL) (R)(L)
- 11 August 2019 – [Classic Car/Motor Show AND Detroit Firemens' Field Day](#) (Detroit, MI) (R)
- 17 August 2019 – [MOCSEM's Mustang Alley West](#) (Ferndale, MI) (R)
- 18 August 2019 – [Mustang Memories](#) (Dearborn, MI) (R)
- 25 August 2019 – [Cruisin Hines](#) (Westland, MI) (R)
- 31 August 2019 – [TEAMG8#38 4th Annual Car Show Honoring Those who Serve](#) (Bloomfield Hills, MI) (R)
- 6-7 September 2019 – [Mustang Week](#) (Myrtle Beach, SC) (R)(L)
- 8 September 2019 – [Frankenmuth AutoFest](#) (Frankenmuth, MI) (R)(L)



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