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ON THE COVER: The wining design for the Tuskegee Airmen based America the Beautiful Quarter. The images will appear on the “tails” side of the 2021 quarter that represents the state of Alabama. See page 8 for more information about the design.



THE PRESIDENTS' PAGE



THE NEXT TWO CHAPTER MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 September 2019 & 10 October 2019 Meeting @ 1900 hours (7:00 p.m.)

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

At the Friends-Detroit City Airport / Youth in Aviation Bldg [FoDCA / YAB]
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 all has been going well for you. The past two plus months have been busy but rewarding. Two of our DOTA'S have been invited to numerous places all over the U.S. and have been sharing our story all over. They'll share some of their exploits at our next two meetings. Over the summer there were several other significant events, our Annual Cruise, National Conference and Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, along with many presentations. Detroit RedTail even had 38 outreaches throughout Michigan and across the country that included a civil rights trail cruise through Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama and five (5) parades to include the National Memorial Day parade in Washington, D.C.

Our Annual Cruise was excellent, although attendance was down. We Honored LTC. Donald Davenport, LTC. Harry Stewart, LTC. Alexander Jefferson, MSGT Al Jamison, Civil Air Patrol Students 1Ac Victor Torres and 1Ac Jose Carrion with The Presidents Golden Eagle Awards and Certificates of Appreciation. Our first ever professionally done Program booklet was prepared by our own Heritage member James Mays (son of DOTA J Caulton Mays). Although attendance was low, our spirit was high, and we all had a marvelous time God is Good.

Thunder Over Michigan was a tremendous Air Show although neither of the two marquee flying teams were present. Our merchandising TEAM worked in space provided by the Tuskegee Airmen Museum. They were able to implement our new computerized system of sales and inventory. By next year, when there will be several Air Shows, we'll have the bugs worked out. Bill Welborn can always use more help. Please volunteer.

The TAI annual convention theme this year was "Excellence Equals Empowerment." The four major items that interested me at the Convention were, Resolutions, Financials Veterans Benefits and hosting the 50th Annual Convention in Detroit. There were many other activities and sessions. Both First Vice President Gwen McNeal and Board Member Eric Palmer attended other sessions and Red Tail was on display for the Convention. Three (3) DOTAs had a chance to sign it. I'll share more detail about the sessions that I attended at our meeting on Thursday the 12th.

We are looking forward to closing out fiscal 2019 with a bang, we have special folks going to Reno, NV, Washington, D.C. and Palm Springs, California. Several presentations are set for October, November and December. More will be shared at our meeting. See you Thursday and God Bless you all. If you haven't volunteered for a TEAM then do so, we need you and our YOUTH need you also.

Lastly, we, here at the Detroit Chapter, want to send our thoughts and prayers to the friends, family and members of the St. Charles chapter for the loss of their President, Franklin J.P. Augustus and also of the friends, family and staff of WVUE for the loss of their long-time anchor, Nancy Parker who perished in a plane crash, of which Parker was doing a story about Augustus and the Tuskegee Airmen. See page three (3) to view the celebration of life for Augustus.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY,

Miguel Thornton

President

Detroit Chapter

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.



Convention Shots



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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):

⇒ October 13, 2019



SAVE THE DATE

Our Voices: Our Stories
The Tuskegee Airmen (2019) Film
Free Outdoor Screening!

"Our Voices: Our Stories – The Tuskegee Airmen" is a new documentary that focuses on the stellar military careers of Tuskegee Airmen Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson and Lt. Col. Harry T. Stewart Jr. – two riveting first-person accounts of what life was like as combat pilots in the 332nd Fighter Group during WWI. "Our Voices: Our Stories" is a new documentary series by Ford Fund, highlighting the inspirational stories of African Americans who have accomplished things no one thought possible – achievements that shaped our country's history or are laying a foundation for its future. Part of Cinema Circus at FREC. Bring your chairs and blankets! Free popcorn and bottled water for all attendees. Monday, November 11 2019 at 5:00pm at FREC Eastside in Ann Arbor, Michigan. <https://www.michtheater.org/show/our-voices-our-stories-the-tuskegee-airmen-2019/>



This file photo provided by NOLA.com shows Franklin Augustus and his Pitts Special Plane.

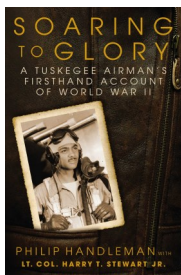
WATCH: Celebration of life for Franklin Augustus at Lakefront Airport

<https://www.fox8live.com/2019/08/31/celebration-life-planned-franklin-augustus-lakefront-airport/>

August 31, 2019 at 11:54 AM CDT - Updated August 31 at 8:04 PM NEW ORLEANS, La. (WVUE) - A celebration of life will take place Saturday (Aug. 31) for Franklin Augustus, the pilot flying with Nancy Parker. Augustus had 50 years of flying experience and friends say he always loved giving back to the community. "How do I describe Franklin? Sweet, smiley, kind, he was a charitable minded person with

his projects. He was super smart," longtime friend Gerald Herbert said. The pilot, who flew in honor of the Tuskegee Airmen, often visited schools, hospitals and churches to encourage children to explore aviation. He invented a superhero character, the Drug Fighter, to encourage kids to stay in school and off drugs. Augustus, 69, died on Aug. 16 when his plane went down in New Orleans East. Copyright 2019 WVUE. All rights reserved.

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A TUSKEGEE AIR-
MAN'S FIRSTHAND
ACCOUNT OF
WORLD WAR II
IS AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT
AMAZON AND
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Mark October 10th on your calendar

Council President Brenda Jones presents the Third Annual Detroit Infinite Scholars Fair! This event will ensure that high school students in Detroit and surrounding area are provided an opportunity of receiving free onsite scholarship funds and acceptance letters from over 40 colleges and universities. Last year we had over \$11 Million Offered in Scholarships! Please share this information with all high school students, teachers and parents.

High School Seniors

Bring 15-20 packets of the following: high school transcript, ACT/SAT test scores, recommendation letters, an essay titled "Why I Want To Attend College", along with a resume.***



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Davis Aerospace Technical High School returning to Detroit Airport after five year absence

<http://www.fox2detroit.com/news/local-news/davis-aerospace-technical-high-school-returning-to-detroit-airport-after-five-year-absence>

Posted Sep 03 2019 07:26PM EDT Video Posted Sep 03 2019 07:02PM EDT

DETROIT (FOX 2) - Pilots are paid the most - and they also get the girls. That's what **Lt. Col. Lawrence Millben**, the president of the Davis Aerospace Advisory Board said on Tuesday. It was the first week of class at the flight academy, where students kick off a future in aeronautics - an apparently cool and lucrative field. But they don't only

teach piloting at the academy. "We could make a pilot in roughly 100 hours, but it takes about 1,500 hours to make them a mechanic," said Millben. The academy trains prospective students to become mechanics for planes, and pilots to fly them. This year, 27 students will attend classes at the Detroit City Airport from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you're lucky, you'll even get to fly one before high school is over. "This gives inner-city children the ability to get an education and get a very high-paying job when they graduate," Millben said. "Somewhere between \$60,000 and \$80,000 a year. You can make it and we have people that do." The school, which started in 1943 on the grounds of the Detroit City Airport was renamed to honor Benjamin O. Davis, the commander of the World War II Tuskegee Airmen and the first African American Air Force General. But in 2012, the school was moved away from the airport. Now, five years since it's move the school is returning to the airport. "You don't have to get a college degree to come out here," said **Alfonzo King**, who works on the advisory board. "All you have to get is your FAA certificate and start working then they can move up from there." Members of the school say you don't have to be particularly smart to join the program, as it's a very teachable field. But that doesn't mean there aren't some unofficial pre-requisites the school is after. "We're looking for a committed student. A parent who also has buy-ins," said Beverly Kindle-Wacker, executive director of the Friends of the Detroit City Airport. "Parents need to help our young people to find out where they want to go eventually."

Please join us for The Victory Gala



The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial's Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, October 12, 2019

GM Heritage Center
6400 Center Drive
Sterling Heights, 48312

The Victory Gala includes:

- Access to the GM Heritage Center's 81,000 square feet of historical automotive displays, including 167 vintage and concept vehicles
- Strolling dinner catered by Two Unique Catering
- Live and silent auctions
- The Victory Awards.

The Heritage Center is not open to the public. This is your chance to view classic and concept cars, bid on some great auction items, and honor our Victory Award winners as we raise money for The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.



Be sure to invite friends and family Help us spread the word!

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Looking forward to seeing you at The Victory Gala!

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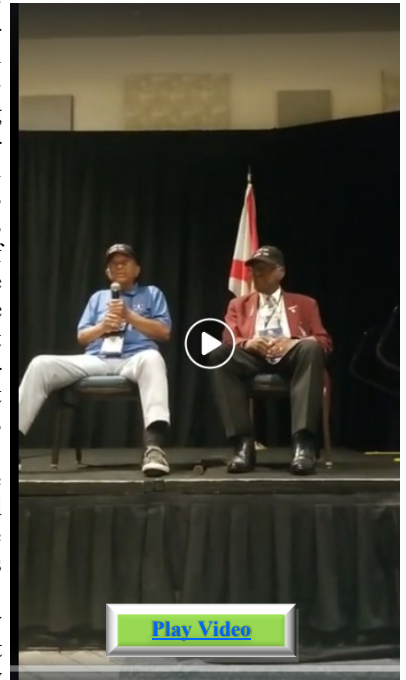
Harry Stewart Jr., among other graduates of Tuskegee Flying School in Alabama, 1944. PHOTO: U.S. AIR FORCE VIA HARRY STEWART JR.

A Tuskegee Airman Turns 95 America isn't perfect, but it was and still is worth fighting for.

From the Wall Street Journal Opinion| Commentary
By Documented Original Tuskegee Airman Harry Stewart
July 2, 2019 7:15 pm ET

I was born on Independence Day 95 years ago. On June 27, 1944, I graduated from Tuskegee Army Flying School, established in Alabama shortly before America's entry into World War II to train young African-American men as Army combat pilots. My journey to the flight line started in my high-school library in the New York City borough of Queens. I came across a magazine article about the first all-black flying combat unit, the 99th Pursuit Squadron. I decided right then that when I turned 18 the squadron was where I wanted to serve.

These black flyers had glamour, polish, prestige. The Army Air Forces accepted me even though I had no high-school diploma. The country needed pilots, I was gung-ho, and I had passed the battery of written tests. The train ride down South was eye-opening for a teenager who'd never traveled far from New York. When the train crossed the Mason-Dixon Line, the conductor came by and pointed at me: "Move to the colored car." It was disconcerting, but I saw it as an unavoidable hurdle to earning my wings. I swallowed hard and kept going. At Tuskegee Army Airfield, the sky filled with silvery planes emblazoned with the Army Air Forces star-in-circle insignia. The big-barreled trainers emitted a raspy cacophony from their radial engines and fast-turning propellers. You felt you were part of something big, something magnificent. You weren't just learning to fly; you were serving your country, and you were going to fight. At the controls of P-51 Mustangs, I flew 43 combat missions with the 332nd Fighter Group, known as the Red Tails. Our commander was the legendary Benjamin O. Davis Jr., who had endured four years of the silent treatment from white cadets at West Point but nevertheless managed to graduate 35th out of a class of 276. At our mission briefings, he implored us, "Gentlemen, stay with the bombers!" His convictions were encapsulated in his statement: "The privileges of being an American belong to those brave enough to fight for them." On Easter Sunday 1945, I shot down three long-nosed Focke-Wulf Fw 190s, the best piston fighters in the Luftwaffe inventory. That action resulted in my receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross. I was thankful that my country had given me the opportunity to fly and fight, and all these years later I am proud that I contributed to the cause. We called it winning the Double V, victory against totalitarianism abroad and institutional racism at home. July 4 is my birthday, but I celebrate my country's birthday too. America was not perfect in the 1940s and is not perfect today, yet I fought for it then and would do so again. Mr. Stewart is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and subject of a new biography, "Soaring to Glory: A Tuskegee Airman's Firsthand Account of World War II," written by Philip Handleman. Copyright ©2019 Dow Jones & Company, Inc. All Rights Reserved. 87990cbe856818d5ed-dac44c7b1cdeb8 Appeared in the July 3, 2019, print edition.



DOTAs Harry Stewart and James Harvey discuss the 1949 gunnery meet in which they became the "1st Top Guns"

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Opinion: Given opportunity and training, 'anyone can succeed'

By Documented Original Tuskegee Airman Harry Stewart

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<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2019/08/08/opinion-given-opportunity-and-training-anyone-can-succeed/1942543001/>

As an African American growing up in New York City during the 1930s, my opportunities were limited, but one of the greatest things about America is the notion that one's dreams can come true. My fascination with flight started when I observed airplanes cruising overhead that reflected the era's technological progress. They captured young imaginations — especially mine. A teary-eyed junior high school guidance counselor told me that my goal to become a pilot was unattainable because of my race. But the way I saw it, airplanes would fly the same regardless of the color of the person at the controls. Shortly thereafter I learned of an “all-Negro” flying unit: the 99th Pursuit Squadron. Finally, I had something tangible to pursue, a means to achieve my dream. After Pearl Harbor, I volunteered for the military, and my request to join the Army Air Forces was granted. Filled with pride, I boarded the train that was to carry me from New York to basic training in Biloxi, Mississippi. As the train rolled south from Washington, D.C.'s Union Station, the conductor told me to move to the “colored car.” Here I was, on my way to defend liberty against Hitler's racist tyranny, being subjected to racial discrimination in my own country. At Tuskegee, Alabama, site of the Army's historic black flying school, I began pilot training. On flights in open-cockpit trainers, inhaling the aroma of the rich farmland below and feeling the wind against my face was exhilarating—simply magical! In April 1945, I was on a mission over an Austrian air base when my element was ambushed by a gaggle of Messerschmitts and Focke-Wulfs. I was twenty years old and grateful to be flying my P-51 Mustang, an exquisite high-performance fighter plane. In the fierce dogfight that ensued, I left three of the Luftwaffe fighters in flames. The action resulted in my being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. As gratifying as it was to fight for freedom abroad, it was discouraging to return home to find that little had changed. The airlines would not hire me as a pilot because of the industry's discriminatory employment policies at the time. Rather than give in, I put myself through college at night — while working hard during the day — to pursue a career in engineering. I had no firm plans to relate these stories in a memoir, but well-known aviation historian, local airport owner and longtime friend Philip Handleman urged me to cooperate with him in a book so that the history I lived would not be lost. I consented and Philip brought it to fruition. Soaring to Glory: A Tuskegee Airman's Firsthand Account of World War II never would have happened without Philip's prodding and authorship. I'm proud of the job he did and pleased that there is a beautifully written and historically accurate record of my time as a Tuskegee Airman. Thanks largely to Philip's advocacy, we Tuskegee Airmen were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2007. The honor was vindication of our dream that America would one day awake to her underlying principles. And the lesson is that anyone can succeed if given the opportunity and the training — we proved it. Soaring to Glory is an adventure brimming with hope, dreams, justice and, yes, glory. So, the next time someone tells you that you can't do something, look to the sky and reach for the impossible. **Harry Stewart is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, Documented Original Tuskegee Airman and the subject of the new biography, Soaring to Glory: A Tuskegee Airman's Firsthand Account of World War II, written by Philip Handleman.**



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Living Tuskegee Airman Col. Harry Stewart Jr. Joins Kevin



The Morning Answer



A Tuskegee Airmen on shooting down Nazis and civil rights today

Lt Col Harry Stewart is a Tuskegee Airman and talks to Joey about Patriotism and the challenges he has faced and overcome.



Everyday Black History: Afro Appreciation »

Soaring to Glory: Interview with Tuskegee Airman Lt Col Harry Stewart

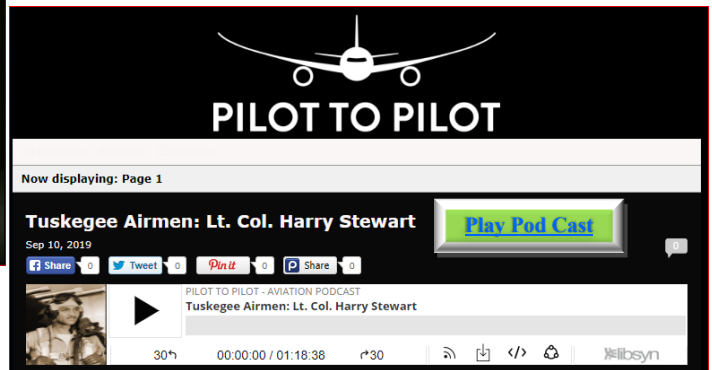
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By Everyday Black History: Afro A. Discovered by Player FM and our community — copyright is owned by the publisher, not Player FM, and audio streamed directly from their servers. Today we have a treat for our listeners. We have the honor and privilege of talking to one of the last remaining members of the vaunted and groundbreaking Tuskegee Airman. We talk about his autobiography, Soaring to Glory and some of his experiences before and after WW II and

how he was able to overcome obstacles to become a living legend. Check it out. You will definitely enjoy listening to it as much as i did interviewing him :)



Tony Dungy's dad was a Tuskegee Airman in World War II — but he didn't talk to his family about his experience. Now Tony Dungy talks to a 95-year-old Tuskegee Airman named Harry T. Stewart, Jr. about what World War II was like for the famed African-American pilots.

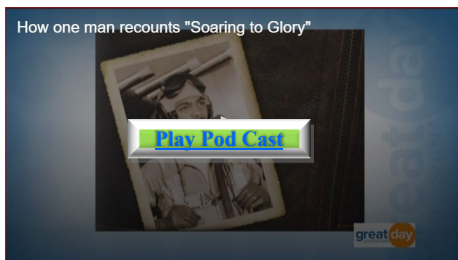


How one man recounts "Soaring to Glory"

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Overcoming the racism woven into the fabric of the time, Lt. Col. Harry Stewart, Jr. recounts his journey to becoming a member of the elite Tuskegee Airmen in his book "Soaring to Glory: A Tuskegee Airman's Firsthand Account of World War II".

<https://www.wvlv.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-louisiana/how-one-man-recounts-soaring-to-glory/289-6d3f309f-fbb2-41ba-9012-b83772bafd01>



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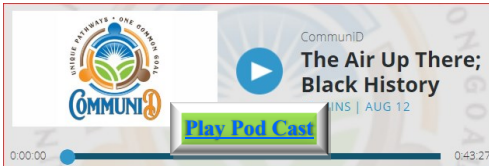
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Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site

Designer: Chris Costello

Sculptor-Engraver: Phebe Hemphill

Mr. Costello's design depicts a Tuskegee Airman suiting up to join the fight during World War II with the Moton Field control tower in the background. The pilot looks upward with pride and confidence as two P-51 Mustangs pass overhead. The inscription THEY FOUGHT TWO WARS is arced across the top as a reference to the dual battles the Tuskegee Airmen fought — fascism abroad and racial discrimination at home. Inscriptions are TUSKEGEE AIRMEN, ALABAMA, 2021, and E PLURIBUS UNUM.

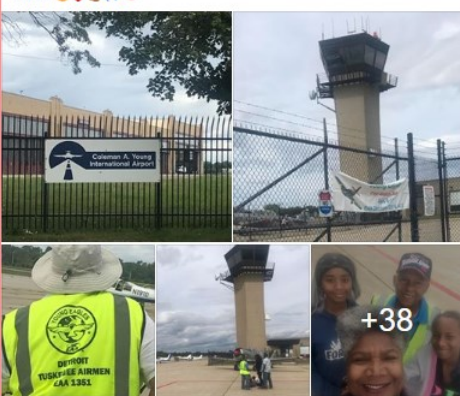


CommuniD - The Podcast Episode #24: The Air Up There; Black History

The baritone voice and commanding stature are not lost on **Eric Palmer**. As a husband, father, actor, and worship leader, he is a man of many gifts. Yet, a

few years ago, he launched a unique and heartfelt tribute to the honorable and heroic Tuskegee Airmen. It's uber-cool as he talks about his labor of love, Detroit and preparation for his road trip following the Civil Rights trail across the U.S. Great conversation with my CT Brother!

CommuniD is hosted by Audra Carson the founder and leader of Izzie LLC. CommuniD is produced by Val Ward.



The clouds held back for a couple of hours and allowed for some flying of youth between the ages of 8-17 yrs old for free. The Tuskegee Airmen National Museum and the Young Eagles Program sponsors this opportunity every year. The last fly date of the season is Sunday October 13, 2019. Join us next time, weather permitting! Expanding horizons. Praise God! 09/08/19 [Beverly Kindle-Walker](#)

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In remembrance...

Fifteen years ago today, Sept. 4, 2004, I attended the funeral of Columbus, Miss. resident, USAF Retired, Lt. Col. Alva N. Temple. A WWII veteran, Tuskegee Airman "Red-Tail" pilot, he left his imprint in history overseas and at home.

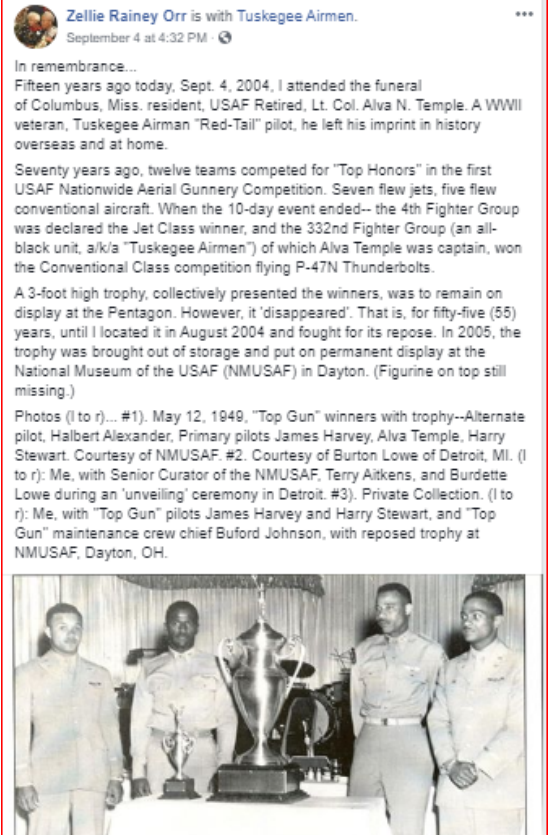
Seventy years ago, twelve teams competed for "Top Honors" in the first USAF Nationwide Aerial Gunnery Competition. Seven flew jets, five flew conventional aircraft. When the 10-day event ended-- the 4th Fighter Group was declared the Jet Class winner, and the 332nd Fighter Group (an all-black unit, a/k/a "Tuskegee Airmen") of which Alva Temple was captain, won the Conventional Class competition flying P-47N Thunderbolts.

A 3-foot high trophy, collectively presented the winners, was to remain on display at the Pentagon. However, it 'disappeared'. That is, for fifty-five (55) years, until I located it in August 2004 and fought for its repose. In 2005, the trophy was brought out of storage and put on permanent display at the National Museum of the USAF (NMUSAF) in Dayton. (Figurine on top still missing.)



with reposed trophy at NMUSAF, Dayton, OH.

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Photos (l to r)... #1). May 12, 1949, "Top Gun" winners with trophy--Alternate pilot, Halbert Alexander, Primary pilots James Harvey, Alva Temple, Harry Stewart. Courtesy of NMUSAF. #2. Courtesy of Burton Lowe of Detroit, MI. (l to r): Me, with Senior Curator of the NMUSAF, Terry Aitkens, and Burdette Lowe during an 'unveiling' ceremony in Detroit. #3). Private Collection. (l to r): Me, with "Top Gun" pilots James Harvey and Harry Stewart, and "Top Gun" maintenance crew chief Buford Johnson,

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A \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor reopened the student aviation program at Detroit City Airport. The new space includes a classroom laboratory. // Photo by R.J. King

Aviation Program for Students Reopens at Detroit City Airport Following \$1M Gift from Anonymous Donor

The Benjamin O. Davis Aerospace Technical High School returns most of its curriculum today to the original start of the aviation career-focused program at Coleman A. Young International Airport, more commonly known as Detroit City Airport. By R.J. King September 3, 2019

https://www.dbususiness.com/daily-news/aviation-program-for-students-reopens-at-detroit-city-airport-following-1m-gift-from-anonymous-donor/?fbclid=IwAR1mUmub7YITdL0Ayy7a4I0bnGXW7P5PuYIF-OxJlgaP1pX_uCOzUfp0

The Benjamin O. Davis Aerospace Technical High School returns most of its curriculum today to the original start of the aviation career-focused program at Coleman A. Young International Airport, more commonly known as Detroit City Airport. Following a \$1-million gift from an anonymous donor, the Friends of Detroit City Airport, a quasi-public development agency, transformed a maintenance building immediately south of the airport's former passenger terminal into a multi-faceted operation that offers a

large classroom and laboratory, an assembly room that includes a mural of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, a conference room, and an upcoming computer lab and a communications room. In the next year or so, the Friends of City Airport plans to add a hanger that would attach to the south end of the school. To help bring attention to the reopening of the school at the airfield, Friends of Detroit City Airport, the Civil Air Patrol, the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Detroit City Airport officials, and others have hosted a series of programs for more than 300 Detroit youth including field trips, robotics classes, assistance with the annual FIRST Robotics Competition, and an open house. "We will introduce the students to aviation careers that include becoming a military, a commercial, or a private pilot as well as studies in aircraft mechanics, ground crew operations, air traffic control, technicians, and avionics," says Beverly Kindle-Walker, executive director of Friends of Detroit City Airport. "We're also looking to bring in additional educational offerings and are reaching out to Wayne County Community College (which has a nearby school along Connor Avenue)." To start, around 35 students from the Golightly Career and Tech Center, a school located a few miles away that supported the Davis curriculum after it left Detroit City Airport, are being bussed to the airport every weekday for training from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Students can earn a license to be a private pilot once they are 16 years old. "Throughout the year, the students will be able to study and get tours of aircraft from the military, the Coast Guard, and others," says Alfonso King, a board member of Friends of Detroit City Airport. "The U.S. Air Force also offers students a free, four-year college degree with four years of service, and you can attend school while you're in the service." Students also can attend college via the Detroit Promise, a program that funds two- and four-year college degree programs and is administered by the Detroit Regional Chamber (with support from the Michigan Education Excellence Foundation). The so-called Detroit Scholarship Fund, which was started by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2011, is available to all high school students in Detroit. "The training at Davis will help students enter the aviation industry, where they can earn \$45,000 a year coming out of high school," says Tony Stevenson, a Friends of Detroit City Airport board member. "From there, you can get a commercial license following four years of college. The bigger the plane you fly, the bigger your paycheck." The Davis school also will offer a tutoring program. MIG Construction in Detroit donated its services in renovating the school building. The original high school was closed a few years ago due to cuts made by Detroit Public Schools Community District, and it was transferred to the Detroit Fire Department. Today, the former school, located at the west end of the airfield, is used as a training site for the fire department. In recent news, the main runway at Detroit City Airport was redone with grooved pavement to help disperse water when aircraft land. New lighting along the 5,090-foot runway also was added, along with new lighting for the taxiways. On-site aircraft rescue services were re-added, as well. The city's overall recovery, along with the opening of Little Caesars Arena, has been drawing additional air traffic to Detroit City Airport over the last five years. Mayor Mike Duggan also is studying a plan to expand the main runway to provide for more private aircraft, while another part of the airport may be redeveloped for a logistics or light assembly facility.

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Military, first responders honored at Warrior Appreciation Rally

April Morton, Stephen Borowy (Source: WNEM)

Posted Jul 14, 2019

https://www.wnem.com/news/military-first-responders-honored-at-warrior-appreciation-rally/article_4f97610-a68a-11e9-890d-6748772849c4.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

Members of the community came out to the Independence Village of Frankenmuth for the Warrior Appreciation Rally. The event, now in its 6th year, honors military, police, EMS, and firefighters with free food, games, and helpful resources.

Even though Assistant Frankenmuth Fire Chief Phillip Haubenstricker was an honoree, he was there to honor those who have served our country. "Sit back and just take one minute just to say thanks for all the sacrifices and the abilities and the comforts we have because people make sacrifices, so we need to do that," Haubenstricker said. Veterans from all walks of life have made tremendous sacrifices, like Howard Myers who lost his eyesight while serving in Vietnam. "At 20-years-old I had both of my eyes removed because of the land mine explosion," Myers said. Myers said he returned from the war with frustration and despair. But through that tragedy and with help from his son, he went on to write a book called Blind Vision: A Veteran's Story from Trauma to Triumph. He hopes his journey will encourage others. "If you can change your attitude, you can change your life," Myers said. Like Myers, being forced to change your life due to physical or mental trauma is a reality for many being honored. This is why organizers say showing appreciation is so important. "Just as a thank you, to thank all of them that protect our lives," said Judy Adams, an event organizer. Next year the event will be held behind the River Place Shops in Frankenmuth. See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.



New Mickey York "All Over the Place" at the Hot Wheels Legends Tour Detroit !

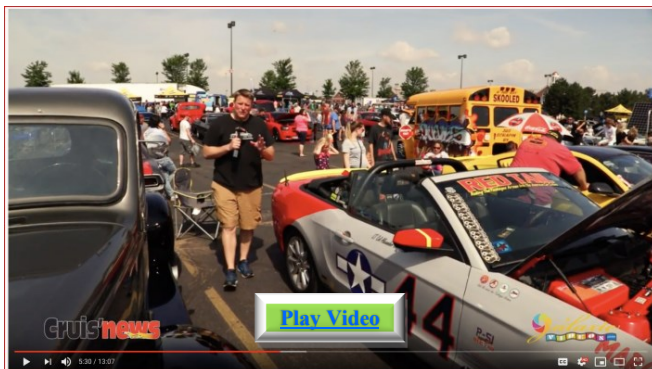
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See Mickey's [Video](#) giving RedTail praise.

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6th Annual Mackinaw City Mustang Stampede

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RedTail engaged with approximately 200 people indirectly and 100 directly during this event on 20

July 2019

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GM Global Tech Center and Local 160 Employee Car Show

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

See [VIDEO](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 500 people indirectly and 150 directly during this event on 24 July 2019

Port Huron Main Street Memories

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

See [VIDEO](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 400 people indirectly and 125 directly during this event on 27 July 2019



New Life Deliverance Veteran Dinner and Service

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 30 people directly during this event on 28 July 2019



2019 Charivari Detroit

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See [VIDEO](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 200 people indirectly and 60 directly during this event on 2 August 2019



Goodrich Car Show

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See [VIDEO](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 350 people indirectly and 80 directly during this event on 3 August 2019

DOTA Alexander Jefferson & Pattengill Elementary Picnic Day

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

See [VIDEO](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 75 people indirectly and 50 directly during this event on 3 August 2019



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Tuskegee Airmen National Convention

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 200 people indirectly and 100 directly during this event on 8-9 August 2019



UAW-Ford Dream Cruise & Caravan

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

See [VIDEO](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 500 people indirectly and 100 directly during this event on 16-17 August 2019



Detroit Super Roll 2019

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

See [VIDEO](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 400 people indirectly and 50 directly during this event on 17 August 2019

RedTails' Civil Rights Trail Tour

By Eric Palmer

During it's cruise from Detroit, Michigan to Orlando, Florida for the 48th National Tuskegee Airmen Inc convention, RedTail made stops at historic spots associated with the civil rights movement, spots defined on Civil-RightsTrail.com. During this cruise, we engaged with close to 1,000 people and had direct interaction with close to 200. Select the "[photos](#)" and "[youtu.be](#)" links below for exciting edutainment.

Simpsonville KY to Nashville TN

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SELMA TO MONTGOMERY NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

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Moton Field and Tuskegee Army Air Field

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VIDEO:

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Walterboro Army Air Field Memorial Park

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See Car Showcase [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

See Awards [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

See Combined [VIDEO](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 100 people indirectly and 50 directly during this event on 17-18 August 2019

2019 MOCSEM Mustang Memories

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

See [VIDEO](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 400 people indirectly and 100 directly during this event on 18 August 2019



Unify Detroit - Mack Alive Parade

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

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RedTail engaged with approximately 300 people indirectly and 100 directly during this event on 24 August 2019

11th Precinct Youth All Star Olympic Games

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

RedTail engaged with approximately 30 people indirectly and 20 directly during this event on 24 August 2019



Cruisin Hines

See [IMAGES](#) of the Event.

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RedTail engaged with approximately 500 people indirectly and 50 directly during this event on 25 August 2019

TEAMG8#38

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RedTail engaged with approximately 50 people indirectly and 35 directly during this event on 31 August 2019





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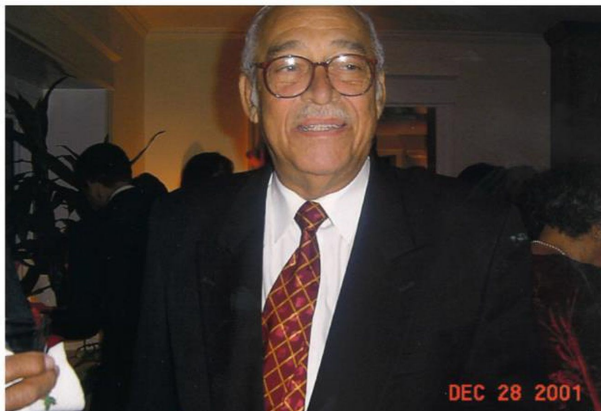
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Pierce T. Ramsey Sr., 93, Tuskegee Airman and founder of Ramsey Real Estate

by Bonnie L. Cook, Updated: July 11, 2019

<https://www.inquirer.com/obituaries/pierce-ramsey-ted-tuskegee-airman-real-estate-company-20190711.html>

Pierce T. Ramsey Sr., 93, of Wynnefield, a flight officer with the famed Tuskegee Airmen at the end of World War II who later founded his own real estate company, died Saturday, June 15, at Centennial Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in West Philadelphia. Known as “Ted,” Mr. Ramsey was born to William and Hazel Townsend Ramsey and grew up in West Philadelphia. He attend-

ed Overbrook High School and graduated from Temple University High School, and later received certificates in accounting and finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Ramsey interrupted his schooling to join the Army Air Force. He qualified to train on a B-25 twin-engine light bomber at Moton Field at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Although he completed the training with the rank of flight officer in 1945 and stood ready to serve, he never flew in combat. His service with the Tuskegee Airmen, whose exploits were chronicled in the 2012 war movie *Red Tails*, concluded with the bombing of Hiroshima and the end of World War II. One of his last duties was to fly his plane, the “D’Lois,” to Iowa, where it was to be recycled. “He remembered saluting with tears in his eyes as his plane rolled down the tarmac for dismantlement,” his family said.



Lonely Eagles Ceremony (2019)

<https://vimeo.com/352712150>

At the 48th Annual Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated Convention at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, FL on Wednesday, August 8, 2019, Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTA) who transitioned to the Lonely Eagles Chapter since the last convention.



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