



Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

April, 2017

April Meeting

Our April meeting will occur on Saturday, April 8th at the Altura Credit Union on the corner of Cactus and Graham in Moreno Valley. Please join us.

Tuskegee Airmen Convention 2017



This year's Tuskegee Airmen Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The dates will be August 3-5. Go to taconvention.com for registration forms. To register at the hotel, call 1-888-421-1442. Hotel room rates are good for 3 days prior to the Convention and 3 days after. The group code is TUSKEGEE AIRMEN. You may also register online. A single/double room is \$115/night plus tax. Full convention registration will admit you to all the functions. The cost is \$375 per person. Administrative registration includes the convention materials and all general, military, and joint sessions. Luncheons and the Gala are not included. The cost is \$175 per person. Youths 12 and under may register for \$125. They can attend the Military/Diversity Luncheon, Heritage Luncheon, Youth Luncheon, Grand Gala, and convention materials. You can register in person at the convention. Scooters are provided free to DOTAs and at a discounted rate for other attendees. In addition to the convention, Orlando is the center for fun

boasting beaches, fine restaurants, and many amusement parks.

Out and About

Martin Luther King High School



On March 16th, members of the Buford A. Johnson Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. attended the King High Remembers history day at Martin Luther King High School in Riverside. Members present included DOTA Buford A. Johnson, President Donald Fleming, Col. Charles E. Hale, Jr. (USAF Retired), Parliamentarian Edison T. Marshall, Jr., and Secretary Dixie Marshall. Many other veterans were also in attendance. During this event, juniors and some seniors interview veterans to learn about their military careers. It is a chance for students to leave the books and use primary sources. It makes history come alive for the young students.



Col. Charlie Hale in the stands during opening ceremonies. Col. Hale also is a member of the Daedalians. (Continued on page 2)



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Martin Luther King High School (From page 1)



Mr. Johnson (second from left) joins in standing for the flag ceremony. Altie Holcomb in the Marine uniform is nearest the camera.



Mr. Marshall also shared information on available scholarships with students.



President Donald Fleming listens to a student ask questions.



Mr. Johnson with students



Mr. Marshall sharing pictures of his service years with students.



The gentlemen pose with King High students.



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**Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties
Red Tails: Legacies of the Tuskegee Airmen
Forum on African-American Historical
Perspectives**



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DOTAs MSgt. Buford A. Johnson and Lt.

Colonel Harlan Q. Leonard joined Historian Sandra Blackman, who teaches at Mt. San Jacinto College, on a panel that discussed the Tuskegee Airmen in history. Several members of the chapter attended the event. Current Inlandia Literary Laureate Nikia Chaney served as moderator, and shared some of her poetry with the audience.

Ms. Blackman opened with an historical perspective on the Tuskegee Airmen. Then Lt. Colonel Leonard and MSgt. Johnson spoke of their experiences. Ms. Chaney called for questions from the audience. MSgt. Johnson and Lt. Colonel Leonard answered the questions and then posed for pictures with various people in the meet and greet that followed.



Left to right: Nikia Chaney, Lt. Col. Harlan Leonard, MSgt. Johnson, and Sandra Blackman



Ms. Sandra Blackman opened with an historical perspective of the Tuskegee Experience.



Lt. Col. Harlan Q. Leonard of the Los Angeles Chapter



MSgt. Johnson shares his experience

Other members in attendance were President Donald Fleming who led the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. Denise Fleming, Mr. Jackie Jempson, LaDonna Jempson, Bishop and Dessely Hodges, and Mr. and Mrs. Edison T. Marshall, Jr.



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Mr. and Mrs. Jackie and LaDonna Jempson



Dessely and Bishop Herman Hodges



Left to right: Mr. Johnson, Mr. Marshall, and Mrs. Jempson wait for the program to begin



Donald and Denise Fleming