



Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

# Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

April, 2018

## April Meeting Elections

We will be holding elections on Saturday, April 14 at our monthly meeting. Nominations were held last month. The meeting will be at Altura Credit Union on the corner of Graham and Cactus in Moreno Valley at 10:00 AM sharp. Nominees include:

President: Donald Fleming

Vice President: Dessely Hodges

Secretary: Dixie Marshall

Treasurer: Stephen White

LaDonna Jempson

Historian: Charlie Hale

Parliamentarian: Edison T. Marshall, Jr.

Curtis Russell

Chaplain: Bishop Herman Hodges

In order to vote, a membership form for 2018 must be filled out and turned in and dues for 2018 paid before the voting takes place. Those running for office must be paid up on dues and must have been active members for at least the six months prior to the election. Please attend this important meeting.

## Out and About

### King Remembers

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Donald Fleming and Edison Marshall attended King Remembers at Dr. Martin Luther King High School in Riverside. During this event, juniors from the school interview veterans as a part of their history classes. Afterward, the students write a report on the veteran they interviewed and some are published online.



Edison T. Marshall, Jr. and the young ladies who interviewed him.



One room of the King High Remembers event



Donald Fleming is interviewed by students.



This 104 year old veteran of WWII came to answer questions. What is your excuse for not attending?

### Dinner at the Proud Bird



Recently, Col. Harlan Leonard (USAF Ret.) and Donald Fleming attended a dinner at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles. If you have never been to this restaurant, you should go. There is a large display of historical photos on the walls and a P-51 airplane outside. It is near the airport and you may have views of the planes landing. It is quite an experience.



DOTA's at the dinner to celebrate the first air meet.

### Upcoming Events

#### Rancho Remembers

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Rancho Cucamonga High School will hold its living history day called Rancho Remembers. Juniors and seniors will interview veterans to learn history first hand. You will be met at the door by beautifully

dressed young people and escorted to your seat. You will then be interviewed by two groups of students. After the interviews, lunch will be served. It is a fun time. Do yourself a favor and attend. Go to [www.ranchoremembers.com](http://www.ranchoremembers.com) to RSVP. If you are computer challenged, give your information to Dixie and she will forward your reservation to Mr. Sanchez. The event begins at 9:00 AM, but we recommend that you arrive early to get a parking spot.

#### Corona High School Veteran's Celebration

Corona High School's Veteran's Celebration is planned for May 23, 2018 at 8:15 AM. This oral history program is designed to "enrich the lessons taught in our classrooms with real life experiences. Veterans are celebrated at this event. Like Rancho Cucamonga, you will be interviewed by two groups of students. You will be met at the parking lot with a golf cart and driven to the auditorium. There you will be served a continental breakfast. Then you will enter the auditorium for the ceremony and the interviews. After the interviews, you will be served lunch. You then will be delivered back to your car. Mr. Johnson always attended these events and believed that they were important to keep the legacy alive. Contact Jeff Perry at [jperry@cnsud.k12.ca.us](mailto:jperry@cnsud.k12.ca.us) or call/text him at 951-288-0668 (cell) to let him know you will participate. Again, if you want to attend, let Dixie know and she can forward your information. I hear veteran's complain about not being well-treated upon returning home from service. Isn't it nice to know that this generation is being taught respect? Please be a part of their education.

#### Kansas Avenue SDA Church Veterans Event

Col. Bill Howe, USAF Ret. has invited us to attend a special service for veterans at the Kansas Avenue SDA Church on Saturday, May 26 at 9:30 AM. Please let us know if you are interested.

## Buford A. Johnson Chapter Attends Air Show



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On April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> members of the Buford A. Johnson Chapter had manned an informational booth at the March ARB Airshow. This was a special year because March was celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Booths like this are an important part of keeping the legacy alive. Thank you to Donald Fleming and Jackie Jempson for all their hard work.



In front of the camera



Col. Leonard speaks with visitors.



Shirts with the club name help raise funds



Col. Leonard poses with P51 Mustang Bunny which was restored at the Palm Springs Air Museum



Comparing jackets



Our booth



Donald (left) and Jackie (right) pose with the troops

## **Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. to Hold Convention in Las Vegas This Year**



The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Tuskegee Airmen National Convention will be held from August 9-11 in Las Vegas this year. The theme is Excellence Overcomes All Obstacles. This marks the 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 332<sup>nd</sup>'s historic conventional class triumph at the first Weapons Meet in 1949. Our own Buford Johnson was crew chief for the plane that won. Events include General Sessions/Workshops, Military Forums/Presentations, Special Events including youth events and vendor exhibits, and a Gala. General/Military Registration Fee is \$375 until June 15<sup>th</sup>, and \$460 after June 15<sup>th</sup>. Administrative Registration is \$175 until June 15<sup>th</sup> and \$225 after June 15<sup>th</sup>. Go to Tuskegee Airmen 2018 Convention for registration. The convention will be held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Las Vegas. You may register for the hotel at the same site.