



## Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

# Buford A. Johnson Chapter

### October Meeting

Our October meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM sharp at Altura Credit Union. The scholarship applications are in. Scholarship committee chairman, Edison Marshall will have copies for those who wish to get them out to the schools. He will also explain what is necessary for the successful completion of the application. Please join us.

### Thank You

We are truly a community. Many thanks to those who prayed for Edison during his recent health problems. It is good to know that these prayers worked. A special thanks to Mr. Alvin Ward who came to the hospital to sit with us and to help us when we were ready to leave. He was a great help.



Alvin Ward

### New Vice-President



Dessely Miller Hodges presides over meeting.

Congratulations to Dessely Hodges who has been named to the office of vice-president. Dessely has been very active in the chapter even though she must come a long way to attend meetings.

### Col. Charles Hale (USAF Ret.) Named Historian



President Donald Fleming announced that Col. Charles (Charlie) Hale (USAF Ret.) has accepted the position of Historian. Col. Hale was a B-52 pilot in the Air Force. He is currently a member of the Daedalians which encourages youth to learn about aviation. He has been an active member for nearly two years and is also active in the area in reaching out to youth in the JROTC and to high school juniors at history days and award ceremonies.

### Mr. Johnson's Legacy Continues

At our September meeting we had the pleasure of listening to a report on Mr. Buford Johnson written and read by his great-grandson, Carter Johnson. Mr. Johnson's grandson Jamal and his wife Sara along with their daughters Bria and Gia also attended. They received a Certificate of Appreciation that had been presented posthumously to the chapter in the name of Buford A. Johnson. The chapter framed the certificate and Marva X presented it to the family. We are excited to say that Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and the children plan to join our youth. We will be providing activities for them and Sara Johnson has volunteered to oversee the children. Mrs.

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Johnson joined us for the Fourth of July Parade and passed out candy to children along the route.



Carter Johnson gave a report on his great-grandfather, Buford A. Johnson. He is wearing his Papa's hat.



Left to right: Carter Johnson, Jamal Johnson and Edison Marshall. Mr. Marshall gave a P-51 poster to Carter.



Gia Johnson speaks to the chapter.



Carter Johnson poses with his new poster.



Bria, Gia, and Sara Johnson



Jamal Johnson holds the Certificate of Appreciation honoring his grandfather.

### **New Member**

We welcome new member Lionel Duncan. We are looking forward to getting to know him better as we work together to keep the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen alive.