



# Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

## Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

### November, 2015

#### November Meeting

Our November Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at the Altura (Visterra) Credit Union located at the corner of Graham and Cactus. The time is 10:00 AM sharp. We will swear in our new Vice-President, Marva X, and our new Historian, Buford A. Johnson. Bill Richards will be there with the t-shirts that were ordered. We will also begin taking memberships for 2016. Please come and join us.

#### Happy Birthday



We wish our president, Donald Fleming, a happy birthday. He will gain another year on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November. We pray that he will celebrate many more.

#### Moreno Valley High School Game

On the evening of Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Edison Marshall, Bill Richards, Donald Fleming, and Dr. Denise Fleming attended a football game at our adopted high school, Moreno Valley High. They are unbeaten this year and will go on to the playoffs. Members of our chapter can attend games for free by letting President Donald Fleming know that they wish to go.



On the field



Donald Fleming and Edison Marshall at the game.



Left to right: Edison Marshall, Dr. Denise Fleming, and President Donald Fleming



Left to right: Bill Richards, Edison Marshall, Dr. Judy White, and Donald Fleming



Members of the chapter and visiting dignitaries are recognized at half-time.

### Walnut High School

Donald Fleming, Edison Marshall, and Buford Johnson joined other veterans from Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties at Walnut High School in Walnut, California for their second Veterans celebration. Students interviewed veterans from WWII to the present day. This is a wonderful chance to educate young people. Many had little or no knowledge of the Viet Nam War or the political climate of the sixties and seventies. They explained that they had not yet reached that portion of their history class. The veterans embody the living history of our country. Through them, the youth learn first-hand from primary sources.



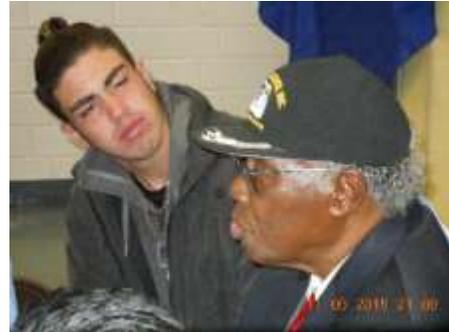
These veterans represent over seventy years of history.



Students listen intently to Mr. Johnson



Mr. Fleming shares his experiences in the Navy.



Mr. Marshall talked about his tours in Viet Nam.



Students take notes for their history classes.



Viet Nam era veteran wears his uniform.  
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The guys invite a potential member to Saturday's meeting.



Buford and Edison gather with other Vets to be presented with certificates.



Donald Fleming with his certificate.



Groups of students filed in and out all day.

### American Legion Dinner



Donald Fleming, Buford Johnson, and Edison Marshall attended a dinner at the American Legion Post in Rialto on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The gentlemen were among those honored at the event.



Mr. Johnson addresses the crowd.



Head of the Honor Flight program and new vice-president of the Buford A. Johnson Chapter, Marva X. speaks to the attendees.



Mr. Johnson receives applause.  
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Ms. X presents an award to Mr. Johnson.



Mr. Fleming and Mr. Marshall pose with their awards.

*A special thanks to youth member Phoenix Collins who took pictures for the newsletter.*

**New Board Members**



New Vice-president Marva X. speaking to a group about the Honor Flight

Our new vice-president, Marva X. is passionate about working with veterans. She is the head of the local Honor Flight program that takes WWII and disabled veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the sites that honor veterans of each war. She has been a very active member of the Buford A. Johnson Chapter, often working behind the scenes and with very little notice. At our last meeting, she was elected vice-president. Her grandson, Phoenix Collins, has also been active in the

chapter and has participated in the ACE Academy.



New historian, Mr. Buford A. Johnson

Mr. Buford A. Johnson, is an original Tuskegee Airman. He is one of the youngest DOTAs (Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen). Mr. Johnson is a wealth of information about the Tuskegee Experience. He has stated that he likes to represent the Tuskegee Airmen for those who no longer can. We are looking forward to learning about the Tuskegee Experience so that we can all represent the organization and keep the memory alive.

In addition to our new board members, Mrs. Yolonda Williams offered to head up the fund raising committee, and Mr. Curtis Russell offered to work on our webpage.

President Donald Fleming will swear in the new board members at the next meeting.