



Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

June, 2016

June Meeting

Our June meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11th at Altura Credit Union at 10:00 AM sharp. We will discuss plans for the Fourth of July Parade to be held in Moreno Valley. Those who wish to participate will need to sign up at the meeting.

Visit to the Tuskegee Archives at UC Riverside

Mrs. Williams has set up a visit to the Tuskegee Airmen collection at UC Riverside in the Tomas Rivera Library. The visit is planned for Thursday, June 9th at 10:00 AM. Mrs. Williams will need your name so that she can provide you with a parking pass. Her number is 951-657-7088. According to Mrs. Williams, you may also contact President Donald Fleming at 951-284-9637. An email was sent to members earlier. We look forward to a report on the visit at our Saturday meeting.

Fourth of July Parade



The Buford A. Johnson Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen will have an entry in the annual Fourth of July Parade in Moreno Valley. We will take sign-ups at Saturday's

meeting. We ask that you sign up if you plan to participate as we need to order vehicles. We also ask that those who sign up attend. We will have students from Moreno Valley High School and Moreno Valley High School Jr. ROTC to carry our sign and help in passing out candy.

August Meeting

Our regular August meeting will be cancelled so that we may attend the annual African American Family Reunion at Celebration Park on August 20th. We will have a booth and will be able to collect donations for our shirts and other items. Please plan to attend and bring your families. We will have information for veterans, and will have information for potential members. It is a wonderful day filled with activities.

Scholarship Winners

We are excited to announce we have three scholarship winners and one alternate of the five we forwarded to National. The winners are: Jessica Le and Maggy Harake from our adopted school of Moreno Valley High, and Wendy Ulloa of Ramona High School in Riverside. Matthew Gayed of North High School in Riverside has been selected as an alternate. Congratulations to all these wonderful students.

Out and About
Bill Richards Addresses Students at
Pendergrass Elementary

*"They said I couldn't do it,
and that's why I did it."*

-Bill Richards



MASTER SERGEANT US AIR FORCE



Member Bill Richards was asked to address the students at his fiancée's grandchildren's school in Arizona. He spoke on his military experience, racism in the sixties, and the Tuskegee Experience. Here he speaks to an 8th grade class at the school.

Moreno Valley Library

On Saturday, May 21st, members of the Buford A. Johnson Chapter were at the Moreno Valley Library to greet the community and do outreach. Manning the booth were Donald Fleming, Edison Marshall, and Jackie Jempson. Mrs. Williams, who attended for the Buffalo Soldiers, provided information on the Tuskegee Airmen as well.



Public Relations Officer, Jackie Jempson



President Donald Fleming



Jackie Jempson speaks with another participant



Mr. Marshall at the table. In the background is Chaplain Gilbert Williams.

Speaking Engagement at the Moreno Valley Library

On Tuesday, May 24th, Mr. Buford Johnson spoke on the Tuskegee Experience at the Moreno Valley Library. Mrs. Williams who is a member of our chapter and who founded the Buffalo Soldiers chapter in the area, spoke on the Buffalo Soldiers.



Mrs. Williams speaks to the gathering.



Mr. Williams and Mr. Johnson sit in the front row.



Mr. Johnson tells of the Tuskegee Experience.



Left to right: Mr. Williams, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Williams, and Mr. Reyes who presented a Memorial Day Proclamation **Corona High School**

On Wednesday, May 25th, Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Marshall, Ms. Marva X, and Mr. Buford Johnson attended a living history day at Corona High School. Groups of students interviewed veterans. Ms. X spoke to students about her father who was a World War II veteran and brought WW II vets with her. She represented the Honor Flight program. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Marshall spoke about their military experiences and Mrs. Marshall told the students about the atmosphere in the United States during the sixties.



Mr. Johnson talks with another veteran. These gatherings give vets a chance to meet and compare experiences.

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Corona High School (continued)



Marva X sets up her table before students arrive.



Mr. Marshall speaks with students.



A group of students listen to Mr. Johnson.



Marva X with students

Kansas Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church



On Saturday, May 28th, Mr. Donald Fleming, Mr. Buford Johnson, Mr. Edison Marshall, Mr. Thomas Hughes, and Mr. Stephan White represented the Tuskegee Airmen at the annual service honoring veterans at the Kansas Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church. This congregation is known for honoring veterans. Each veteran who attends for the first time is presented with a medal.