



## Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

# Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

March, 2017

### March Meeting

Our March meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Altura Credit Union located on the corner of Graham and Cactus in Moreno Valley. We will discuss plans for California Tuskegee Airmen Day on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us.

### Rancho Remembers

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Rancho Remembers Day will be held on April 27, 2017 at Rancho Cucamonga High School. This event allows students to interview veterans about their experiences in the military. It teaches history in a way that students cannot learn from books. If you are interested in participating, please contact Aaron Bishop at [aaron.bishop@cjuhsd.net](mailto:aaron.bishop@cjuhsd.net), phone (909)477-7152 or Robert Sanchez at [robert.sanchez@cjuhsd.net](mailto:robert.sanchez@cjuhsd.net), phone (951)217-1244.

### *African American Coalition Red, Black, and Green Ball*

Members of the Buford A. Johnson Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. attended the annual Red, Black, and Green Ball held at the Marinaj Banquets and Events Center in Moreno Valley. Members in attendance were President Donald Fleming, Dr. Denise Fleming, DOTA Buford A. Johnson, Mr. Edison T. Marshall, Jr., and Mrs. Dixie Marshall.



Mr. Johnson poses with attendees



Mr. Johnson shares pictures of the Tuskegee Airmen as President Donald Fleming looks on.

### Mr. White Goes Back to School

Heritage member, Mr. Stephen White recently visited his grandson's elementary school to speak about the Tuskegee Experience. During Black History month, speakers are in demand. Mr. White was backed by slides showing the original Tuskegee Airmen.



Mr. White addresses students

### Janet Goeske Senior Center

President Donald Fleming and DOTA Buford A. Johnson spoke on the Tuskegee Experience at the Janet Goeske Senior Center in Riverside on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Also in attendance, were Mr. Jackie Jempson, Mr. Edison T. Marshall, Jr., and Mrs. Dixie Marshall. Mr. Fleming began with a history of the Tuskegee Airmen. He then invited Mr. Johnson up to share his experiences. This talk was a part of a Black History celebration. (Continued on page 2)

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*Left to right: Mr. Jackie Jempson, Mr. Edison T. Marshall, Jr., DOTA Buford A. Johnson, Mr. Donald Fleming*



Harriette Coggs Stuckey provided a slide show and introduced the program



President Donald Fleming speaks to the crowd



Mr. Johnson speaks about the six principles of the Tuskegee Airmen

**Red Tails: Legacies of the Tuskegee Airmen**

On Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Inlandia Institute will be presenting a forum discussion on historical perspectives of Black History. The panel discussion will center on the history and heroism of African American aviators and the Tuskegee experience. The event will take place at the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties which is located at 3855 Market Street in downtown Riverside. It will be moderated by Inlandia Literary Laureate Nikia Chaney. The panelists include Sandra Blackman, professor of history at San Bernardino Valley College, Lt. Colonel Harlan Q. Leonard, Jr., Tuskegee Airman, and MSgt. Buford A. Johnson, Tuskegee Airman. The time will be 3:30-5:30 P.M. It is free and open to the public. We urge everyone to attend and support Mr. Johnson.



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