



Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

September, 2017

September Meeting

Our September meeting will be held on Saturday, September 9th (this coming Credit Union. Hopefully, Mr. Johnson's great-grandson will join us to share his report on his great-grandfather. We will also be able to catch up on business that we have not been able to conduct this summer due to meeting changes. It is very important that you join us. Our hospitality chair, Yolonda Williams, continues to heal, but will not be able to join us. If you want to have refreshments, you will need to bring something to share. She asks that we be certain to clean up after ourselves. It is important to take care of the room so generously donated to us by Altura.

Upcoming Activities



It is September and the young people are back in school. In addition, Veteran's Day is approaching. There will be requests to speak to youth groups and a parade in November. We will be given information on upcoming events by Mr. Jempson at our meeting. We encourage all of you to join us and help us reach out to the community. You have no idea how much it means to our young people to meet you and hear your story.

Out and About

African American Coalition Family Reunion

On Saturday, August 26th, our chapter joined other groups for a day in Towngate Park. We were able to reach out to the community and tell them about our group. Representative Mark Takano spoke to the assembled people. He talked about the state of our country and the need to make a difference. He told us that if we are not standing up and making our voices heard, then we are part of the problem. Representative Takano has a history of concern for veterans. He was extremely concerned about the problems in Charlottesville and the re-emergence of blatant racism. He pointed out that this is not what this country's values are.



Our booth at the park



Events like this give and opportunity to do outreach.



Representative Mark Takano stopped by and spoke with members.



Before leaving, Representative Takano posed for pictures with members. From left to right: Dixie Marshall, Bill Richards, Representative Takano, (seated), Edison Marshall, and Leroy Lawson. Seated in the front is Mr. Lawson's grandson. Pictures were taken by youth member Phoenix Collins. Our thanks to him for a great job.

News about Our Members

Phoenix Collins



Phoenix has been admitted to the Art Institute and will attend classes there while he continues his high school education. He has an interest in Anime.

Yolonda Williams

Mrs. Williams continues to improve. She had extensive dental surgery followed by hip replacement surgery. She is not able to join us as yet. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Ivan Berry

Mr. Berry has experienced several health challenges lately. He says he "lives at the VA." Please include him in your thoughts and prayers as well.

Leroy Lawson

Mr. Lawson shared with us at the picnic that his house had recently burned down and that he had lost nearly everything. Thankfully, he is fine. We are blessed to have him in our chapter.