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THE COYOTE'S HOWL

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UNIT LEADER - Howdy Coyotes! As we stride into the second month of the year, we see many changes in challenges around the globe. As we learn to deal with our ever-changing social culture, I believe that it's important for us to focus hard on our upcoming tasks. I would like to have an open discussion this month about our community outreach including education to airshow.

Prayers to Charlie as he recovers from Covid and continued healing for Ken and Warnie after their surgeries. Also Colonels Candis and Jim Wells are just past recovery with their Covid episodes.

Remember the Wing Conference at the NAEC this month and also to pay your dues. I look forward to seeing you all this coming weekend.

Semper Fidelis **Colonel Melvin L Hall III Unit Leader**

ADJUTANT - Hi Everyone, It's February, and 2022 is moving forward! Please plan to attend this month's squadron meeting, this Saturday morning! It will be nice to have fresh pavement on the ramp, and both aircraft back home!

This month, the reminder continues for 2022 Coyote Membership Renewal. Also, this month, I'll start working through the 2022 CAF Squadron "Hold Harmless" forms and obtaining signatures.

The 2022 CAF Wing Staff conference take place Thurs-Sun February 17-20, being held at CAF HQ. We will bring back much new and updated CAF information. I'll see you this Saturday! **Col Alan Pavik, Adjutant**

OPERATIONS OFFICER – Airplanes and Coffee was supposed to be held at Corsicana on the first Saturday of the month. Due to the cold weather, it has been changed to the 2nd Saturday, which is our meeting day.

Update on pavement- All sections of the concrete in front of our hangar have been poured. The only remaining section is at the very end which is where all of the rainwater will be diverted to the drainage ditch. Hopefully that will be poured this week and we can soon have our aircraft back in place. Our first show of the season is March 19th in Bunert for the Bluebonnet Air Show. We hope to be able to take both aircraft if at all possible. We have completed one T-34 ground school and hope to finish all pilots with another course after our meeting this week. The PT-19 ground school is scheduled for completion before our meeting. Thanks to Colonels DeArmond and Meisetschleager for doing the classes this year. Also, thanks to Colonel Jim Reynolds for doing the CRM (crew resource management) portion for us.

Col Dan Summerall, Operations Officer

MAINTENANCE OFFICER – This last month the T-34 starter windings burnt out and had to be replaced. Colonel Dan Summerall picked up a loaner starter from Mexia. Colonel William Koonce installed the loaner starter to keep the old Beechcraft going. Our new starter has shipped in and should be installed this coming week. Thanks to the Colonels

for getting this done. Hope to see y'all at the next meeting. **Col Thomas Cozart, Maintenance Officer**

SAFETY OFFICER - While researching this month's safety submission, it occurred to me, that my selected subject was more involved than I anticipated. For that reason, I am suggesting you look up the information for yourself. Below is a summary to help you deal with Fractured or Broken Bones

Symptoms

May include the victim: Hearing the bone break, Feeling the bone break, Area tender to touch (pain in one spot), Swelling around suspected fracture, Limb in an unnatural position, Painful movement, Abnormal motion, Loss of function, Grating sensation, Discoloration of affected area.

Treatment

1. Call 911 or your local emergency services.
2. DO NOT move victim until a splint has been applied unless there is danger of a life-threatening emergency. Keep victim warm and still.
3. If a bone seems to be broken but does not pierce the skin, immobilize the limb with a splint—a rolled-up magazine, broomstick, board, or even a pillow can be used.
4. If a broken bone pierces the skin and there is bleeding, cover wound with sterile pad or clean cloth and apply pressure to control bleeding. DO NOT try to straighten limb, return it to a natural position, or replace bone fragments. DO NOT touch wound directly. Secure a sterile pad or clean cloth firmly in place over the wound; tie with strong bandages or cloth strips but DO NOT cut off circulation. If victim complains of numbness, loosen splint.

While fractures are not the most common occurrence, they can be among the most dangerous. Don't wait until the last minute to figure out what to do. **Colonel Tom Peters, Safety Officer.**

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER -Hello Coyote Family and Friends. As you know, February is Black History Month and I would be remiss if I did not talk about the Tuskegee Airmen and one man in particular.



Mel and Christine Hall with a Tuskegee pilot at the inaugural Wings Over Dallas

Brig. General Charles McGee, one of the few surviving of the Tuskegee Airmen passed away just a couple short weeks ago on January 16th, 2022. His life of combat flying involved three major wars, one that no one expected when his career began as that was a time when the U.S. Military banned African Americans from becoming combat pilots. Even though growing up he faced discrimination in Chicago, he noted that in Alabama, where Tuskegee Airfield was, the racism was much more blatant. They could not go into the city of Tuskegee, the sheriff wasn't a friend, and there were certain areas that Blacks were no allowed. But flying was what he loved. McGee earned his wings and commission of 2nd Lieutenant in June of 1943 and joined the 302nd Fighter Squadron, which was a part of the segregated 332nd Fighter Group. He flew a total of 136 missions during WWII and then became an instructor for a group of African Americans training to become B-25 Mitchell crews. During the Korean War he flew 100 combat missions. He held a number of command positions around the Air Force after Korea. The Vietnam War saw McGee command the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Tan Son Nhut Base. He completed 172 combat missions flying the RF-4 Phantom II jet fighters on dangerous photo reconnaissance missions which earned him his first Legion of Merit. McGee retired from the Air Force as Colonel in 1973 after several leadership positions. He had a total of 409 combat missions across those three wars and eared many awards: Legion of Merit twice, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, and the Bronze Star are just a few. Charles McGee went back to college to earn a degree and still continued to serve in a variety of leadership positions. He helped to create and promote Tuskegee Airmen Inc, made time to visit and sign books and spoke at many functions. Brig. General McGee was always willing to tell his story, giving first-hand account of our history, his history. In 2020, McGee received his promotion to Brigadier General. It was noted by then-Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General David Goldfein that "Charles McGee is a genuine American Hero whose courage in combat helped save a nation, and whose legacy is felt to this day across the entire US Air Force." Charles McGee and the Tuskegee Airmen helped to make change and increase the effectiveness of the military through their efforts. "It was more about wanting to do our best and accomplish the mission we were assigned. We just wanted to be part of what the country was all about at the time. We could've said, 'They don't like us. They don't want us' and not served our country. We chose to serve, and it allowed our Air Force to see what we could accomplish, and...bring about an important

change in the country” Brigadier General Charles McGee

The Commemorative Air Force has a Red Tail squadron located in Red Wing, MN. There is also a display detailing the events of the Tuskegee Airmen at the NAEC. If you find yourself up in Dallas and wanting something to do, I highly encourage you to stop at the NAEC and take a tour or the flying history of the U.S. Military. Check out the following websites for more information:

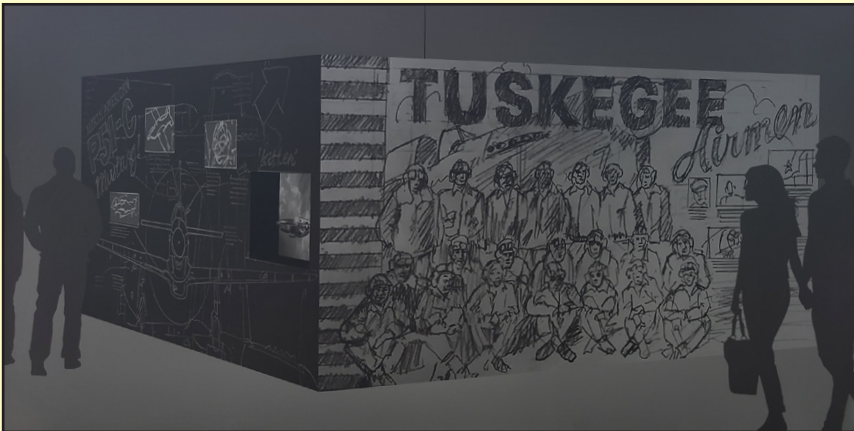
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Col Christine Hall, Public Information Officer



Sketch drawing of the Tuskegee Airmen display at the NAEC



Brig. General Charles McGee at the NAEC Grand Opening



US Mint releasing Alabama's quarter honoring the Tuskegee Airmen in January 2021



P-51 Mustang - the plane the Tuskegee Airmen flew with the distinctive "red tail"