



Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

June, 2019

June Meeting

Our June meeting will be held at the Altura Credit Union located on the corner of Cactus and Graham in Moreno Valley. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM sharp. We are planning to have some of our scholarship winners in attendance to tell us of their future plans. Please plan to join us and meet our scholars.

Fourth of July Parade



Our chapter will participate in the annual Fourth of July Parade in Moreno Valley again this year. Mrs. Jempson would like to remind us that any who would like to ride in the parade will need to sign up and sign a waiver. We need this information in order to know how many and what type of vehicles to request. The waivers must be signed by all per city regulations including any students.

Congraduations



All of our youth members are graduating this year. Michael Thomas will graduate from Cal Poly Pomona, Lixsaden Felix and Starla Carrillo will graduate from Cal State San Bernardino, Matthew Day is graduating from Norwich University, and Phoenix Collins will graduate from high school. Phoenix is leaving for basic training right after graduation.

Please keep him in your prayers. He is joining the Army.

Best Wishes



Our best wishes go out to Mr. Matthew Day and his fiancée Miss Wilma Melton. They are planning an autumn wedding in the beautiful state of Vermont.

Out and About

Rubidoux JROTC Award



Mr. White and Mr. Vaughn presented the JROTC Tuskegee Airmen Award at Rubidoux High School.



Edison T. Marshall, Jr. and Mr. Laska Jones, Jr. pose with the students receiving the Tuskegee Airmen Award at Arroyo Valley High School in San Bernardino. Next year, we hope to receive scholarship applications from this school.

Corona High School Veterans' Celebration

On May 22nd, Mr. Edison T. Marshall and Mrs. Dixie Marshall attended the annual Veterans' Celebration at Corona High School. Students learn about history from veterans who have lived it. They also share their hopes and dreams for the future. It is also a good chance to inform students about scholarships and to tell them about the Tuskegee Airmen. We take the opportunity to inform principals and counselors about our program as well.



Mementoes like this photo of Edison in the Air Force help students visualize the veteran at the time of service.



Presentation of colors by Navy JROTC



Edison answers questions as students listen and take notes.



Marva X attends this event each year and speaks about her father and about the Honor Flight.



Each vet speaks with two separate groups of students.



Dr. Antonio Gonzalez, principal, and Edison T. Marshall, Jr.

**Kansas Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church
26th Annual Armed Forces Day**

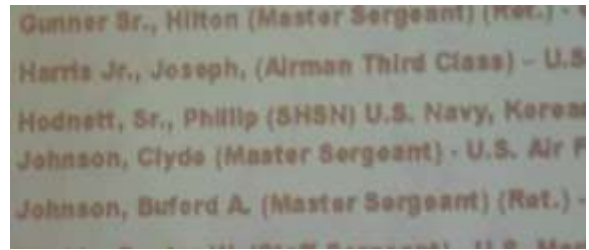
Several members of our chapter attended a service at the Kansas Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church held annually in honor of veterans. Attending were Lt. Col. Harlan Leonard and his daughter, Edison T. Marshall, Jr., Dixie Marshall, LaDonna Jempson, Jackie Jempson, Sterling Evans, Dessely Hodges, Bishop Herman Hodges, Stephen White, and Jonathan Vaughn. The guest speaker was Rear Admiral Barry Black, U.S. Navy (ret.). He was appointed chaplain of the U.S. Senate by President Bill Clinton and still serves in that capacity. He is the first African American chaplain of the U.S. Senate. Chaplain Black spoke on the “flabbiness of our faith.” He said that if people would simply follow the teachings of Christ, the world would be a better place. After the service, a meal was served to those attending.



Chaplain Barry Black



MSgt. J. C. Alexander, a WWII veteran who served in the South Pacific was honored.



Buford Johnson is remembered each year with Comrades at Rest



Regina Patton-Stell, PhD, Riverside NAACP President



Lt. Col. Leonard and Edison Marshall



Specialist Clarice Sykes serves at March ARB in the Army. She continues to serve despite a terrible accident that caused her to lose both legs above the knee.

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Kansas Avenue SDA Church (Cont. from page 3)



Jonathan Vaughn, Sterling Evans, LaDonna Jempson, and Jackie Jempson



Chaplain Barry Black, Bishop Herman Hodges, and Edison Marshall in the front
Scholarship Winners

This year, our chapter had four scholarship recipients of the five we sent forward to the national Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation. Three of them are pictured here. They have been invited to attend our June meeting before they head off to the rest of their lives. Each one of them is quite special.

Yesenia Apreza plans to become a physician. She was the recipient of the Edison International Award for \$2,500. Edison donated \$5,000 to go to someone who would qualify as a STEM student (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Yesenia plans to become a physician.



Yesenia Apreza (Norte Vista High School) and Lixsaden Felix

Daryl Payton of Rancho Verde plans to become an orthopedic surgeon. He has been accepted to USC.



Daryl Payton

Savannah Petty is a student athlete. She attended Ramona High School. Savannah (also known as Bam Bam) has been accepted to the Air Force Academy. She was a star player on her high school basketball team which placed second statewide.



Savannah Petty and counselor Stacy Ivory
Not pictured: Sofia Salas of North High School. She holds down two jobs and maintains a GPA of 4.41. She hopes to go into the medical field.



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Remembering D-Day

This poem is attributed to an 11 year old named Jodie Johnson who wrote it in 1996.

Who Are These Men?

Who are these men who march so proud,
Who quietly weep, eyes closed head bowed?
These are the men who once were boys
Who missed out on youth and all its joys.
Who are these men with aged faces,
Who silently count the empty spaces?
These are the men who gave their all,
Who fought for their country for freedom for all.
Who are these men with sorrowful look,
Who can still remember the lives that were took?
These are the men who saw young men die,
The price of peace is always high.
Who are these men who in the midst of pain,
Whispered comfort to those they would not see again?
These are the men whose hand held tomorrow,
Who brought back our future with blood, tears, and sorrow.
Who are these men who promise to keep
Alive in their hearts the ones God holds asleep?
These are the men to whom I promise again,
Veterans, my friends---I will remember them!