



Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

January, 2019

January Meeting

Our meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12th at the Altura Credit Union at 10:00 AM sharp. We will discuss the process for collecting scholarship applications. We will continue collecting memberships for 2019. We must have a minimum of 10 paid memberships turned in to be able to forward our scholarship applications. Membership goes from January 1 to December 31 of any given year. Please do not throw away your cards. You will receive a 2019 sticker to paste on the card. We have a new membership renewal/application form. If you have given me a form, I will go ahead and fill it in for you. If not, I will bring them for you to fill out. February has traditionally been a busy month for us. Please attend so you can be up to date on our schedule.

Scholarship Packets Are Due This Month



A reminder to those who handed out scholarship packets. It is time to contact your schools and find out if they have any applications ready for pick-up. This is the best way to ensure the packets will reach the appropriate persons. More information will be available at the meeting.

Buford A. Johnson Chapter Visits Los Angeles Chapter

In December, the Los Angeles Chapter invited the Buford A. Johnson Chapter to join them at the Proud Bird. Colonel Charles McGee, a DOTA

from Kansas City joined them. Both Col. McGee and Lt. Col. Ted Lumpkin celebrated their 99th birthdays this year. Col. McGee celebrated his birthday by flying in the copilot's seat of a private jet.



Credit: Pete Marovich for the Washington Post
Lt. Col. Lumpkin, a resident of Los Angeles, was an intelligence officer in the Air Force.



Lt. Col. Ted Lumpkin

At the event, the board was sworn in. Former Western Region President Larry Jackson flew in to conduct the swearing in ceremony.



Left to right: Col. Charles McGee, Lt. Col. Larry Jackson, and Lt. Col. Ted Lumpkin



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Vice-president Dessely Hodges and Chaplain Bishop Herman Hodges attended the meeting.



Edison Marshall, Buford A. Johnson Chapter, and Ted Lumpkin, Los Angeles Chapter in conversation



Left to right: Parliamentarian Edison T. Marshall, Jr., President Donald Fleming, Mr. Stephen White, and Mr. Sterling Evans

Facts about the Tuskegee Airmen

- 16 January 1941: The War Department announced plans to create a “Negro pursuit squadron” whose pilots would be trained at Tuskegee, Alabama
- 11 January 1942: Five of the aviation cadets at Tuskegee entered advanced flying training with P-40s. They soon deployed to Eglin Field, Florida for gunnery practice.



Los Angeles President Joycelin Tomlin and Buford A. Johnson President Donald Fleming