



# Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

July, 2016

## Meeting Change



**Participation in the Moreno Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will take the place of our usual meeting at Altura Credit Union.** The parade is scheduled to run from 9:30 AM until 12:00 noon. **Those who signed up to participate in the parade should meet at the staging area at about 7:00 AM.** The staging area is on the streets behind the City Hall area located at the corner of Alessandro and Frederick. Streets are usually blocked off but there will be people who can give you directions to our entry. We need people to decorate the vehicles. If you signed up to ride in the parade, please bring a chair so you can sit down in the truck. Dress in light clothing and wear a cap. You can wear your chapter shirts, but it will be very warm out. For further information text or call our President Donald Fleming at 951-284-9637.

**\*Note: Please bring bags of wrapped hard candy. Young men from the mentoring program in Perris will carry our banner and walk beside us to hand out candy to children.**



## Fun Fest after the Parade



There will be a Fun Fest in Moreno Valley on July 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 at Morrison Park on the corner of Dracaea and Morrison Streets. We will have an informational booth

manned by Alvin Ward. Mr. Ward needs others to sit at the table and help give out information about the Tuskegee Airmen and the chapter. The booth will be informational. We will not be offering items for sale. There will also be food and vendors available. The price of admission from 1:00-4:00 PM will be \$2.00 per person. From 4:00 on, the price will be \$3.00 per person. Children under 5 and military with valid IDs will be admitted free. The evening will end at 9:00 PM with fireworks.



## Participation in the Annual African American Family Reunion will take the place of our August Meeting

In August, we will join the African American Coalition in Towngate Park in Moreno Valley on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Traditionally, this replaces our usual meeting at Altura Credit Union. We will have more information in our next newsletter. Towngate Memorial Park is located at 13051 Elsworth Street in Moreno Valley

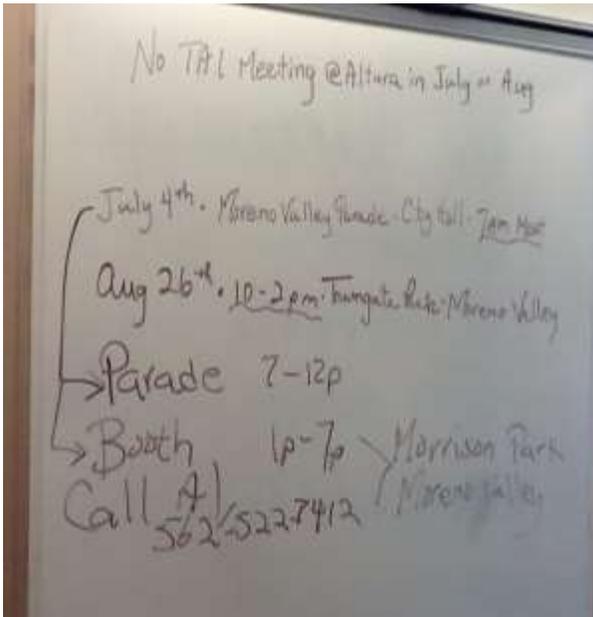


## June Meeting

At our June meeting, President Donald Fleming announced that George Hearn had offered to take on the position of treasurer. Mr. Hearn has a master's degree in accounting. Mr. Ward will continue on as the head of the Military Outreach Committee. We also discussed upcoming summer events. Several people signed up to participate in the Moreno Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.



June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mr. George Hearn is in the foreground nearest the camera.



Schedule of events. Mr. Ward needs help at the booth. Please give him a call at 1-562-522-7412 if you can give him a hand.

## Honor Flight Volunteer

Curtis Russell, webmaster for the Buford A. Johnson Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen volunteered to act as a Guardian on the most recent Honor Flight. According to Marva X who is in charge of the Inland Empire branch of the Honor Flight, he did a very good job.



Curtis Russell, nearest the camera, watches as elder veterans visit while on the Honor Flight. Way to go Curtis!

## Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. 2017 Convention

The early registration deadline for the TAI 2017 convention has been extended to June 30, 2017. After that date, the registration fees will go up. The convention will be held in Orlando, Florida from August 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Hotel. You can register online by going to Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Convention 2017.



**In September, we will return to Altura for our meetings.**