



Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

June, 2018

June Meeting

Our June meeting will be held on Saturday, June 9th at the Altura Credit Union at the corner of Graham and Cactus in Moreno Valley. The time will be 10:00 AM sharp. We will be finalizing plans for the Fourth of July Parade in Moreno Valley. We hope to make a good showing on that day. We will need, in addition to people to ride in the parade, people to help decorate the vehicles. After the parade, there will be a festival to attend. We hope to see you this coming weekend at the meeting.

Out and About

May was a busy month. We had three events to attend. We went to Corona High School on May 23rd, the Kansas Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church on May 26th, and to the Moreno Valley City Hall on May 28th for a Memorial Day Celebration.

Corona High School Veteran's Celebration



On May 23rd, Edison T. Marshall, Jr., Marva X, and Dixie Marshall attended the Veterans' Celebration at Corona High School. This is an event that Mr. Buford Johnson attended regularly through the years. It is also an event that really needs our support. We have been invited to attend next year. Through the years, many of the vets who volunteered to speak with the students have gone to their rewards. This necessitated doubling up with the kids having ten or more per table. It made it difficult for them to hear or to fully engage

with their veterans. Ms. X, while not a veteran herself, shares her experiences with her father who was a veteran. She also speaks with them about veterans who go on the honor flight. They really need us there, and it is hoped that more of us will attend next year.



Mr. Marshall and students



Marva X and students—interesting chapeau



Saluting the fallen—Mr. Johnson was remembered
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Corona High School (Continued from page 1)



Second round of students



Posing with the vet

Kansas Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church



On Saturday, May 26th, the Kansas Avenue SDA Church held its 25th Annual Armed Forces Day to honor those who have served or those who are currently serving and their families. The guest speaker was CDR Paul S. Anderson, USN (Ret.).



Col. Bill Howe recognized Mr. Varano, a 100 year old Pearl Harbor Survivor who also attends living history days at local high schools.



Lt. Col. Leonard with a medal awarded to veterans by the NAACP



CDR. Paul S. Anderson



Comrades at Rest were honored



Those in attendance

Moreno Valley Memorial Day Celebration

A Memorial Day Celebration was held at Moreno Valley City Hall. Several members of the Buford A. Johnson Chapter attended the ceremony where Col. Leonard was presented a commendation by Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez.



The Knights of Columbus placed a memorial wreath



The Moreno Valley Master Chorale performed patriotic songs



Lt. Col. Leonard (left) and Mayor Gutierrez (right)



Members of the chapter



Col. Matthew J. Burger, 452nd Air Mobility Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, March ARB was the keynote speaker