



Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

# Buford A. Johnson Chapter

September, 2018

## September Meeting Moved



As you can see, we are invited to the home of Donald and Denise Fleming for a barbeque on our regular meeting day. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The Flemings will provide the barbequed meat and the drinks. This is our regular meeting. We would love to see you there. We will resume meeting at Altura Credit Union in October.

### Veteran's Parade

Our chapter will have an entry in the Veteran's Parade in Riverside on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Jackie Jempson will be at the October meeting to give us further information and

finalize the list of those who wish to be in the parade.



Jackie has been working hard on this. Let's all plan to show up on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Out and About

#### 2018 African American Family Reunion

On Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, our chapter met at Towingate Memorial Park to celebrate the 2018 African American Family Reunion with other groups. We were able to sell items to help support our educational fund which will be used to give small stipends to qualified graduating seniors who are going to college and who are not chosen to receive the national scholarship. A variety of shirts, caps, and posters were offered. For the first time, we were able to use our new credit card app to accept payments. We earned \$150 in sales to support this worthy cause. We also enjoyed a day of companionship despite the warm August weather.



Lt. Col. Leonard was called on to speak of the Tuskegee Airmen (Cont. on page 2)



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Family Reunion (Cont. from page 1)



President Donald Fleming led the crowd in “Lift Every Voice and Sing” also known as the Black National Anthem.



Merchandising Officer William Richards (left) and Public Relations Officer Jackie Jempson (right) worked in the booth.



Mr. Marshall enjoyed chatting with visitors and talking about scholarships with visiting youth.



Gilbert and Yolonda Williams were there to represent the local Buffalo Soldiers Chapter. Yolonda was sporting a Tuskegee Airmen shirt.



Bishop Hodges and Mr. Jones enjoyed conversation.

### Historical Note

In September, 1941, the 99<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Squadron activated in Rantoul, Illinois at Chanute Field. In the same year, the airmen began the Tuskegee program at Tuskegee University. On February 19, 1942, the Tuskegee Airmen were initiated into the United States Armed Forces and were able to fight in World War II.

