



Buford A. Johnson Chapter Newsletter

November, 2018

**Salute to Veterans Parade
Meet at Lower Parking lot at Riverside
Community College**



Our regular meeting will not be held at Altura Credit Union this month. Instead, we will meet at the lower parking lot at Riverside Community College to participate in the annual Veterans' Parade on November 10th, 2018. For information, email the Jempsons at jempsonfam@msn.com. Either Jackie or LaDonna will get back to you. You may also call 951-756-1387 to get Jackie.

December Meeting

Our December meeting will be back at Altura Credit Union. Vice-President Dessely Hodges, a talented singer, promises Christmas fun. There will be a sing-along. We may have a speaker on the Million Veteran project either in December or January. This is a project through the VA that promises to use DNA to tailor medical treatments for each individual. This is exciting because people with the same condition may react differently to traditional treatments.

Membership

Membership for 2019 will begin at our December meeting. We need to have our registration in by January in order to remain a chapter. This is important, because we cannot forward scholarship applications without being financial or accepted as an active chapter. Dues

for the year will be \$60.00. Student dues are \$15.00. Students are paid for by the chapter. Active military pay \$30.00. We will each fill out a new application. This is needed by national. In this way, they can update information. Please do not throw away your current membership card. It is meant to be permanent. After paying dues, your information is forwarded to national, and they will return a current sticker. Dues cover membership from January 1, 2019 till December 31, 2019. You may still join and pay dues after January.

African American Family Reunion

The African American Family Reunion was held on August 25th in Towngate Park in Moreno Valley. The Buford A. Johnson Chapter hosted a table. We sold shirts, caps, and posters. We made a nice profit which is earmarked for an education fund to help students who do not receive the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship, but who, after evaluation by our Scholarship Committee, are determined to qualify for help.



DOTA Lt. Col. Harlan Leonard attended the picnic

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African American Family Reunion (Cont. from page 1)



President Donald Fleming led the crowd in "Lift Every Voice and Sing."



Bishop Herman Hodges and Laska Jones, Sr. enjoyed shade and companionship.



Bill Richards and Jackie Jempson kicking back



This was a chance to see old friends like Gilbert and Yolonda. Even though they were at the Buffalo Soldiers booth, Yolonda was rocking a Tuskegee Airmen shirt. Gilbert was looking good, but do continue to keep him in prayer.



Edison T. Marshall, Jr.