The Macon-Thomas West Bloomfield Chapter will be honoring the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., with a 75 Year Anniversary Gala, Black Tie/Formal Dinner Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Roostertail ~ 100 Marquette Drive ~ Detroit, MI. This gala black tie/formal anniversary dinner will draw members and guests from across the country including Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTAs). For additional details and tickets contact the Macon-Thomas West Bloomfield Chapter at 248.242.6293 or 248.470.7585 or by email henrythegolfer@comcast.net.

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first black servicemen to serve as military aviators in the U.S. Armed Forces, flying with distinction during World War II. Though subject to racial discrimination both at home and abroad, the 996 pilots and more than 15,000 ground personnel who served with the all-black units would be credited with some 15,500 combat sorties and earn over 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses for their achievements. The highly publicized successes of the Tuskegee Airmen helped pave the way for the eventual integration of the U.S. Armed forces under President Harry Truman in 1948.
THE PRESIDENT’S PAGE
ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

REMEMBER: Chapter Meetings are always held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please wear Tuskegee Airmen marked clothing to show uniformity.

*Ladies and Gentlemen, we need All-Hands-On-Deck to be successful with the Tuskegee Airmen’s 75th Anniversary celebration. We must continue the Legacy of those pioneers who paved the way for all of us. It’s all about reaching back and lifting up our youth to be all they can be regardless of their race, creed, color or origin.

Tickets will go on sale for the Macon-Thomas Chapter Gala Anniversary Dinner commemorating 75 years of Excellence in Aviation and Service on November 12, 2016. All Tickets are $75 each and can be purchased by contacting either Mr. William Burnett 248.470.7585, Mr. Gaylord Kanoyton 248.842.0300 or Mr. Cedric Flounory 313.330.7837. Tables of Eight (8) for $600 and Tables of Ten (10) for 750 are available. Tickets are going to sell out quickly. Call Today to get your tickets to attend this fabulous and historic event. This is a Black Tie and Formal Affair.

* For information on becoming a member of the Macon-Thomas West Bloomfield Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., contact:
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PAYING YOUR 2016 ANNUAL DUES
All chapter dues for 2016 are now due and must be paid by March 15th.

VISION & ACTIVITIES
I have set my goals high for 2016 & 2017 and beyond. I want to raise over $3,000,000.00 to build an Aviation Museum/Banquet Center in Oakland County to display works honoring the Pioneers from the WWll and Viet-Nam Era. To continue the Private Pilots Training Program at the Oakland/Troy Airport.

To start a Macon-Thomas Scholarship Foundation to give deserving youth at least $3,500.00 Scholarship. To continue our STEM - Aviation-Aeronautics Program.

To fund our youth Golf, Tennis & Soccer Programs, and to take at least 25 youth to Space Camp each summer in Huntsville, Alabama,

Create a Student Leadership Program for Students entering High School and College.
Create a Science Competition and Reading Program for youth,
Sponsor a Boat Ride/Cruise for youth as an end of summer Back to School Retreat.

AREAS OF INTEREST
The areas of interest are:
1. Fundraising
2. Mentoring
3. Leadership Training
4. Working with Community Leaders and Sponsors

Macon-Thomas Chapter February Inductions
Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., welcomes
Robert Daniels, Cecil Durley, Gonzello Lawrence,
Cynthia Richardson and James Scruggs
The ads for the 75th Anniversary Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., souvenir book are due by Saturday, October 15, 2016. Please contact Ms. Cynthia Richardson for details on Ad requirements needed to submit the Ads. Ads can be emailed to cdr2703@yahoo.com. When emailing any Ads please place in the Subject line of your email: Ad for Tuskegee Airmen Souvenir book. Also, call on either line below to let SkyLine Designs know that you emailed an Ad to the office.

Office: 248.802.4350
Mobile: 248.252.4526

Mail your Ads to:
Macon-Thomas Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.
6036 Petros Drive
West Bloomfield, MI 48324

If you have any questions call Bill Burnett at (248) 242-6293-office or (248) 470-7585-Mobile

The next edition of the Macon-Thomas Chapter newsletter will be distributed in June. The next edition will be in September and the final for the year will be in December. If you have any information that you would like in the newsletter please fax it to (855) 770-2726 or email it to *cdr2703@yahoo.com. Questions call (248) 252-4526. Information for June’s newsletter must be received by May 14th, 2016.

*When emailing any information for the newsletter please place in the Subject line of your email:
Info for Newsletter.

To verify emailed documents, call and leave a message or send a text to the number listed below.

Thank you
Cynthia Richardson
Macon-Thomas Chapter Newsletter Editor

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EVER THOUGHT ABOUT LEARNING TO FLY?

Contact Wayne Hendrickson at the Oakland - Troy Airport to get details on setting up your flying lessons.

*It’s never too late to learn!*

Macon-Thomas West Bloomfield Chapter members at Oakland County Airport.
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Banquet for Henry Hatter
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15th Annual Black History Brunch in Flint MI
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Macon-Thomas West Bloomfield Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. 2016 Membership

The Denver Fly Girls

Macon-Thomas West Bloomfield Chapter Youth Group
Leaving Detroit Metro Airport headed for NASA’s Space Camp
President Bill Burnett of the Macon-Thomas Chapter congratulates
Grand-daughter of Gaylord Kanoyton and the Grandson of Eugene Bolden
after their induction into the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Youth Group
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More from the NASA Space Camp

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Quick Note:
For high school students, the U.S. Space & Rocket Center offers weeklong, overnight camp programs for teens ages 15-18. Advance reservations are required for the programs listed on the following pages. For more information please visit www.spacecamp.com/proginfo.htm for a full Program Guide.
Detroit Academy of Arts and Science Macon-Thomas West Bloomfield Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.,
Students performing the song “Happy”

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Macon- Thomas Chapter member Sabrine Cesaire’s daughter - Afisetut AAlkebulan with Chelsea Clinton, daughter of Bill and Hillary Clinton

Afisetut and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan
**Filling the Sky with Black Wings**

In the 1930s, visionaries like William Powell, Cornelius Coffey, and Willa Brown provided training and promoted interest in aviation, where racial exclusion cast a shadow over opportunities. That changed in March 1941, when Congress activated a center for black fighter pilots at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. The success and example of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II helped lead to the eventual desegregation of the U.S. military in 1948.

Black military pilots played important roles in both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts; back in the U.S., these pilots were denied commercial careers. Following civil rights legislation and a landmark Supreme Court case, Marlon Green became the first black pilot hired by a commercial airline in 1965.

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**From Milestone to Mainstream**

The late 1950s ushered in a new chapter of human flight: rockety and space travel. Black military pilots eventually began to be recruited into NASA's elite astronaut corps. In 1983, Guion "Gu" Bluford Jr. became the first African American to travel into space; Frederick Gregory, the first to pilot a shuttle mission, in 1985; and Charles Bolden Jr., the first African American administrator of NASA, in 2009.

Black astronauts and pilots have ceased to be a novelty, the very goal of racial equality. Those African American heroes who first dared to fly also bravely a culture of exclusion. They wove their accomplishments into the history of flight and, in their wake, pulled the American story of aviation forward.

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**Continent Airlines First Black Commercial Pilot Marion D. Green**

Bernard Harris became the first African American to walk in space in 1995, NASA

Charles Bolden Jr. flew four shuttle missions and was appointed the first African American to head NASA.

I want to live a life of equality. I want to do whatever appeals to me. — Marlon Green, commercial pilot
The Unrecognized First: Emory Malick, the first African-American pilot, wasn’t known to historians until recently.

Groce’s family’s secrecy may also explain, in part, why Malick’s historical significance has been lost. “I was never told about Emory or my mixed heritage,” says Groce, “although this explains my brother’s blond afro.”

Emory Conrad Malick, who studied at the Curtiss Aviation School on North Island, San Diego, received his pilot’s license in March 1912, when he was 31 years old, making him not only the first known African-American pilot, but also the first black person to get a pilot’s license in the United States—some 14 years before aviator James Herman Banning, who was long thought to be the first African-American pilot.

Groce has discovered that Malick, before 1910, built his own gliders and by 1914 he flew up the Susquehanna River which flows from upstate New York state to the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.

Malick later moved to Philadelphia, where he did aerial photography for the Aero Service Corporation and Dallin Aerial Surveys, and worked for the Flying Dutchman Air Service. Some of the family’s papers indicate that Malick helped establish Flying Dutchman with Ernest Buehl, something Groce is hoping to confirm.

In December 1958 Emory Malick died at age 77, from a slip and fall on an icy sidewalk in Philadelphia.

To read more about Emory C. Malick visit the website - http://www.airspacemag.com/history-of-flight/the-unrecognized-first
"No one had even heard of a black woman pilot in 1926. I refused to take no for an answer."
-- Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman

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Bessie Coleman
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Thank you Jacqueline for having the vision to develop a program such as this one to help students
explore their goals, visions and dreams of having a career in the field of aviation and also to show our history.