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From the President’s Corner
“Vaccinations & Boosters for a Pandemic and Where Do We Go from Here - 2022”

As the year 2021 comes to a close, I’m reminded of our mission & vision statement so that we can renew our focus with this 4th quarter edition of our ACTAI Newsletter.

We are an education and community service organization dedicated to maintaining the traditions of the Tuskegee Airmen and preserving the legacy of the first generation of African American military aviators of the Second World War. The Atlanta Chapter Tuskegee Airmen reflects our culture and our inter-generational values. Our membership includes men and women of different races, ages, including military and civilian, veterans and non-veterans.

Georgians are now facing viruses such as Covid-19, a Delta and Omicron variants; yet continuing to be strongly encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccine and booster. Many of our fellow Tuskegee Airmen have been vaccinated at this time. Wearing masks, observing social distancing, and washing and sanitizing your hands in accordance with the guidelines published by the CDC are still deemed as daily. We will continue to serve in the virtual GOTO-Meetings capacity while operating until we are able to make a qualified decision to reconvene our meetings, gatherings, activities and events until further notice.

Be SAFE and STAY SAFE!!

Larry W. Bussey
ACTAInc. Atlanta GA
The Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated uses the term **DOTA** (Documented Original Tuskegee Airman) to define anyone, man or woman, military or civilian, black or white, who served at any of the air bases at which the Tuskegee-trained pilots trained or flew stemming from the Tuskegee Experience between the years of 1941 to 1949.
What We Are Doing-TAI TALK

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

☐ Sept. 5 ESPN – REDTAIL CLASSIC-Bowl Game at Cramton Bowl, 1022 Madison Ave, Montgomery, AL 6:00 PM 6CST POC: Bill Wilson


☐ Sept 17th & 18th, TAI NATIONAL – TAI National Convention, Virtual Conference $99.00 Registration - THEME: “Keeping the Legacy and Aiming High” https://tuskegeeairmen.org/pressroom/events/Cost

☐ October 9, ACTAI – Chairman Turner 5th Annual Internat’L Ball; GA International Convention Center https://www.chairmanturnersball.org/ POC: L.W. Bussey

☐ Nov. 20, ACTAI Gen. Meeting (Virtual GOTO MEET) on the 2nd Saturdays of each month

☐ Nov.11th, Veterans Day Program – TBD; COVID-19 Pandemic

☐ Nov.29th, Induction – Sparkle K. Adams; –2021 Georgian Military Hall of Fame Ceremony – Macon, GA

☐ Dec 12, ACTAI Gen. Meeting (Virtual GOTO MEET) on the 2nd Saturdays of each month *** CANCELED***

☐ Dec 12, ACTAI Christmas Celebration 2021 UNDECIDED

☐ Dec 18, 12:00 EST NOON; Cricket –2021 Celebration Bowl – MEAC/SWA - Mercedes-Benz Stadium Atlanta, GA.

☐ Jan. 08, ACTAI Gen. Meeting (Virtual GOTO MEET) on the 2nd Saturdays of each month 10:00 AM

☐ Feb. 19, ACTAI Gen. Meeting (Virtual GOTO MEET) on the 2nd Saturdays of each month 10:00 AM

☐ Mar. 12, ACTAI Gen. Meeting (Virtual GOTO MEET) on the 2nd Saturdays of each month 10:00 AM

☐ Apr. 09, ACTAI Gen. Meeting (Virtual GOTO MEET) on the 2nd Saturdays of each month 10:00 AM

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On March 29, 2007, during a ceremony inside the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, President George W. Bush announced the award by Congress of the Congressional Gold Medal* to the Tuskegee Airmen collectively as a group. The ceremony was attended by 300 representatives of the 16,000 to 19,000 men and women who were part of the “Tuskegee Experience” of World War II. Among those in attendance were Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTAs).

Chairman Turner’s 2021 Ball Attendees: President Larry W. Bussey, 2nd VP W.O. Smith, Financier-Gregory Grant, Historian – Stanley Coleman and Corresponding Secretary- James Hendricks

ACTAI Sponsorship to Chairman Turner's 2021 Annual Ball
President Larry W. Bussey, 2nd VP W.O. Smith Donate $300.00 to Chairman Jeffrey Turner – Clayton County Commission to Veterans Helping Veterans

ACTAI Attends 5th Annual Chairman’s Ball Fund Raiser at the Georgia International Convention Center

President Larry W. Bussey and 2nd VP W.O. Smith present Chairman Jeffery Turner with Veterans Helping Veterans Donation at the 2021 - 5th Annual Fund Raiser.
Veterans Helping Veterans accepts $9,500.00 plus donation from Chairman Jeffrey Turner-Clayton County Commission at the 5th Annual Chairman’s Ball 2021 Fund Raiser at the Georgia International Convention Center

ACTAI Financier Greg Grant and Ms. Gwen / ACTAI Historian Stan Coleman and Ms. Jerri attends 5th Annual Chairman’s Ball Fund Raiser at the Georgia Intern’L Convention Center
Veterans Helping Veterans (VHV), a 501c-3 non-profit that works to assist our veterans. They educate and collaborate with the local community to ensure our veterans and their families understand and have access to all their VA benefits and other services they may need. Based in Riverdale, GA VHV helps over 500 veterans and their families each year.

2nd VP W.O. Smith and Ms. Silvia was present at Chairman Jeffery Turner 5th Annual Fund Raiser.
Honor Guard and presentation of the colors at the - 5th Annual Fund Raiser for Veterans Helping Veterans.

Atlanta Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Inc. President, Larry W. Bussey greets Mr. Herman Anderson, Chairman of the Veterans Helping Veterans Inc. organization. The VHV team assists veterans in getting the benefits they are entitled to.
International ‘Food and Fixings’ for the Gala by Chairman Jeffery Turner; Clayton County Commission with Veterans Helping Veterans at the 2021 - 5th Annual Fund Raiser.

ACTAI President Larry W. Bussey and Mr. Derwin Davis at the 2021 - 5th Annual Fund Raiser.
ACTAI COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Entertainment at Chairman Jeffery Turner Ball with Veterans Helping Veterans 2021 - 5th Annual Fund Raiser.

ACTAI President L. W. Bussey, Corresponding Secretary and Ms. Miranda was present at Chairman Jeffery Turner’s 5th Annual Fund Raiser 2021
ACTAI COMMUNITY SUPPORT

ACTAI President Larry W. Bussey and Ms. Gwen, ACTAI Financier, Gregory Grant and Ms. Jerri was present at Chairman Jeffery Turner's 2021 - 5th Annual Fund Raiser.
2021 Scholarship Awardees for The Red Tail Flight Academy (RFA) is a non-profit partner of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. via the local, Irene Trowel-Harris Chapter in Newburgh, NY

**BIOGRAPHY**

**ATLANTA CHAPTER TUSKEGEE AIRMEN**

**REDTAIL ACADEMY CADET**

Atlanta Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Inc. Public Relations
Atlanta, GA 30324

Aliyyah Adio-Fardaws

A first-generation Nigerian-American, Aliyyah Adio-Fardaws was originally born and raised in Oakland, California, and currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ms. Adio's father, is also a pilot and flight instructor, who instilled in her a love for aviation. For almost two decades, he ran a flight school in Oakland and Hayward California which has helped a number of minority students start their careers in aviation. And Aliyyah father's contribution to aviation has encouraged her to carry on his legacy. Although she was too young to fly with him, she was fortunate to travel across the world with family and experience the sensation of taking off and landing; thus, getting an appreciation for the beauty-of-the-skies.

Ms. Adio began exploring aviation by acquiring her workshop assembly certificate at Zenith Aircraft Company where she learned how to build an airplane with students from the International College of Aeronautics. Aliyyah received her first Discovery flight at the International College of Aeronautics. After the program, she worked as a commercial aircraft fueler with Delta Airlines. She is currently an Aviation Management major at Middle Georgia State University with a background in Dance and the Performing Arts. Also, she is part of the RedTail Scholarship Program and a member of the Atlanta Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Atlanta, Georgia.
We welcome Ms. Aliyyah Adio and her father Mr. Solomon Adio new to our ACTAI Family.

Mr. Solomon Adio is a pilot, flight instructor and aviation consultant, who instilled in his daughter a love for aviation. For almost two decades, he ran a flight school in Oakland and Hayward California which has helped a number of minority students start their careers in aviation.
VETERAN OF THE MONTH: Mr. Stanley L. Coleman – has been selected as the “Clayton County Veteran of the Month” nominations generated by Clayton County’s Senior Services Organization. Retired Master Sergeant, United States Air Force Reserves.

ACTAI and Prince Hall Grand Lodge (EAST) collaborated on the 2018 Veteran’s Day Celebration with this group coveted photo.

REMEMBERING VETERANS DAY
CELEBRATION OF DAYS GONE BY (2018) WHILE ENDURING A PANDEMIC IN 2021
Sparkle Kornegay Adams (SERVICE)
Master Sergeant, Air Force, Forest Park. During her 25+ years of active and reserve military service plus her career with several federal government agencies, Sparkle Adams dedicated untiring and selfless volunteer spirit to her church, community, city, state and nation, impacting thousands of lives. Some efforts include: Forest Park City Council Member, Forest Park Mayor, Kiwanis Club, Atlanta Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Walk of Heroes / Veterans War Memorial, Ben Hill United Methodist Church Veterans Ministry and Metro Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of Black Military Women. She also founded Walking in Authority Team Council (WIATC) which educates teens and adults in leadership, accountability and empowerment. To date, WIATC is credited with 547 teen graduates, many of whom have received college scholarships.
In January 1941 the War Department formed the all-black 99th Pursuit Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corps (later the U.S. Army Air Forces), to be trained using single-engine planes at the segregated Tuskegee Army Air Field at Tuskegee, Alabama. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the black press, and others had been lobbying hard for the government to allow African Americans to become military pilots. However, neither the NAACP nor the most-involved black newspapers approved the solution of creating separate black units; they believed that approach simply perpetuated segregation and discrimination. Nevertheless, largely at the behest of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt, a separate unit was created. The Tuskegee base opened on July 19, and the first class graduated the following March. Lieut. Col. Benjamin Oliver Davis, Jr., became the squadron’s commander. The Tuskegee Airmen received further training in French Morocco before their first mission, on June 2, 1943, a strafing attack on Pantelleria Island, an Italian island in the Mediterranean Sea. The US Twelfth Air Force and a number of groups from Ninth Air Force also took part in Corkscrew. One of the Twelfth units seeing its first action was the Tuskegee-trained 99th Fighter Squadron. The airmen of that unit—the first African-American airmen to fly in combat for the Army Air Forces—became known later as the Tuskegee Airmen. The 99th, which had just arrived in North Africa to reinforce the XII Air Support Command, flew P-40s as part of Corkscrew. In 1943, the World War II Allies launched Corkscrew, a military operation whose aim was to seize the Mediterranean island of Pantelleria. It was an armed action meant to pave the way for an Allied invasion of Sicily
and then the Italian mainland, but it turned out to be far more than that. By the time Corkscrew was finished, it had

**HISTORY: UNSUNG HEROES ...Continued**

The Tuskegee Airmen Story  
- Pantelleria Island Attack -

The importance of **Pantelleria Island** itself stemmed from its location—smack in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. Some 53 miles to the west was Tunisia. To the northeast, 63 miles away, was Sicily. Thus, **Pantelleria** lay astride the route from North Africa, where the Allies earlier in 1943 had routed Axis forces, and Italy, the next target for invasion. Between May 8 and June 11 in 1943, Allied aircraft flew 5,285 bombing sorties against targets on **Pantelleria** and dropped 6,313 tons of bombs on Italian and German forces ensconced there. The operation called for using sustained aerial bombardment to crush enemy power on the island and therefore reduce the number of Allied ground forces needed to capture and hold it. The plan succeeded—dramatically so. In fact, the aerial offensive marked the first time in history that an enemy land force was compelled to surrender in the absence of an accompanying ground invasion. Saturation bombing, plus limited shelling by the Royal Navy, broke the enemy’s defenses and will to resist.

For all that, it was an offensive that almost didn’t happen. Later that year the army activated three more squadrons that, joined in 1944 by the 99th, constituted the 332nd Fighter Group. It fought in the European theatre and was noted as one of the Army Air Forces’ most successful and most-decorated escort groups. The Tuskegee Air Field program expanded to train pilots and crew to operate two-engine **B-25** medium bombers. These men became part of the second black flying group, the 477th Bombardment Group. Shortages of crew members, technicians, and equipment troubled the 477th, and World War II ended before it could be deployed overseas. Altogether, 992 pilots graduated from the Tuskegee Air Field courses, and they flew 1,578 missions and 15,533 sorties, destroyed 261 enemy aircraft, and won more than 850 medals.  

### END (By Herman S. Wolk)
HISTORY Continued: UNSUNG HEROES

(((COMBAT MISSIONS)))

NUMBER OF COMBAT MISSIONS OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

Daniel Haulman

914 MISSIONS OF THE 332ND FIGHTER GROUP (602 for the Twelfth AF, 312 MISSIONS for the Fifteenth AF)
577 MISSIONS OF THE 99TH FIGHTER SQUADRON (BEFORE ASSIGNMENT TO 322ND FIGHTER GROUP) 1491 TOTAL NUMBER OF MISSIONS OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN IN COMBAT (1179 for the Twelfth AF, 312 for the Fifteenth AF) Details: For Feb 1944, 100th FS flew 7, 301st FS flew 1, and 302nd FS flew 0 combat missions, for a total of 8 combat missions.

Sources: 100th Fighter Squadron history (SQ-FI-100-HI) Dec 1941-Mar 1944; 301st Fighter Squadron history (SQ-FI-301-HI) Oct 1942-Mar 1944; 302nd Fighter Squadron history (SQ-FI-302-HI) Mar 1943-Feb 1944. For Mar 1944, 100th Fighter Squadron flew 56, 301st Fighter Squadron flew 24, and 302nd Fighter Squadron flew 37 combat missions, for a total of 117 combat missions. Source: March 1944 history of 332nd Fighter Group in GP-332-HI Oct 1942-1947. For Apr 1944, 100th Fighter Squadron flew 114, 301st Fighter Squadron flew 67, and 302nd Fighter Squadron flew 98 combat missions, for a total of 279 combat missions. Source: April 1944 history of 332nd Fighter Group in GP-332-HI, Mar-Apr 1944. For May 1944, 100th Fighter Squadron flew 78, 301st Fighter Squadron flew 79, and 302nd Fighter Squadron flew 41 combat missions, for a total of 198 combat missions. Between the start of June 1944 and the end of April 1945, the 332nd Fighter Group flew 312 missions for which we have records. Sources: monthly histories of the 332nd Fighter Group for June, July, August, September, October, November, and December 1944, and monthly histories of the 332nd Fighter Group for January, February, March, April, and May 1945, which also contain the narrative mission reports. Call number is GP-332-HI followed by month and year. Note: Mission Report 24 actually describes two different missions flown on 13 July 1944. For the total number of missions, the 99th Fighter Squadron flew before it began flying combat missions with the 332nd Fighter Group in July 1944, the source is the June 1944 history of the 99th Fighter Squadron (SQ-FI-99-HI). The history notes that the squadron flew its 500th combat mission on June 2. For each following day in June, there is a number of the missions the squadron flew per day. Adding up those numbers, after June 2, results in a total of 77 missions, for a total of 577 combat missions of the 99th Fighter Squadron before July 1944, when the 99th began flying missions with the 332nd Fighter Group. Researcher: Daniel L. Haulman Air Force Historical Research Agency 29 July 2013
“BG. Charles A. McGhee”
(Dec.07,1919 – Jan.16, 2022)
Aviator’s Quotes
** DO WHILE YOU CAN **
“Our story is not just about what we did, but about education and taking advantage of opportunities that exist. “

Brigadier General Charles Edward McGee (December 7, 1919 – January 16, 2022) was an American fighter pilot who was one of the first African American aviators in the United States military and one of the last living members of the Tuskegee Airmen. McGee first began his career in World War II flying with the Tuskegee Airmen, an all African American military pilot group at a time of segregation in the armed forces. His military aviation career lasted 30 years in which McGee flew 409 combat missions in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War. For his service, McGee received the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters and the Bronze Star Medal, along with many other military honors. In 2007, as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, McGee received the Congressional Gold Medal. In 2011, he was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame and in February 2020, was promoted to Brigadier General.

Oct
09 Rev. Thomas Holt
10 Vanessie Johnson-Smith
17 Anthony Dixon
24 L.C. Johnson
27 Piper Burks
   Eugene Russell
31 Eric Alston

Nov
11 Geraldine Gilliam
15 Tim Holder
18 James Hendricks
20 Walter Holt (RIP)
23 Don Chapman
28 Michiko Williams

Dec
04 December 1941: Major Noel F. Parrish transferred from the Primary Flying School at Tuskegee Institute to the Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Tuskegee Army Air Field as Director of Training
12 Craig M. Epps
Colonel Raymond King
Mundy’s Mill High School
ROTC Instructor
Tuskegee Airmen Atlanta Chapter, Inc. / Mundy's Mill High School's Jr. Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadets and Staff share a photo moment with Dr. Hilliard Pouncy, Jr. a DOTA; Documented Original Tuskegee Airman during their Air Force Academy Day on December 28, 2021.
2021 MUNDY’S MILL HIGH SCHOOL
JROTC AIR FORCE DAY PROGRAM SHOW

DOTA; Dr. Hilliard Pouncy and ACTAI Torchbearer-Member Aliyyah Adio attending Mundy’s Mill JROTC 2021 Air Force Day Program
2021 MUNDY’S MILL HIGH SCHOOL
JROTC AIR FORCE DAY PROGRAM SHOW

DOTA; Dr. Hilliard Pouny and ACTAI Torchbearers: L. Gaston (kneeling); President L.W. Bussey, Treasurer P. Burks and Historian S. Coleman along with member Aliyyah Adio attending Mundy’s Mill JROTC 2021 Air Force Day Program.
2021 MUNDY’S MILL HIGH SCHOOL
JROTC AIR FORCE DAY PROGRAM SHOW
2021 GOTO MEETING VIDEO SCREEN SHOTS

OCT 2021 MEETING

Looks like loads of fun, fun, fun!!!

William ‘Bill’ Patterson
Dr. James Patterson
HERE WE GOTO MEET ...AGAIN!!!

2021 GOTO MEETING VIDEO SCREEN SHOTS

Our January 2021 Virtual Meeting Meeting
2021 GOTO MEETING VIDEO SCREEN SHOTS
2021 TAAAST SUPPORT
Applications Can be Found on Website for the 2022 Summer Camp Program

https://atlantatai.org/youth-programs/taast/

Thank you For Your Support!

Contact Director Sheila Small at

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Or

Youthprograms@atlantatai.org
In order to continue to preserve the Tuskegee Airmen legacy, the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation (TASF) was established in 1978 to serve as a vehicle to provide annual scholarships to outstanding young people in their academic quest for excellence. With an initial goal of one million dollars, seed money came from pledges, contributions, and the proceeds of a Memorial Banquet honoring General Daniel “Chappie” James Jr. The goal was achieved in 1997 and in 2007, the fund balance reached $2,000,000.

TAI National Scholarship Foundation Applications on line at:
https://www.atlantatai.org/youth-programs/tuskegee-airmen-scholarship-foundation
One of our objectives as a non-profit is to inspire youth to strive for excellence and realize outstanding achievements and leadership in our global society through social and educational activities.

2021 Lonely Eagles Scholarship
$1500 Scholarships

“Atlanta Chapter Tuition Assistance Winner”
Aniyah Sparks
Atlanta Chapter
Major: Psychology
Florida Agricultura and Mechanical University

Contact: ACTAI Tuition Assistance Program Director
Walter Robinson wgrobson@bellsouth.net
New Members Join:

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

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MONTON FIELD TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

PLEASE HELP OUR TUSKEGEE AIRMAN TO FIND HIS P-51 PLANE

https://www.deviantart.com/darthpandani/art/P-51-Tuskegee-Airmen-174615255

Please help me to NAVIGATE my way
