



TAI 2022 VIRTUAL CONVENTION PROGRAM ITINERARY

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Now!

Virtual Golf Tournament

Play a round of golf at your favorite course and [click here](#) to learn more. Then purchase a ticket via the [event link](#) for chance to win prizes and bragging rights! Tournament ends Friday, September 16th. Scores must be added before 6 PM EDT

Saturday, September 16th

DOTA Chat (By Invitation only)

1:00 PM

Spouses' "Tea"

2:00 PM

Come and mingle with the amazing women and men who were the powerhouses behind the scenes of our iconic DOTAs. Hear what family life was like and how they met their beloved

Welcome / Opening

4:00 PM

Join us as we open the 2022 Convention with greetings from TAI President, Jerry Burton

Education / Information Sessions

4:30–7:30 PM

Want to know more about how to get involved on a national committee or learn more about policies or operations? How about some Chapter "best practices"? Attend these informative sessions hosted by TAI Committee members.

Membership Committee

4:30 – 6:30 PM

Info about filing membership forms and our new member engagement tool Member Planet. Hosted by Membership Chair Col. TJ Spann

Fundraising Tips from ECCTAI

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hear how the East Coast Chapter has been successful at developing and executing money-making events and take away some tips for your chapter's next endeavor! Hosted by Edward Harbison from ECCTAI

Awards Committee

5:30 – 6:30 PM

TAI presents a number of awards each year. Ever wonder about the process and how to nominate someone. Join Dr. Sarah Williams, Chairwoman of the TAI National Awards Committee

Elections / Balloting Committee

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Elections are over now, but how does one become a candidate? National Committee Chairwoman Carolyn Peeler will lead this informative session on how to become a successful candidate for a leadership role

Finance Committee

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Financial issues are the key to any successful organization, region or chapter! The National Finance Committee will be on hand to discuss TAI policies and procedures concerning financial recording and reporting. Hosted by Finance Chairwoman Undine Stinnette

2023 Convention Committee

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Want to help develop and execute the 2023 TAI Convention? The planning will begin right after the 2022 Convention ends! All are welcome, so come with your ideas and let's make next year's Convention one we'll never forget! Hosted by MaryAnne Drummond, Convention Planning Committee Chairwoman

Heritage Committee Guest Speaker / Q&A

7:30 – 9:30 PM

The Heritage Committee will feature a video presentation/interview with DOTA Jerry T. Hodges, who was a member of the 477th Bomber Group. A Q&A session will follow the presentation

END OF DAY ONE

Saturday, September 17th

Lonely Eagles Ceremony

1:00 PM

Join us as we honor the passing of those DOTA that we've lost since last year's Convention. Presented by the TAI Air Force JROTC Cadet squad

TAI JROTC Award Ribbon Briefing

Each year the TAI AFJROTC cadet unit from Charlotte NC sends two Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. AFJROTC Cadet Award ribbons to every AFJROTC Cadet Unit worldwide. Our cadets gather in February to package the ribbons and mail the 890+ ribbon packages. Presented by Lt. Col. Nelson English USAF (Retired)

Annual Business Meeting

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

The meeting includes the President's Report and end of the year reports from each national committee. Election results will be announced and any business for the Good of the Order will also be discussed. President Jerry Burton will preside.

Youth Session Block

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Chapters will showcase their Youth programs, so come see and hear what exciting things are happening around the country! Drone camps, flight instruction and Space Camp are just a few of the featured programs. The Civil Air Patrol will host a session on their newest program which provides an opportunity for kids to take a free flight and experience the wonders of flying high!

Gala / Awards Ceremony

7:00 – 10:00 PM

Join us as we close out this year's Convention and present our annual Awards to those individuals who exemplify the values of TAI and the DOTAs whose legacy we vow to protect, preserve, and promote. Included are the President's Award, the Lemuel R. Custis Award, and the Noel F. Parrish Award, with an introduction from the Parrish Family.

Celebrating the 80th year of the first graduating class of Tuskegee Airmen in 1942

