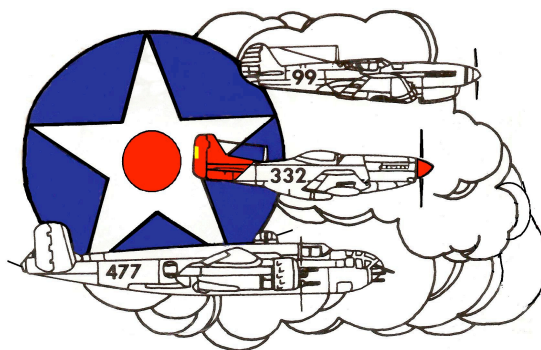


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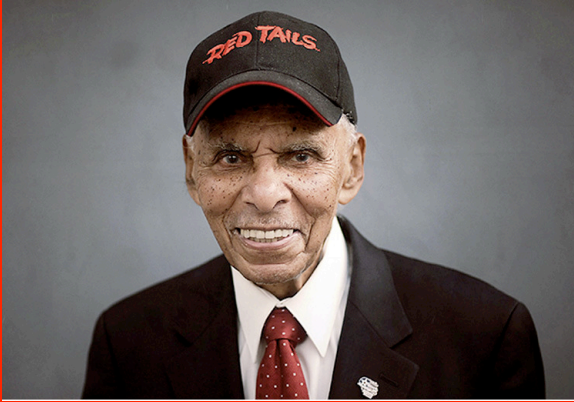
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Program

5:30	Cocktails and Live Band
6:00	Invocation: Fr. John DeSocio
6:05	Welcome: Michael Hall, Executive Director
6:15	Introductions: Michael Joseph, Event Chair
6:25	Posting of the Colors: Civil Air Patrol
6:30	Dinner
7:00	Keynote Address: Dr. Roscoe Brown
7:25	Proclamations
7:55	Essay Contest Winner Announced
8:00	Swing Dance Show: Southern Tier Dine and Dance Club - Bob and Jackie Bebel
8:45	Silent Auction: Red Cross
9:00	Greg Hill Delfonics Revue - Classic Soul
To Midnight	Dancing and Socializing

*Live Music by the Delfonics Revue and
The Hep Cats Big Band*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. (born March 9, 1922) is a Tuskegee Airman and former commander of the 100th Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group, 15th Strategic Air Force. He graduated from the Tuskegee Flight School on March 12, 1944 as member of class 44-C-SE. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe during World War II. During this period, Captain Brown shot down an advanced German Me-262 jet fighter on the famed 24 March 1945 Berlin raid, the finale of the popular film “Red Tails”. On another mission, he shot down a FW-190 fighter.

Dr. Brown grew up in Dr Roscoe C Brown, Sr, United States Public also a physician. Before graduated from



100th FG

Harlem, NY. His father, was an official in the Health Service. His son is his wartime service, he Springfield College in

Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was valedictorian of the Class on 1943. After the war, Captain Brown resumed his education. His doctoral dissertation was on exercise physiology. He became a professor at New York University. He also served as President of Bronx Community College. In 1992, Dr. Brown received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater.

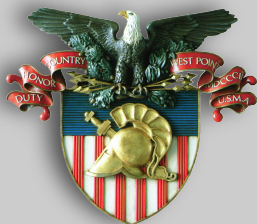
Dr Brown will be sharing his experiences as a Tuskegee Airman, health care professional, and a lifelong educator.

COMMANDER of the Tuskegee Airmen Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

“BY REQUEST”



Col. Benjamin Oliver Davis, Jr., standing by his red tail P51 Mustang “By Request”, led an elite team of African Americans into the most destructive conflict in the history. Davis was a graduate of West Point Military Academy, class of 1939. While there, because he was black, no classmates would bunk, eat, or speak to him when not necessary. Despite being “silenced” for four years he still graduated near the top of his class. His Tuskegee Airmen were the secret weapon America did not know it had. Although initially shunned by white bomber crews, when news spread of their skills and dedication in protecting their bombers, they were soon specifically requested for escort. When the high barriers set against their succeeding were overcome, the US military had inadvertently created a supreme fighting force whose war time record for fighter escort was unmatched.



West Point Military Academy
Class of 1936

Return of the Red Tails Program Attractions



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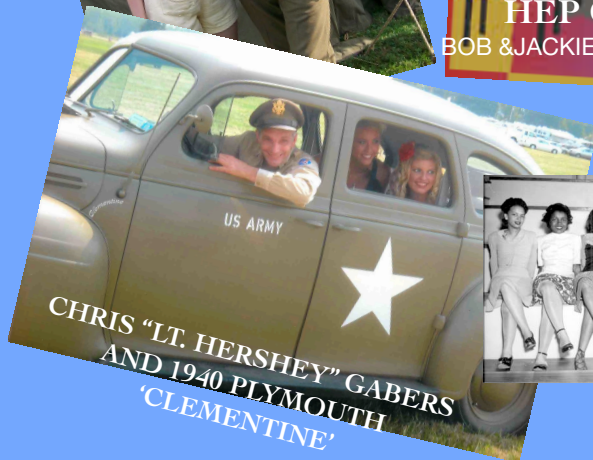


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6/19/14 - Hornell, 9/18/14 - Avoca, 10/16/14 - Canisteo, 11/20/14 - Bath, 1/15/15 - Campbell, 2/19/15 - Corning, 3/19/15 - Addison,
4/16/15 - Hammondsport, 5/7/15 - Cohocton (County Convention), 5/21/15 - Arkport, 6/18/15 - Hornell.

The Tuskegee Airmen



Lt. Herbert C. Thorpe was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant Navigator Bombardier on December 30, 1944. After an honorable discharge in the summer of 1946, Mr. Thorpe returned to Brooklyn. He earned his Bachelor of Electronic Engineering degree in 1953, and was employed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He moved on to Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY the following year. Mr. Thorpe retired from Griffiss in 1983, and a year later went to work as a part-time guidance counselor at Mohawk Valley Community College, where he stayed until 1996. As a prominent member of the Rome, NY community, he helped to charter the Rome Branch NAACP, served as its first



Sgt. Dabney Montgomery entered into the Army Air Corps during World War II. He served as a ground crewman with the Tuskegee Airmen in Southern Italy from 1943 to 1945 and was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, a Service Award, the Honorable Service Medal, and the European/African/Middle Eastern Service Medal with two Bronze Stars. On March 29, 2007, Montgomery received the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor, presented by President George W. Bush to all original Tuskegee Airmen. Today, Montgomery is active in the Harlem community where he is a member of various corporate boards. Mr. Montgomery was the personal bodyguard to Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Selma March.



Staff Sgt. George Watson Sr. was a supply sergeant and support personnel for the Tuskegee Airmen, the 332nd Fighter Group. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Mr. Watson was sent to Italy in 1944 and served as a supply sergeant. On March 29, 2007, Watson attended a ceremony in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda where the surviving veterans of the Tuskegee Airmen and their widows were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal recognition of their service.



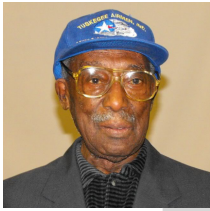
Capt. Claude B. Govan Chapter



Col. Clayton Lawrence served with the 477th Bombardment Group as a navigator/bombardier. He trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field in 1943. The War ended before he would be deployed. In 2012, for the opening of the Red Tails movie, Lawrence was invited to the White House to meet President Obama. Lawrence reports that President Obama thanked him for his service and acknowledge the successes of the Tuskegee Airmen were instrumental in the eventual election of an African American to office of US President.



Sgt. Audley Coulthurst, served with the 477th Bomber Group on B-25 Bomber planes as a radio operator; Coulthurst, 88, of Jamaica, Queens, served in the U.S. Army Air Corps between 1942 and 1946. "I was part of the bomber group, and they didn't allow us to go into combat..." said Coulthurst, a self-described "New York City boy" who grew up in Harlem. "We went through training mission after training mission, but they wouldn't let us fight." The 477th was being trained for the Pacific Theatre of Operations, but the war with Japan ended before they could be deployed.



Tech Sgt. Wilfred DeFour joined the Air Corps in 1942. After basic training at Tuskegee Army Airfield, Wilfred was assigned to the 366th Air Service Squadron, 96th Air Service Group. Joining up with his fellow Tuskegee Airmen in Italy, Wilfred worked as an aircraft technician, providing field service to the aircraft of the 332nd FG at Ramitelli Airfield. Discharge in December 1945, Wilfred began a career of more than 30 years working at the NYC Post Office, retiring as a Superintendent. He then began a real estate company, Saverin Realty, serving the Harlem community that he operates to this day.



Aviation Cadet William Joseph Johnson was born in North Carolina and his family moved to Glen Cove in 1929 when Joe was 4 years old. Growing up he could hear and see aircraft based at Mitchell Field flying overhead, and while his heart and mind wished to soar into the wild blue yonder at the controls, he knew that was not an option open to black Americans at the time. In 1941, Mr. Johnson learned of the Tuskegee Experiment and set his sights on flying. Mr. Johnson received his Army Air Corps training at Tuskegee Institute.



MISSION

Return Of The Red Tails is a committee composed of local individuals working with Tuskegee Airmen, inc. local representative Michael Joseph to help the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; Claude B. Govan (CBG) Tri-State Chapter with fundraising efforts for its Educational Assistance Fund and Chapter Operations. The CBG chapter has participated in several events in this region beginning with the 1997 Juneteenth Celebration In Corning, NY. Smaller visits occurred periodically until 7 Tuskegee Airmen arrived here in 2004 to participate in the dedication of their National Show car, "Faithful Pursuit" and the permanent Tuskegee Airmen display.

In 2008 the Airmen returned to the Southern Tier for Lockheed-Martin's Annual Family Day Event in Owego, NY. The late Col Spann Watson was joined by six other Tuskegee Airmen.

Two Tuskegee Airmen who received their wings in 1945 as classmates and left the service to become engineers were reunited at Corning Aviation in 2008 after not seeing each other since 1946. Professor Alton Burton, PE, retired from Pratt Institute's School of Construction Management and Herbert Thorpe is a retired research engineer with Rome Air Development Center.

Today eight members of the Tuskegee Airmen's original World War II organization together with many other modern day Tuskegee Airmen join us in our effort to make the lives of deserving youth brighter.

The Captain Claude B. Govan Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. has raised tens of thousands of dollars for youth in faithful pursuit of higher education in Science, Technology, and Engineering.

The Return of the Red Tails Committee supports Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) education and a portion of the proceeds will go to support the Summer Of Innovation here at the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center.

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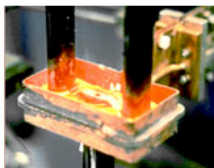
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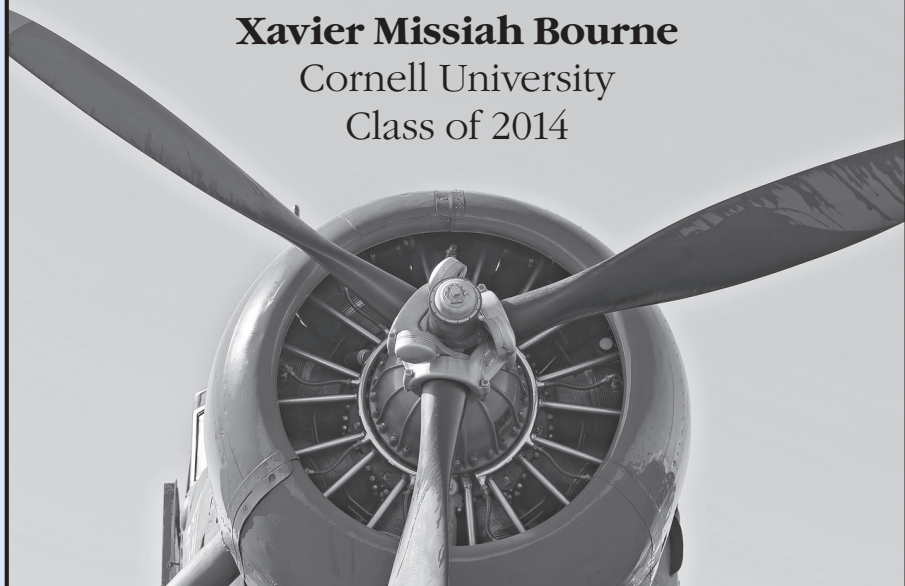
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