

## Tuskegee Airmen Highlights and Awards

At least ten years before Rosa Parks fought to keep her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL, and nine years before the Civil Rights marches and sit-ins which led up to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech, there were the Tuskegee Airmen - whose story and their exemplary record is virtually unknown to most Americans. This part of American history is seldom taught in most schools.

Having the reputation of few bomber losses, the Tuskegee Airmen escorted almost 200 bombing missions during World War II. Flying P39 Air-a-Cobras, P40 Warhawks, P47 Thunderbolts and P51 Mustangs they defeated 112 enemy aircraft in aerial combat, demolished numerous enemy installations and badly crippled one enemy destroyer.



Congressional Gold Medal

Awarded to the Tuskegee Airmen by Pres. George W. Bush March 29, 2007



Briefly stated, their record includes: 992 Cadets graduated from Tuskegee - 15,533 sorties - Over 1,578 missions in Europe and North Africa - 380 Airmen flew missions in Europe - 66 pilots killed in action (KIA) - 33 prisoners of war (POWs) - 96 Distinguished Flying Crosses - 1 Legion of Merit & Red Star of Yugoslavia - 8 Purple Hearts - 1 Silver Star - 4 Soldier Medals - 25 Bronze Stars - 1,033 Air Medals and clusters - 3 Presidential Unit Citations - and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2007.

They had an exemplary record while serving in WWII but their legacy should be built around their fight against segregation and how it was instrumental in desegregating the US Armed Forces.

# 15<sup>th</sup> Year

2002-2017

**"Keeping their history alive in the hearts and minds of all Americans"** through KEYNOTE SPEAKING STUDENT RAP-SESSIONS, WORKSHOPS, TOURING DISPLAY/EXHIBITIONS, and MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS

Guarantee that your audience will learn 20 new things - rarely known facts and generally not taught in schools - facts they never knew about the Tuskegee Airmen.

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The Ron Spriggs Exhibit of Tuskegee Airmen was founded on December 2, 2002 and has worked tirelessly as a **"Voice of the Tuskegee Airmen"**, to disseminate the history and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen. We specialize in student lectures and group keynote speaking. We have traveled extensively in the Midwest, to Las Vegas, England and most recently to Mexico to convey the stories of these **"Gladiators of the Skies"**.

A recipient of numerous awards for sustaining their legacy, **RSETA** was dubbed a **"Torch-bearer"** by an iconic Original Tuskegee Airman, Dr Charles "A-Train" Dryden, Lt./Col, USAF-ret. whose motto was, **"we dare not fail"**. This was his wish for me, to tell all students and youths.

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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."  
—Martin Luther King, Jr.



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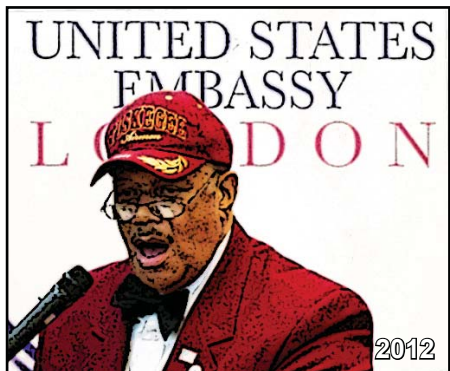
Friday,  
Jan. 16  
at 8:30 a.m.

Somerset Campus  
Harold Rogers  
Student Commons  
Citizens  
National Bank  
Community Room



Featured Speaker  
**Ron Spriggs**  
Mr. Spriggs has served as the voice of the prestigious Tuskegee Airmen for the past several years.

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**RON SPRIGGS**  
EXEC. DIRECTOR & CO-FOUNDER  
OF THE RON SPRIGGS EXHIBIT OF TUSKEGEE AIRMAN  
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1130-1300

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