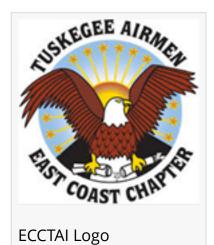


## The Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen Continues - Black Excellence Rising to New Heights (March 24)

*Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day on March 24 celebrates the accomplishments and achievements of the Tuskegee Airmen.* 

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES, March 8, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The East Coast Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Inc. (ECCTAI), the oldest and largest chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated, will be the host of the Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (TACD), in recognition of the 81st anniversary of the Tuskegee Airman Experience. The Commemoration Day is celebrated annually, on the 4th Thursday in March, to honor the accomplishments and achievements of these national heroes.



The Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day will be like no other - complete with a wreath laying ceremony, special tributes, and a silent auction. The official Wreath Laying Ceremony symbolizes a commitment to remember and honor our nation's Veterans and our "Lonely Eagles" and will be

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held at The United States Air Force Memorial. Later in the day, the virtual TACD fundraiser ceremony will be live streamed with a salute to the late General Colin Powell and Brigadier General Charles McGee, a war hero who courageously fought in 409 combat missions in World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars and lived to the venerable age of 102 years old.

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many holidays, the struggle to get Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day on state calendars is dependent on individual states and not the accomplishments of the more than 15,000 Original Tuskegee Airmen. "said Jerry 'Hawk' Burton, National President, Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated.

This year's theme: "The Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen Continues: Black Excellence Rising to New Heights" embodies the spirit of excellence of these pioneering patriots and how their enduring

legacy inspires the next generation of scholars. 2022 TACD Fundraiser Ceremony that will be hosted virtually on Thursday, March 24th at 7pm ET. Our goal is to generate awareness about the Tuskegee Airmen and raise funds to preserve the enduring legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. by motivating, inspiring and stimulating young people's minds to achieve successful careers in the STEM arena. Our exclusive collection of silent auction items includes donated items by renowned artist David Boothman/Caribbean Renaissance Foundation, Strathmore, Royal Sonesta Hotel DC, Josh Serck Mosaics and treasured Tuskegee Airmen memorabilia.

Special invited guests include our Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen, Smithsonian Secretary Lonnie Bunch, Rev. Dr. Grainger Browning, Vice President Kamala Harris, President Wayne A. I. Frederick and other state and national representatives.

ECCTAI President's Jerome Hodge invites you to "take this opportunity to celebrate the 81st Anniversary of



this opportunity to celebrate the 81st Anniversary of these patriots. Join us in making this a momentous event." Tickets to our virtual event cost \$100. <u>Click here</u> to buy your tickets now.

Sponsorship, partnership, and advertising opportunities are still available through March 15. <u>View here</u>

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