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Frontiers of Flight Museum Brings Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit Online with the Google Cultural Institute

Museum Shares Masterpieces of African American History and Culture Online

DALLAS (February 1, 2016) - Starting today, the **Frontiers of Flight Museum's Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit** is viewable online by people around the world, due to a new partnership between the **Google Cultural Institute and the Museum**. Thanks to this new virtual exhibition, users can journey through the history of America's first African American World War II combat aviators known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

The Museum is proud to join with cultural organizations across America in an exploration of African American history and culture. This and many other treasures of the Museum are just a few clicks away at <https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/exhibit/wii-tuskegee-airmen/UwICPDc69EwsLQ>.

Virtual Tour with Street View

Viewers can explore the Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit and other aviation artifacts through the virtual Street View feature. People can move around the entire Frontiers of Flight Museum virtually, selecting works that interest them and clicking to discover more or diving into high-resolution images, where available. By stitching together the 360-degree images from the specially designed Street View trolley, virtual visitors can navigate the entire state-of-the-art 100,000 sq. ft. Museum.

Digital Exhibit

A specially curated virtual exhibit of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II invites visitors to explore the story of how African American pilots and crews overcame racial prejudice at home to become one of America's elite fighter units in history. Often misunderstood and looked down upon because of their race, American heavy bomber crews soon came to respect the Tuskegee "Red Tails" as they escorted them deep into the heart of Nazi-occupied Germany.

This digital exhibition tells the story of these brave airmen. Included is an authentic World War II Tuskegee Airmen's uniform, a Rolls Royce Merlin aircraft engine, detailed aircraft models, unique lithographs, and interactive geographical maps of Tuskegee Airmen missions in the European Theater of World War II.

Frontiers of Flight Museum CEO Cheryl Sutterfield-Jones said, "We are thrilled to partner with the Google Cultural Institute and make our Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit available for all to enjoy. We recently lost a dear friend of the Museum, Tuskegee Airmen Lt. Calvin Spann, whose medals and commendations are a vital part of our exhibit. This opportunity will allow visitors from around the world to read about his incredible story of perseverance and courage over the skies of Europe during World War II."

About the Frontiers of Flight Museum

The Frontiers of Flight Museum, a Smithsonian affiliate located in Dallas, Texas, introduces visitors of all ages to the rich diversity of aviation and space flight history. The significant collection includes over

thirty aircraft and space vehicles and the stories behind them. The mission of the Museum is to educate, motivate, and inspire all ages through aerospace history and innovation with unique and excellent exhibits, collections, programming, and STEM curriculum.

About Google Cultural Institute

The Google Cultural Institute and its partners are putting the world's cultural treasures at the fingertips of Internet users and are building tools that allow the cultural sector to share more of its diverse heritage online. The Google Cultural Institute has partnered with more than 1,000 institutions giving a platform to over 250,000 thousand artworks and a total of 6 million photos, videos, manuscripts and other documents of art, culture and history.

For more information about the Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit at the Frontiers of Flight Museum visit: <http://www.flightmuseum.com/exhibits/tuskegee-airmen-exhibit/> or call (214) 350-3600.

About the Frontiers of Flight Museum

The Frontiers of Flight Museum is conveniently located just north of downtown on Lemmon Avenue at the southeast side of Dallas Love Field Airport, north of Mockingbird Lane. Housed in a modern 100,000- square-foot facility, the Museum provides a focal point to explore the history and progress of aviation, as mankind continues to pursue going higher, faster and farther. Hours of operation: Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: Adults \$10; Seniors (65+) \$8; Youths/Students (3-17) \$7 and children under 3 are free. For more information, visit <http://www.flightmuseum.com/>.

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