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**NORTH TEXAS TUSKEGEE AIRMEN HONORED AT VETERANS DAY  
EVENT HOSTED BY FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT MUSEUM NOV. 11**  
*Museum Unveils Newly Expanded Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit; Original  
Tuskegee Airmen from Dallas/Ft. Worth Area to Attend*

**DALLAS (Nov. 9, 2012)** – Thanks to the **Frontiers of Flight Museum**, many **Tuskegee Airmen** who live in the North Texas area will receive special recognition this Veterans Day with the unveiling of a newly expanded exhibit honoring their contributions and achievements during WWII on Sunday, Nov. 11 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

A feature of the Frontiers of Flight Museum's WWII Gallery for many years, the expanded Tuskegee Airmen exhibit has been made possible through a generous gift by the **George E. Haddaway Educational Fund of Communities Foundation of Texas, a Texas non-profit corporation**. 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.

Sunday's special invitation-only Veterans Day celebration to honor Tuskegee Airmen in North Texas is part of the Frontiers of Flight Museum's commitment to furthering education through aviation history and celebrating the spirit of achievement.

In spite of adversity and limited opportunities, African Americans have played a significant role throughout U.S. military history. They were denied military leadership roles and skilled training because many believed they lacked qualifications for combat duty. Before 1940, African Americans were barred from flying for the U.S. military. Civil Rights organizations and the African American press exerted pressure that resulted in the formation of an all-African American pursuit squadron based in Tuskegee, Alabama, in 1941. They became known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

In partnering with **Cheryl Sutterfield-Jones, President & CEO of the Frontiers of Flight Museum, the Texas Eagles for Aviation Mentoring (TEAM)** organized the recognition reception to not only pay tribute to these legendary veterans, but to also give

acknowledgement and appreciation to the wives of the Airmen for the immensely supportive roles they have had in their husbands' lives.

The event at the Frontiers of Flight Museum will be particularly memorable because it will be one of the rare occasions that the six North Texans who were part of the original Tuskegee Airmen will be assembled together. **They include: Homer Hagues, Robert T. McDaniel, Lloyd B. "Mac" McKeethen, Joseph B. Montgomery, Claude R. Platte and Calvin J. Spann.**

"We are delighted to host this event to honor of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen in our community," said Sutterfield-Jones. "It makes us particularly proud to showcase our expanded exhibit that honors the accomplishments and perpetuates the history of the Tuskegee Airmen, who participated in air and ground crew operations and in support roles in the Army Air Corps during World War II. This is a fitting tribute to celebrate our Armed Forces this Veterans Day, and it is a wonderful addition to the Frontiers of Flight Museum that visitors will enjoy for years to come."

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The Frontiers of Flight Museum, a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate, is a gem in our North Texas community that attracts over 100,000 visitors annually including 30,000 students. The Museum is a learning laboratory using aviation and space flight to encourage and promote student excellence in science, technology, engineering and math **(STEM)**. **Educational classes for all ages are offered throughout the year, designed to excite the imagination in STEM through spacecraft design, aerodynamics, model-building, space science, and other disciplines.**

**Hours of operation:** Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Admission:** Adults \$8; Seniors (65+) \$6; Youths/Students (3-17) \$5 and children under 3 are free. For more information, visit [www.flightmuseum.com](http://www.flightmuseum.com).

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