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FROM THE CROW'S NEST

This months meeting...

As many of you know, fellow CAF COL and MS Wing member Earl Rottman is holding the 7th annual [Trail of Honor](#) at the Harley shop on I-55 south. Our May meeting is going to be a little different than usual. This month, we will plan to attend this event in-mass. The date is May 17th, and the time is from noon until...

The Trail of Honor (ToH) (www.trailofhonor.org) was started as a way to welcome the [Run for the Wall](http://www.rftw.org) (www.rftw.org) riders on their yearly trek to Washington DC, as well as to honor our Veterans. Over the years, it has become a tribute to our Nation's Heroes. In 2008, there were more than 15,000 visitors and over 300 living historians.

The Trail of Honor is a great place to come and meet some real American Heroes too. On hand to share their stories will be hundreds of Veterans, Ex-POWS, Medal of Honor Recipients, Tuskegee Airmen, Pearl Harbor Survivors, and other VIPs.

Visitors can also experience the living history demonstrations from every major American war. From the French and Indian War to current operations in Iraq, the Trail of Honor offers insight into the conditions our men and women have endured while fighting for our freedom.

Why this year is so important...

This year's event is particularly special for the MS Wing. This year, three surviving Tuskegee Airmen will be presenting the city of Jackson with a piece of artwork. For the art presentation, which will be held at JAN, Mississippi Wing members will provide four T-6 Texans and one P-51 Mustang for the backdrop. Afterward our pilots will have the honor of flying the Tuskegee Airmen in a formation fly-by over the Trail of Honor at 1pm.

So here is where you, the members of the Mississippi Wing of the CAF, come in. We very much would like to have a strong presence at the ToH this year to show our support of the event. CAF COL Rottman continues to invest a great deal of time and resources to make the event a success. Please plan to attend if at all possible. The "look of uniformity", of khaki pants and a blue CAF shirt is highly encouraged, as are your CAF name tags and wings.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that I am sure you will not want to miss it. Come out and join us in honoring America's finest.

Keep 'em flying - Col. Eric

Stinson 10A Update

With all of the events and activities our members have been involved in this spring, progress on the little yellow bird has been a little slow. We're continuing get things, done, just a little slower than we had hoped.

Tuskegee Airmen at Work



Bomber crews named the Tuskegee Airmen "Red-Tail Angels" after the red tail markings on their aircraft. The Tuskegee Airmen flew in the Mediterranean theater of operations. The Airmen completed 15,000 sorties in approximately 1,500 missions, destroyed over 260 enemy aircraft, sank one enemy destroyer, and demolished numerous enemy installations. Several aviators died in combat. The Tuskegee Airmen were awarded numerous high honors, including Distinguished Flying Crosses, Legions of Merit, Silver Stars, Purple Hearts, the Croix de Guerre, and the Red Star of Yugoslavia. A Distinguished Unit Citation was awarded to the 332nd Fighter Group for "outstanding performance and extraordinary heroism" in 1945.

National World War II Museum Pass

Just a reminder, that the wing sponsored a membership to the National WWII Museum in New Orleans. As such we hold a card which allows free admittance to 2 adults and 2 children under 18 yrs of age. If you would like to reserve this pass, please contact Col. Hollingsworth.



Group Photo
Official US Army Air Force Training Command photograph of 20 Tuskegee Airmen posing in front of a plane. Robert Glass is in the middle of the 3rd row. His signature, and that of 10 other colleagues are inscribed on the photograph.
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Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site
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The Indian is BACK!!!!

After a 10 year rotation at the Armed Forces Museum in Hattiesburg, MS, our 1942 Indian Scout is back at home. Actually, we've dropped it off for display at the ToH this weekend. Afterward, she will be on display in the hargar and at events in the local area.



2009 MS Wing Events Calendar

Here are a few of the events we have on radar for the year . . .

May 17	Trail of Honor
October 9-11	Dixie Wing
October 9/10	FINA-CAF
October 16/17	Slidell, LA
Oct 31/Nov 1	Wings Over Houston