

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.*



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THANKS TO REP. LYNN WOOLSEY OF MARIN COUNTY

Over 65 years ago, this nation came together for the purpose of preserving our way of life against a tyranny that wanted to take away that way of life. We call this conflict between nations World War II. Had it not been for the efforts of all Americans involved in this war, we might all be speaking German or Japanese as our primary language.

Within this nation, a group of approximately 1,000 African-American men began to train to fly combat fighter aircraft with the mission of supporting the war effort to the best of their abilities. These men had to suffer the indignities and humiliation of a society that did not accept them as equal partners in this war. These pilots and their ground support of some 15,000 men and women overcame these indignities, successfully trained and entered combat and served our nation with dignity and honor. These pilots, of the 99th, 100th, 301st and 302nd Fighter Squadrons, made up the 332nd Fighter Group. The pilots flew ground support and bomber escort missions. They sank an enemy destroyer using only machine guns. The success of these pilots became noted when they were not assigned, but requested as fighter escorts for the bomber missions over enemy territory.

In 2006, this nation came together once again, to honor these pilots and their ground crews for their efforts in World War II, with the passing of a bill issuing the Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen. Both the US Senate and the House of Representatives unanimously passed this bill. And in March of 2007, the Congressional Gold Medal was issued to the Tuskegee Airmen, collectively. On hand to receive the Gold Medal in Washington DC were approximately 300 Original Tuskegee Airmen pilots and crew, as well as some of the widows of the Airmen. Each Airmen, crew member and widow present received a Bronze replica of the Gold Medal.

Veteran's Day is a wonderful day to honor our war veterans. On November 11, 2007, Representative Lynn Woolsey, of Marin County, California, provided a platform to honor the Tuskegee Airmen living in the San Francisco Bay Area on Veteran's Day. On hand for this 2-day event were approximately 30 Original Tuskegee Airmen, widows and family members. Gold Medal replicas were given to the Airmen and family members who were not in Washington for the initial issuing. On the second day of the celebration, they were honored with a parade and a fly-over by two aircraft from the Bay Area Black Pilots Association. This was good day to honor our war veterans.

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REP. LYNN WOOLSEY

You have Honored Our Fathers
By Thanking Them
For A Job Well Done in WW II

Giving History a Future!

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