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Airmen see “Red Tails” private screening in Toledo

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TOLEDO, Ohio (WUPW) - Hundreds of Air National Guard Airmen from the 180th Fighter Wing and two members of the Tuskegee Airmen received a special preview showing of "Red Tails", courtesy of executive producer George Lucas.



The movie was screened Jan. 19 at Rave Cinemas Franklin Park. The film is centered around the first black fighter squadron known as the Tuskegee Airmen, who fought in the air overseas during World War II.

The aviators had to fight adversity first before being allowed to fight in during WWII. "Red Tails" is based on true events and explains how the Tuskegee Airmen soared above racism.

"If you would have told me back then that our outfit would appear in a movie some 50, 60 years later, I would have said what have you been drinking?," said Lt. Col. (ret.) Dr. Harold Brown.

Dr. Brown, an original Tuskegee Airman, along with Toledo Mayor Michael Bell, Ohio National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenhurst Adjutant General for Air, Brig. Gen. Mark Bartman, Airmen from 180th Fighter Wing, and their guests were invited to see the new film.

In July 2011, Mayor Bell was inducted as an honorary member of the Tuskegee Airmen. After viewing the film, he said this is an event he'll never forget. "To be invited to this special screening, how great is this?" the mayor said.

Before the movie Dr. Brown talked about his experience as a Red Tail Angel pilot. Out of 450 Tuskegee Airmen, only about 40 are still alive today. This movie is something he wished his fellow pilots could have seen.

"All the people in my class are dead except for me," Dr. Brown said. "There were 30 something people in my class but I often think how they would have loved to attend this movie tonight. This would have been the greatest thing in the world.

Booths were set up with information about the historic first black pilots.

"I thoroughly enjoyed it," Dr. Brown said after the private screening. "This is a movie and not a documentary. Mr. Lucas did well in his right to jazz it up a bit."

"The movie is very accurate. I think (Lucas) did a magnificent job in magnifying the fact that black men can be heroes and black men could be actors," added Lt. Col. (ret.) Alexander Jefferson, who lives in Detroit.

"Red Tails" opened to the public Jan. 20.

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Deployment activity

Currently deployed Army units:

The Operational Mentoring & Liaison Team 1.7 and 1.8
 The 290th Engineer Detachment
 The 295th Engineer Detachment (Fire fighters)
 The 1484th Transportation Company
 37th NATO Training Mission Afghanistan
 684th Medical Company

2-174 Air Defense Artillery Regiment Avenger (NCR)
 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
 B/3-238 Aviation Regiment
 There are about 3,000 Ohio Army National Guard Soldiers deployed.

Currently deployed Air units, per wing, are:

The 121st Air Refueling Wing has about 75 Airmen deployed.
 The 179th Airlift Wing has about 45 Airmen deployed.
 The 180th Fighter Wing has about 10 Airmen deployed.
 The 178th Fighter Wing has about 60 Airmen deployed.

Upcoming events

Ohio National Guard Black History Month Program featuring the Tuskegee Airmen

When: 2 February 2012 at 1330
 Where: Beightler Armory Drill floor in Columbus



112th Engineer Battalion Change of Command

Who: CPT Miracle outgoing; 1Lt Apple incoming
 When: 5 February 2012 at 1430
 Where: Lorain Armory, 3520 Grove Avenue in Lorain

296th Engineer Detachment Call to Duty

When: 21 February 2012 at 1000
 Where: The Masonic Temple, 1250 Middle Bellville Road in Mansfield

73rd Troop Command Military Ball

When: 10 March 2012
 Where: Hilton Columbus at Easton, 3900 Chagrin Drive in Columbus
 RSVP: 2Lt Saul at (614)336-6486 by 1 March

CSM Tim Green's Retirement Dinner

When: 17 March 2012 at 1830
 Where: Beaver Creek Golf Club 2800 New Germany-Trebein Road in Beaver Creek Ohio
 RSVP: Tracy Green, 930 Handfield Court, Fairborn, OH 45324 by 29 February

Helpful web links

Top 10 All-Time NGAUS Achievements

1. Guard recognized and funded as reserve of the Army **1903**
2. Thwarted attempts to cut or relegate Guard **1915, 1920, 1944, 1948, 1959, 1963, 1974, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2005, 2006, 2008**
3. Guard included in plans for separate air force **1944**
4. Guard empowerment **2007**
5. Drill pay **1916**
6. Federal retirement pay **1948**
7. Federal funds for armory construction **1950**
8. Civil-service status for full-time technicians **1968**
9. Active Guard and Reserve program **1978**
10. (Tie) Federal educational benefits **1984**
- Low-cost health care **2006**

Source:
www.ngaus.org

Military pay?
<http://www.dfas.mil/>

Ohio National Guard Association?
<http://www.ohionga.org/>

Army Retirement Services Office?
<http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/>

Military Personnel Records?
<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted? Association, <http://www.ongea.org>

Air Force Retirement Services Office?
<http://www.retirees.af.mil/>

National Guard empowerment now law of the land

WASHINGTON (Jan. 3, 2012)—The National Guard community — nearly 500,000 men and women in uniform plus hundreds of thousands of family members and retirees — is hailing language in the fiscal 2012 National Defense Authorization Act that adds one their own to the nation’s senior panel of military advisors.

President Barack Obama signed the NDAA on Dec. 31. It includes a provision giving the Guard’s senior officer, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, a permanent seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The president’s signature culminated a legislative effort to “empower” the Guard that began years ago. It gained momentum last spring after the House passed an amendment that would give the Guard a seat at the table and Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., the co-chairs of the Senate National Guard Caucus, included the same proposal in a more comprehensive Senate bill.

The House and Senate ultimately agreed on a package of Guard Empowerment provisions, including adding the NGB chief to the Joint Chiefs.

“This is the Guard’s most significant legislative victory since the Militia Act of 1903 created the modern, dual-mission National Guard,” said retired Maj. Gen. Gus L. Hargett Jr., the president of the National Guard Association of the United States. “But the real winner here is the nation’s homeland security.

“The primary role of the Joint Chiefs is to advise the president, the secretary of defense and the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security,” he said. “Without the Guard at the table, our civilian leaders didn’t have direct access to expertise on the Guard’s domestic-response capabilities. In the post 9/11 world, it was a void that had to be filled. And now it has been filled.”

The NGB chief — a four-star general — previously participated as an invited guest in some discussions with the Joint Chiefs. However, he was not a required participant and was often excluded from meetings. Nor did he have the ability to nominate Guard officers for positions that require Senate confirmation.

The provision in the NDAA enables the NGB chief to sit with the heads of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines — none of whom have ever served in the Guard — and provide the Guard, for the first time, permanent representation among the nation’s senior military officers. Other Guard Empowerment provisions in the NDAA include requirements for the Pentagon to delineate Guard and Reserve equipment procurement in future budget requests, to prepare a report to Congress on the costs of Guard and Reserve units versus similar active-component outfits, and to consider Guard and Reserve officers for appointment to certain command positions.

The NDAA also creates a new three-star position of NGB vice chief and provides permanent funding to the Guard’s State Partnership Program with democratic nations around the world.

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2012 Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee Meetings:

Region 1 - April 26

Region 2 - April 18

Region 3 - April 24

Region 4 - April 24

Region 5 - April 17

Region 6 - April 11

For questions regarding the time or place of RISFAC meetings, contact Sgt. Michael Carden at (614) 336-4135.



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Ohio National Guard alumni affairs program seeks your input

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In the face of dwindling resources, we would appreciate your input on how best to work together to keep you informed about and connected to the Ohio National

Guard. Kindly provide your answers to the following questions at ong.outreach@ng.army.mil

1. Beyond receiving a newsletter, what other meaningful activities would you support? Please choose all that apply:
 - A. Attend Call to Duty or Welcome Home ceremonies
 - B. Attend the Ohio National Guard Alumni Reunion
 - C. Participate in the alumni affairs council twice a year
 - D. Attend RISFAC meetings
 - E. Support “Give Back” for Families of deployed members
 - F. Actively support military Families in your area in other ways
2. Would you refer other alumni to us to ensure they receive the newsletter? YES NO
3. What other feedback would you like to provide?