

# Tuskegee Airmen presentation comes to Mt. Vernon Airport

*Dr. David G. Styles will give a presentation on his book about the historic pilots*

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MT. VERNON — History is coming to the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport this Sunday.

The Jefferson County Veterans Museum and Hall of Honor will host Dr. David G. Styles' presentation of his book, "The Tuskegee Airmen & Beyond: The Road to Equality."

The presentation will be held at

2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Mt. Vernon Airport terminal lobby. Admission is free, and there will be books available for signing after the event.

Styles is an aviation-automotive historian and former member of the Royal Air Force. He has authored 21 books and won more than 30 international awards. Styles' book features incredible stories of heroism and bravery in the face of

racism.

Airport Manager Chris Collins reported that this event would be the airport's first presentation on the Tuskegee Airmen.

"I'm excited about it," stated Collins, "It is a chance to get some additional historical insight."

Collins said that the airport is hosting the event, but the real credit goes to Don Davis, vice chairman of the Jefferson County Veterans Museum and Hall of Honor, who helped make the presentation come to fruition.

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Davis informed that over a period of several years, he was able to meet some Tuskegee Airmen at Oshkosh. Davis also met Styles at a presentation he hosted in Centralia.

Styles called Davis and said that he would be in the area and asked if the airport would be interested in hosting a talk. Davis said that he

has been trying to get the museum at the airport known throughout the Midwest, and a presentation on the Tuskegee Airmen would be "a great way to draw attention and spread the word."

Davis informed that he has read Styles' book and would recommend it to anyone who likes history. He believes that the presentation will be very interesting, as the information is both historically and culturally significant and Styles has many different photos that he will show during his presentation.

According to Davis, four of

the Tuskegee Airmen might be in attendance at the presentation. Members of the Chicago "DODO" chapter told Davis that they would like to fly their four seat aircraft to the presentation if they are able to come.

Davis said the presentation will be "a good time to be had for all."

Collins encouraged anyone that is interested in the Tuskegee Airmen or World War II in general to come to the event. Collins indicated that he would like to get a full audience for Styles at the presentation.

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