
Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Los Angeles Chapter records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Los Angeles Chapter records

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Abstract: This collection is comprised of minutes, financial statements, programs, correspondence, photographs, and other material regarding the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI) Los Angeles Chapter. Material regarding other TAI chapters and the national organization are also contained in this collection and include guidelines and reports related to the TAI Scholarship Fund, minutes from Board of Directors and membership meetings, and souvenir programs from TAI national conventions. Additional material pertaining to the history of the Tuskegee Airmen is also present in this collection and includes biographical information on several Tuskegee Airmen as well as newspaper clippings and publications highlighting their accomplishments.

Languages: The collection is in English.

Access

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Acquisition Information

The Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Los Angeles Chapter records were acquired as a gift in 2009.

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Historical Note

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring the accomplishments and perpetuating the legacy of the African Americans that served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Additionally, this organization introduces young people to aviation and science as well as provides scholarships and awards to individuals, groups, and organizations that exemplify the spirit of TAI. In February of 1974, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Western Region was formed as a non-profit California corporation and was later renamed to Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Los Angeles Chapter in the August of 1977.

1972: Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. was founded and the First National Convention was held.

1974: Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Western Region was founded.

1977: Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Western Region was renamed Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Los Angeles Chapter.

Collection Scope and Contents

The Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Los Angeles Chapter records are contained within the Tuskegee Airmen Archive. This archive consists of material related to those individuals who served at Tuskegee Army Air Field, and its predecessors, as well as material pertaining to Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., a non-profit organization.

This collection is comprised of minutes, financial statements, programs, correspondence, photographs, and other material regarding the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI) Los Angeles Chapter. Material regarding other TAI chapters and the national organization are also contained in this collection and include guidelines and reports related to the TAI Scholarship Fund, minutes from Board of Directors and membership meetings, and souvenir programs from TAI national conventions. Additional material pertaining to the history of the Tuskegee Airmen is also present in this collection and includes

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Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged into five series. The series arrangement is as follows:

- Series 1. Administrative, 1970-1993, undated.
- Series 2. Events, 1973-1991, undated.
- Series 3. Financial, 1974-1994, undated.
- Series 4. Membership, 1972-1999, undated.
- Series 5. Tuskegee Airmen history, 1941-1994, undated.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

- Los Angeles (Calif.).
- Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.
- United States. Army Air Forces. Fighter Group, 332nd History.
- United States. Army Air Forces. Fighter Squadron, 99th History.
- World War II.

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Correspondence.
- Financial records.
- Minutes.
- Programs.

Series 1. Administrative. 1970-1993, undated.

Series Scope and Contents

This series primarily contains material regarding the administrative functions of TAI Los Angeles Chapter, but also includes material from other TAI chapters and the national organization. Includes the articles of incorporation and by-laws of TAI Los Angeles Chapter, meeting minutes of the TAI Board of Directors, and charters of the TAI Scholarship Fund.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically by format type.

Box 3, Folder 5	Articles of Incorporation of TAI Los Angeles Chapter. 1974.
Box 1, Folder 3	Constitution, bylaws, and other material of TAI Los Angeles Chapter. 1974-1991, undated.
Box 3, Folder 6	Charters and other material regarding the TAI Scholarship Fund. 1970-1979, undated.
Box 3, Folder 7	Charters, agreements, and other material regarding the TAI Scholarship Fund. 1978-1981, undated.
Box 3, Folder 4	Constitutions, resolutions, and proposals of TAI Los Angeles Chapter. 1973-1976.
Box 3, Folder 17	Guidelines regarding the TAI Scholarship Fund. 1984.
Box 1, Folder 7	Memorandums, reports, and other material of TAI Board of Directors meetings. 1974-1993, undated.
Box 1, Folder 8	Minutes and other material of TAI Board of Directors meeting. 1975-1984, undated.
Box 1, Folder 6	Minutes and other material of TAI Board of Directors meetings. 1984-1987.
Box 1, Folder 5	Minutes and other material of TAI Board of Governors meeting. 1986-1988.
Box 3, Folder 13	Minutes of TAI membership, Board of Directors, and Board of Governors meetings regarding the TAI Scholarship Fund. 1978-1986, undated.
Box 6, Folder 7	Reports and minutes of TAI chapters throughout the United States. 1973-1975, undated.

Series 2. **Events. 1973-1991, undated.**

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains material regarding events sponsored and held by TAI , TAI Los Angeles Chapter, and the TAI Scholarship Fund. Includes programs, photographs, and memorandums regarding various awards banquets as well as programs from the TAI national convention (1974-1986).

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically by format type.

Box 4, Folder 2	Correspondence regarding the events of TAI Los Angeles Chapter. 1972-1988, undated.
Box 5, Folder 4	Fliers, memorandums, and other material pertaining to the annual TAI conventions. 1975-1985, undated.
Box 4, Folder 5	Memorandums and other material pertaining to TAI awards banquets. 1977-1988, undated.
Box 5, Folder 3	Photographs regarding TAI conventions including the convention committees. 1984-1988, undated.
Box 4, Folder 4	Photographs regarding the TAI Scholarship Fund awards dinners. 1977-1983 undated.
Box 4, Folder 3	Programs and other material for TAI awards dinner honoring Lieutenant General James H Doolittle. 1983, undated.
Box 4, Folder 11	Program and other material for the 3rd annual TAI National Convention held in Los Angeles, CA. 1974.
Box 4, Folder 12	Program and other material for the 4th annual TAI National Convention held in Detroit, MI. 1975.
Box 4, Folder 13	Program and other material for the 5th annual TAI National Convention held in Philadelphia, PA. 1976.
Box 4, Folder 14	Program and other material for the 7th annual TAI National Convention held in Sacramento, CA. 1978.
Box 4, Folder 15	Program and other material for the 8th annual TAI National Convention held in Chicago, IL. 1979.
Box 4, Folder 16	Program and other material for the 9th annual TAI National Convention held in Atlanta, GA. 1980.
Box 4, Folder 17	Program and other material for the 10th annual TAI National Convention held in Denver, CO. 1981.
Box 4, Folder 18	Program and other material for the 11th annual TAI National Convention held in St. Louis, MO. 1982.
Box 4, Folder 19	Program and other material for the 12th annual TAI National Convention held in New York, NY. 1983.
Box 4, Folder 20	Program and other material for the 13th annual TAI National Convention held in Seattle, WA. 1984.
Box 5, Folder 1	Program and other material for the 14th annual TAI National Convention held in Dayton, OH. 1985.
Box 5, Folder 2	Program and other material for the 15th annual TAI National Convention held in Orlando, FL. 1986.
Box 4, Folder 10	Program and other material regarding the TAI East Coast Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Reunion. 1973.
Box 4, Folder 8	Programs, fliers, and publications regarding TAI awards banquets. 1981-1991, undated.
Box 4, Folder 6	Programs regarding awards banquets including those that honored Bob Hope, Ken Kragen, Gene Autry, Dale Evans, and Roy Rogers. 1980-1986, undated.
Box 4, Folder 7	Programs regarding TAI awards banquets including those that honored C. Alfred Anderson, Barry M. Goldwater, and Lena Horne. 1974-1984, undated.

Series 3. **Financial. 1974-1994, undated.**

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains material regarding the financial activities of TAI Los Angeles Chapter. Includes treasurer reports, financial records, and other material. Please contact Special Collections & Archives for additional information.

Series 4. **Membership. 1972-1999, undated.**

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains material regarding TAI and TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership. Includes correspondence, minutes, reports, memorandums, and other material regarding individual members and membership meetings.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically by format type.

Box 3, Folder 24
Map-Case-Box C8
Box 6, Folder 6

Audio cassettes of TAI membership meetings. undated
Banner featuring TAI logo. undated.
Correspondence and other material regarding the Lonely Eagles. 1976-1982, undated.

Box 2, Folder 13
Box 3, Folder 20
Box 3, Folder 23
Box 4, Folder 1
Box 3, Folder 21
Box 6, Folder 11

Correspondence and other material regarding TAI. 1979-1985, undated.
Correspondence regarding TAI membership. 1983-1987, undated.
Correspondence to and from Lowell Steward. 1973-1985, undated.
Correspondence to and from Spann Watson. 1974-1976, undated.
Correspondence to and from William Campbell. 1975, undated.
Correspondence to TAI membership from recipient of a TAI Scholarship award (mounted/laminated). 1979.

Box 6, Folder 9
Box 3, Folder 18

Fliers, reports, and other material pertaining to TAI. 1972-1977, undated.
Memorandums and other material for the TAI Scholarship Fund awards dinner. 1979-1993.

Box 3, Folder 19

Memorandums, reports, and other material for the TAI Scholarship Fund 1981-1991, undated.

Box 3, Folder 1
Box 3, Folder 2
Box 3, Folder 3
Box 2, Folder 4

Minutes for TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1986-1987.
Minutes for TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1988.
Minutes for TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1989-1990.
Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1974-1975.

Box 2, Folder 5

Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1976.

Box 2, Folder 6

Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1977.

Box 2, Folder 7

Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1978.

Box 2, Folder 8

Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1979.

Box 2, Folder 9

Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1990.

Box 2, Folder 10

Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1981.

Box 2, Folder 11

Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1982.

Box 2, Folder 12

Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1983.

Box 2, Folder 14

Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. undated.

Box 2, Folder 15

Minutes, reports, and other material regarding TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership meetings. 1984-1985.

Map-Case-Box C8
Box 1, Folder 4

Negatives regarding the TAI Scholarship Fund (oversize). undated.
Newsletter of TAI Los Angeles Chapter titled *Spookwaffe News*. 1975-1987, undated.

Box 6, Folder 8	Photographs of TAI membership visit to Skywalker Ranch in Marin County, California. 1999.
Box 1, Folder 2	Roster of TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership. 1975-1983, undated.
Box 1, Folder 1	Roster of TAI Los Angeles Chapter membership. 1976-1991 undated.
Box 6, Folder 10	Roster of TAI membership. undated.

Series 5. **Tuskegee Airmen history. 1941-1994, undated.**

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains material regarding the history of the Tuskegee Airmen. Includes biographical information on several Tuskegee Airmen, newspaper clippings and publications that highlight their accomplishments, photographs of the airmen and airplanes, and transcripts of interviews with Celes King III, Lowell Steward, and Mitchell Higginbotham.

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Box 5, Folder 12	Biographical information regarding the Tuskegee Airmen. 1982-1986, undated.
Map-Case-Box C8	Map of the invasion of Southern Italy. undated.
Box 5, Folder 11	Military records, special orders, and other material regarding the Tuskegee Airmen (photocopies). 1943-1991, undated.
Map-Case-Box C8	Newspaper clipping, "Inside Tuskegee" by Jack Day from the <i>Pittsburgh Courier</i>. 1944.
Box 5, Folder 5	Newspaper clippings regarding the Tuskegee Airmen. 1941-1994, undated.
Box 6, Folder 12	Photograph of Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. (mounted) undated.
Box 5, Folder 6	Photographs of the Tuskegee Airmen, airplanes, and model airplanes. 1941-1991, undated.
Map-Case-Box C8	Poster titled "Men of the 99th Fighter Squadron and the 332nd Fighter Group" by Roy LaGrone. undated.
Box 6, Folder 1	Programs and other material regarding funerals of various Tuskegee Airmen. 1975-1990, undated.
Box 5, Folder 18	Promotional materials regarding NASA and the United States Air Force. 1945-1986, undated.
Box 5, Folder 17	Promotional materials regarding Northrop Institute of Technology. 1974-1976, undated.
Box 5, Folder 20	Proposals, correspondence, and other material regarding exhibits featuring the Tuskegee Airmen. 1974-1984, undated.
Box 5, Folder 8	Publication titled "Molding a Black Legacy: A Chronicle of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc." by William R. Melton. 1989.
Box 5, Folder 10	Publication titled "Molding a Black Legacy: A Chronicle of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc." by William R. Melton (incomplete). 1989.
Box 5, Folder 9	Publication titled "Molding a Black Legacy: A Chronicle of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc." by William R. Melton (incomplete). 1989.
Box 5, Folder 7	Publication titled "Molding a Black Legacy: A Chronicle of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc." by William R. Melton (annotated). 1989.
Box 5, Folder 19	Publications regarding the Tuskegee Airmen and aviation. 1981-1991, undated.
Box 5, Folder 14	Transcripts of interview with Celes King III. 1988, undated.
Box 5, Folder 15	Transcripts of interview with Lowell Steward including photographs. 1944-1988, undated.
Box 5, Folder 13	Transcripts of interview with Mitchell Higginbotham including photograph. 1944, undated.
Box 5, Folder 16	Transcripts of interviews with various Tuskegee Airmen. undated.