



Honoring Heros

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"When I give lectures, I encourage them to pick a goal, to strive for that goal no matter what happens."

You've heard those words before, but never have they been truer. Colonel Harry Ford and his fellow airmen have come to Birmingham to be honored for their accomplishments which went above and beyond the call of duty with a new exhibit at the Southern Museum of Flight.

"It's not only a story about pilots and training and going to battle and fighting for our country in World War II, but it's a story of a great civil rights struggle."

Long before the civil rights era, the Tuskegee Airmen fought for their right to fly.

"From the first time I went up, I said all the problems we have are down there. We're up here above them." Said Hiram Little, another of the original Tuskegee Airmen.

"The story of the Tuskegee Airmen is an American story and the officials at the Southern Museum of Flight are banking on the fact that people will come from miles around to hear it.

"My oldest son, he wants to be a pilot."

Terril Hampton was just passing through Birmingham on his way to Memphis and he felt it important to bring his two sons by the new Tuskegee airmen exhibit.

"One of the comments he made is "they all look like me" which is very important for him to understand that he too can achieve this."

The sky really is the limit and now it's on display right here in Birmingham for the world to see.