

Tuskegee Airmen set tuition assistance goal

The Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. announced that it plans to raise \$250,000 to further its tuition assistance program and provide for much needed assistance to young men and women of the Hudson Valley. In meeting this goal, the foundation will provide 10 awards of \$1000.00 at its Tuition Assistance Dinner annually. For the past 9 years the chapter has awarded over \$83,000 in tuition assistance to college bound freshmen from the Hudson Valley. While the endowment process is under way, the chapter will continue to donate awards as it has done in the past years. It will do so February 2, 2008 at Anthony's Pier 9.



President of Orange County Community College, Dr. Bill Richards (center), proudly stands with two legendary WWII Tuskegee Airmen, Lieutenant Colonel William Wheeler and Major Victor Terrelonge.

Some chapter members and more than 20 honorary chairpersons gathered at the Brotherhood Winery for a meet and greet social. Chapter president Lt. Col. Glen Fraser presided over a presentation laying the groundwork for the endowment plan. Also speaking on behalf of the plan were Dr. John D'Ambrosio and Dave Smith of Rockland. "The meeting was a tremendous success" said Ron Brereton 2008 Tuition Assistance Dinner Chairman. "Key members of the community came out to show their support for the Tuskegee Airmen and for our endowment plan."

Assisting in the process are many community leaders who firmly believe in the goals of the chapter and its purpose. "This is an incredible group of leaders from a cross-section of the Hudson Valley that truly believe in the mission of the Tuskegee Airmen chapter," said chapter president Glen Fraser. "I believe with this awesome energy we will reach our goal by October 31, 2008."