

SUBJECT: 2009 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN INCORPORATED (TAI) NATIONAL CONVENTION AWARDS,
SUSPENSE 15 JUN 09
TEXT:
UNCLASSIFIED//

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS EMAIL IS TO REQUEST NOMINATIONS FOR THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN INCORPORATED NATIONAL CONVENTION AWARDS. AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE RECOGNIZED ON 7 AUGUST 2009 AT THE 38TH ANNUAL TUSKEGEE AIRMEN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA DURING THE MILITARY AWARDS LUNCHEON.

2. ELIGIBILITY: ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVIST OR GUARD MEMBERS SERVING IN ANY BRANCH OF THE SERVICE. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO OUTSTANDING MILITARY MEMBERS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR GENDER.

3. NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY WINGS OR WING EQUIVALENTS. OF NOTE, PENTAGON THREE LETTER OFFICES WILL BE CONSIDERED WING EQUIVALENTS (AF/XOR, SAF/AQA, ETC.). THE AWARD NOMINATION PACKAGE WILL CONSIST OF TWO DOCUMENTS:

A. A SIGNED NOMINATION LETTER ADDRESSED TO: TUSKEGEE AIRMEN INC. MILITARY AWARDS COMMITTEE
ATTN: MAJOR MICHELIN Y. JOPLIN-CONERLY

B. JUSTIFICATION PAGE CAN BE AN AF IMT FORM 1206, VERSION 5 (AF PERSONNEL) ALL OTHERS ON 8 ½" X 11" PAPER (BULLET FORMAT). THE CATEGORIES ARE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (20 BULLETS), PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (5 BULLETS) AND COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SERVICE (5 BULLETS).

C. THE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE FULLY IDENTIFIED, ALONG WITH JOB TITLE, ORGANIZATION, MAIL ADDRESS, COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE, FAX NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS. (NOTE: AF 1206 DOES NOT HAVE A SPOT FOR EMAIL ADDRESS. PLEASE INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BOTH THE RECIPIENT AND THE NOMINATING SUPERVISOR.

PACKAGES WILL BE FORWARDED BY EMAIL TO MAJOR MICHELIN Y. JOPLIN-CONERLY (MICHELIN.JOPLIN-CONERLY@AFNCR.AF.MIL) BY 15 JUN 09. THE AWARD PERIOD IS 1 MAY 2008 - 30 APRIL 2009.

4. WE WILL ACCEPT ONLY FOUR NOMINEES (ONE PER CATEGORY) FROM RESPECTIVE WINGS OR WING EQUIVALENTS (AIR STAFF 3 LETTERS; MAJCOM AND NAF 2 LETTERS). THE CATEGORIES ARE:

A. GENERAL BENJAMIN O. DAVIS, JR. MILITARY AWARD. NAMED FOR OUR ESTEEMED LEADER WHO HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ALL THOSE WHO HAS FOLLOWED AND SERVED UNDER HIM. AWARDED TO A FIELD GRADE OFFICER (O4-O6) WHO HAS EXHIBITED OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

B. CAPTAIN ROBERT W. WILLIAMS MILITARY AWARD. NAMED FOR THE PIONEER AVIATOR WHO SPEARHEADED A MOVIE PROJECT ABOUT THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN. HE SPENT 43 YEARS PITCHING HIS STORY AND WAS TURNED DOWN BY EVERY MOVIE AND TELEVISION STUDIO UNTIL HOME BOX OFFICE ACCEPTED THE PROJECT IN 1995. IT BECAME A WORLDWIDE SUCCESS AND EARNED 3 EMMY AWARDS, A PEABODY, A CABLE ACE AND 2 NAACP IMAGE AWARDS. THIS AWARD GOES TO A COMPANY GRADE OFFICER (O1-O3) WHO HAS EXHIBITED OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

C. CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT FRED ARCHER MILITARY AWARD. NAMED FOR ONE OF THE FIRST BLACKS TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST ENLISTED GRADE. HE SERVED WITH THE FAMED 99TH PURSUIT SQUADRON AS A WEAPONS SPECIALIST. IN HIS DISTINGUISHED 35 YEAR CAREER, HE WAS NOMINATED THREE TIMES TO

SERVE AS CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE. THIS AWARD GOES TO A SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER (E7-E9) THAT EXHIBITS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

D. SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT MARGARET FRANCES BARBOUR MILITARY AWARD. NAMED FOR SMSGT MARGARET FRANCES BARBOUR. THIS AWARD GOES TO A NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OR AIRMAN (E1-E6) THAT EXHIBITS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

5. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TAI NATIONAL CONVENTION PLEASE GO TO [HTTP://TUSKEGEEAIRMEN.ORG/](http://TUSKEGEEAIRMEN.ORG/)

6. POC IS MAJOR MICHELIN Y. JOPLIN-CONERLY, DSN 857-0753.

UNCLASSIFIED//