



## Milton Pitts Crenshaw Aviation Training Academy (MPCATA)

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Several Original Tuskegee Airmen to participate in Little Rock Event**

*MPCATA hosts its 2nd Annual Awards Banquet and Birthday Celebration  
for 95-year old Arkansas native Tuskegee Airman Alum, Milton P. Crenshaw*

LITTLE ROCK—Aviation and aerospace professionals and supporters from across the nation will gather at the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock on Saturday to celebrate the 95th birthday of Arkansas native and original Tuskegee Airman, Milton P. Crenshaw while calling attention to the need for increased minority representation in the aviation and aerospace industry. The event will also honor several fellow Tuskegee Airmen and includes a special new documentary presentation featuring Crenshaw.

**WHO:** KEYNOTE: Colonel Edward S. “Scott” Brewer, USAF Commander, 314th Airlift Wing, LRAFB  
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS: Judge Berlin Jones; AR Senator Joyce Elliott; USAF Commander R.D. Kinsey; American Legion Post 74; Terence Bolden; Edmond Davis; Tami East; Allen Green; Rev. Leroy James; Reba and Ron Wingfield; and Dr. Michele Wright  
HONOREES: Fellow Tuskegee Airmen: Arkansas native Dr. Granville G. Coggs; Congressional Gold Medalist Claude Robert Platte; Jerry T. Hodges, Jr.; Roscoe D. Draper; and Colonel Palmer Sullins.

**WHAT:** 2nd Annual MPCATA Awards Banquet & Birthday Celebration  
Honoring 95-year old Arkansas native Tuskegee Airman Alum, Milton P. Crenshaw

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 11, 2014; Meet and Greet starts at 6:30 P.M.; Program starts at 7:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** Mosaic Templars Cultural Center  
501 West 9th Street • Little Rock AR 72201 • (501) 683-3593

**NOTES: EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL PRESS** but guests are by invitation only due to limited seating. Honorees and Program Participants will be available for interviews. Additional events are planned for the public during the Aviation Summer Awareness program to be sponsored by MPCATA in the summer of 2014.

Founded in 2009, the Milton Pitts Crenshaw Aviation Training Academy (MPCATA) believes that no one should have to forego their dreams to become a professional in the aviation and aerospace industry due to a lack of financial support. As a result, MPCATA works to identify and mentor students in underserved and disadvantaged communities in order to provide educational opportunities related to those particular industries – as well as other STEM\* fields as appropriate – at an early age. (\*STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Milton Pitts Crenshaw, of the original Tuskegee Airmen, was one of the first African Americans in the country and the first from Arkansas to be trained by the federal government as a civilian licensed pilot. He trained hundreds of cadet pilots while at Alabama’s Tuskegee Institute in the 1940s and was the catalyst for the first successful flight program at Philander Smith College in Little Rock AR (1947-1953). His combined service record extends over forty years of federal service from 1941 to 1983 with the U.S. Army Air Corps and later the U.S. Air Force. Born January 13, 1919, Crenshaw is one of the oldest surviving Tuskegee Airmen members.

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