

CHARITY AUCTION RAISES NEARLY \$50,000 FOR RED TAIL PROJECT AND BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

Fisher Island, FL. 11/13/06 – A six-month lease for a Cirrus SR-22 and a ride in a WWII-era P-51 Mustang helped raise a net \$49,000 for the Red Tail Project and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County at the Fisher Island Yacht Rendezvous charity auction Saturday.

The organizations will split the net proceeds from the two auction items, helping both continue toward their fund raising goals. Cirrus Design Corp. donated the six-month lease of the world's best-selling airplane and the Commemorative Air Force's Dixie Wing will provide a ride in their P-51D Mustang as part of the Tuskegee Airmen Experience -- which also features dinner with two Tuskegee Airmen -- in Atlanta.

"The Relationship between the Red Tail Project, Cirrus Design Corp., Spirit Airlines, Bank of America's Private Bank and the Boys and Girls Clubs is refreshingly unique," said Fred Perry, a Bank of America Senior Vice President and former Chairman of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County.

"Our children will be uplifted by the path that has been blazed by the Tuskegee Airmen, afforded the opportunity to actually fly by Cirrus Design, exposed to careers in aviation by Spirit Air and shown a pathway to ownership thru entrepreneurship by Bank of America."

The proceeds from the Cirrus lease and Tuskegee Airmen Experience help move the Red Tail Project closer bringing the story of the Tuskegee Airmen to every classroom in America through an aviation education program and the restoration of a rare P-51C Mustang as a symbol of the contribution of African Americans who served our country during WWII. The project is part of the Minnesota Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has now raised approximately \$325,000 (including pledges, donations and merchandise sold) toward its goal of \$2 million.

"The generosity of the Fisher Island bidders was wonderful and will help us bring the inspirational story of the Tuskegee Airmen to a new generation," said project leader Doug Rozendaal. "But there is still more work to be done before we can get America's flying tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen back in the air where it can do the most good and both the Red Tail Project and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward Country continue to need your financial support."

The Cirrus package also includes the incomparable Cirrus Access program which includes a certified flight instructor who will function as an on-call personal pilot, trainer (for the winner and/or their immediate family) and airplane manager during the same six-month period. Insurance coverage, hangar and maintenance will also be included. The winner, who bid \$95,000 for the entire package, will only be responsible for fuel costs.

The Tuskegee Experience also included a beautiful framed and numbered limited-edition print of the Red Tail Project's P51-C Mustang autographed by over sixty Tuskegee Airmen; dinner with Tuskegee Airmen Judge Richard Rutledge and Lt. Col Eldridge Williams; the book "A Train" by Lt. Col. Charles W. Dryden; and tickets for two provided by Spirit Airlines to Atlanta where the CAF's Mustang is based.

DR. WILLIAM MORGAN, ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMAN HONORS THE RED TAIL PROJECT WITH MEMORIAL DONATIONS



Dr. William Bethel Morgan (Bill) was born on June 4, 1921 in Homestead, Pennsylvania, the son of William B. Morgan, Sr. and Susie Harris. He grew up in western Pennsylvania and graduated from South Huntington Township High school in 1939. After graduation he farmed and was employed at the Glassport Steel Foundry in 1941, where he toiled as a steel chipper. In 1942, Bill volunteered to become a Pre-Aviation Cadet for the US Army. After wading through and enduring years of testing, interviews and screening, Bill was accepted as a Pre-Aviation Cadet reporting to Tuskegee Institute. After 9 months of training Bill received his commission and wings as an Army Air Force Pilot in the summer of 1945, at which time he became one of the Tuskegee Airmen.

He spent his time at Tuskegee Institute, continuing to train as he waited for his call to active duty. He was discharged as the war ended in 1945. After being discharged he returned to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area. He married Martha Ruth Butler on November 3, 1952, and decided to give up farming and become a dentist. Bill graduated from the University Of Pittsburgh Dental School in 1957. He practiced dentistry in the city of Pittsburgh for 9 years. After 9 years of practice in Pittsburgh he and his family of 4 and many beagles, moved to Wanamingo, Minnesota where they lived for a little over 15 years. Bill and Martha moved to Fergus Falls Minnesota in the early 1980's where he practiced dentistry in the State Hospital. Bill retired in 1986.

During his life in Fergus, Bill has spent time as a volunteer for the Humane Society; he has been an active member of the Lake Region Amateur Radio club for close to 20 years. He was an ardent sportsman: a hunter, fisherman, trap shooter, dog trainer, and camper. Bill had a great love of nature, dogs and the outdoors.

In February of 2006, Bill was honored with a Doctorate in Public Service from the Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama for his service to the United States Army as a Tuskegee Airman.

Bill attained the amazing age of 85. He lead a rewarding and independent life, surrounded by wonderful and caring friends at 320 Western Avenue in Fergus Falls. Bill past away quietly on December 30, 2006 in Minneapolis, while in Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

He is survived by a daughter, Susan Eileen Morgan (and Linda Scott) of Chanhassen, one son, William Patrick (and Karen) Morgan of Appleton Wisconsin; two grandsons, Patrick William Morgan and Sean Steven Morgan of Appleton, Wisconsin, in addition to other relatives and wonderful friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Christopher in 1984, his wife Martha in 2002, and his step-brother Robert Earl Queen.

Thanks to all who have donated to the Red Tail Project in honor of Dr. William Morgan.

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