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**TUSKEGEE AIRMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW BOOK’S PANEL DISCUSSION**

January 29, 2020 - West Chester, PA – The American Helicopter Museum and Education Center (AHMEC) will present a panel discussion surrounding the new book, Tuskegee in Philadelphia: Rising to the Challenge, written by Dr. Robert Kodosky, on Sunday, February 23, from 2 until 4 p.m. Moderated by Brian Lockman, host of PCN’s “PA Books,” the event will feature Kodosky and members of the [Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen](https://www.taiphila.org/).

“At the outbreak of World War II, Philadelphians heeded the call, including the valiant airmen and women of Tuskegee,” Kodosky explained. “Although trained in Alabama, the prestigious unit comprised dozens of Philadelphia-area natives, second only to Chicago in the country. They served as fighter pilots, bombers, nurses and mechanics, as well as in many other support roles.

“The African-American service members had to overcome racism and sexism on the homefront in order to serve with great distinction. Their battle for equality didn't end at the war's conclusion. Tuskegee alumni continued to serve their nation by working to secure civil rights and serve their community back home in Philadelphia.”

Following the discussion, Kodosky, who is an Associate Professor of History at West Chester University, and the Tuskegee Airmen will sign copies of the book. The book will be available for purchase.

“We are excited to celebrate the release of Dr. Kodosky's book and to learn more about the stories it contains from the Tuskegee Airmen themselves,” stated Allison Titman, AHMEC’s Executive Director. “Their service and their lives are an important part of the history of World War II, and we appreciate their sharing it with our visitors.”

Admission is $12 in advance and $15 the day of the event. ACT48 credit is available. Contact AHMEC at 610-436-9600 or see the website at [www.americanhelicopter.museum](http://www.americanhelicopter.museum) for more information and to purchase advance admission.

The American Helicopter Museum and Education Center, located at 1220 American Boulevard, West Chester, is the nation’s premier aviation museum devoted exclusively to helicopters. Established in 1996, the nonprofit organization collects, restores and displays rotary-wing aircraft, including over 35 civilian and military helicopters, autogiros and convertiplanes.

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