



NBCFAE-Headquarters

OCTOBER 1, 2008

Greetings from the President

Thanks so much for those members that were able to attend the September Membership Meeting. We had a wonderful turn out. I am writing this note to let you know that we appreciate your effort. Those of you who were not able to attend we missed you and hope you will be able to join us next month on **October 7, 2008**. Please make a note on your Lotus Notes and turn on your alarm. We hope to see all 154 members of the Washington Headquarters Region at this meeting. We are always looking for new ways to help and give back to our membership. We would like to know what it will take to get you to attend the membership meetings. Email me your ideas (with suggested solutions). We would like to know what **you** can do to make your membership meetings better. We are starting again to serve refreshments at our meeting to make better use of your lunch break since we have our meetings from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. We encourage each of you to bring your lunch with you. In addition I do not believe that meetings have to be long and boring. *We encourage you to come on time and we promise to get you out on time.* In addition, we would like to continue to provide a telcon line to those members who might be out of town or unable to come in person. However, do remember we need at least 15 members in person so we may conduct business.



*Treasurer- Regenia Ramsey Outlaw; President – Margarete Berrios;
and Secretary – Joan Griggs (Vice President Jamaal Lipscomb not pictured)*

Some of the initiatives that we talked about and would like to place more work and time in FY 2009:

- 1) Increasing the help provided to those filing EEO cases/issues
- 2) Increasing the help provided to those resolving EEO cases/issues
- 3) Encouraging all members to mentor at least one mentee and provide a report so we can track the progress. (We will provide forms)
- 4) Increase our efforts to recruit students and general public for FAA jobs. We need to participate in more Career Days and Aviation Career Camps (ACE).
- 5) Need to do a better job at recording this effort when our members participate in Church, schools, sorority, fraternity Job Fairs and Career Days.
- 6) Look for opportunities to reach back to our HBCU, and community service organizations and do more outreach.
- 7) Need every member to develop ideas and a plan to implement more ideas for outreach.

So you see there is lots of work to be done. Every time I attend a National Training Conference I come back excited about the opportunities to serve. I would like all 154 NBCFAE Washington Headquarters members to join with me to make FY 2009 the most productive yet. I know some folks say I would do more but I have not been asked, please consider this as your formal invitation, you have been "asked". We need each and everyone. We hope to see you at the next meeting so we can establish teams to work on the above initiatives. For your convenience, you can participate in the meeting (October 7) via telcon: **202.493.4180; pass code 5866.**

In Unity,

Margarete Henson Berrios

President of the Washington Headquarters Region NBCFAE

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY WEEK

David Wartofsky, owner of Potomac Airfield has provided the “playstation in the sky” backdrop for this spectacular event for the past ten years. Thanks to David, NBCFAE, HCFAE, the Armed Forces and DOT volunteers, students were provided a hands on interactive field trip. This was an imagination station with real planes, helicopters, emergency rescue vehicles, LCM’s (flat bottomed US Army Landing Craft-Mechanized boats), virtual simulation vehicles, heavy haul and dump trucks for an interactive and educational FUN-FILLED DAY in honor of National Transportation Week 2008!

All together, more than 6,800 students, 150 volunteers and over 100 active duty service members from all branches were on hand at Potomac Airfield in Fort Washington, MD site of the day’s activities. Former US DOT Secretary Rodney Slater greeted students with support and encouragement. "You see, if you wait until the 12th grade to start thinking about what you want in life -- it may be a little too late. Now is the time to begin. Now is the time to develop the math and science skills to work in transportation or any other technology-related career field. Repeat after me - Good, better, best. I will not rest, until my good is better and my better is best." The Department of Transportation Garrett A. Morgan (GAM) Technology and Transportation Futures Program was the brainchild of former Secretary Slater. The NBCFAE has been the biggest supporter of GAM activities for the past 10 years. Student numbers have increased significantly since the first gathering at the Airfield in 1998 when just about 350 students were on hand. In addition to aircraft displays, the children enjoyed boating on the Potomac River, courtesy of the United States Army, with launches from Tantallon Marina in Fort Washington, MD.



This was our maiden voyage with the Army and Tantallon Marina. In the call to action, US Army Reserves 464th Division at Ft Belvoir stepped up to the challenge. The 464th provided boat rides from Tantallon marina on the Army's Landing Craft-Mechanized (LCM) flat bottomed boats. With their huge bow ramps that drop to allow soldiers and equipment, they "hit the beach" in an amphibious assault, just like the movies about WWII. An eight member Color Guard Nations Capitol Region presented the colors to start the ceremony. The US Navy's elite Ceremonial Guard drill team preformed perfectly, tossing rifles through the air with skill and precision. Volunteers from the DOT partnered with teachers, school chaperones and the armed forces, escorting students through exhibits, helping them with life vests for a safe boat trip, and answering questions about transportation on land, air and water. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine volunteers from were also on board to serve as outstanding role models for the nexgen transportation workers of our future.

Col. Fred Vann Cherry, one of the most distinguished and decorated veterans of the Vietnam War, with over 35 medals, retired USAF fighter pilot who served in Korea and was held captive as a prisoner of war in Hanoi for over seven years, shared his inspirational story of survival and message of hope. James "Flash" Gordon, Vice President for the Organization of Black Airline Pilots, engaged children in lively dialogue on the tarmac explaining the steps he

took to earn his wings. Elizabeth Seale, Chief Operating Officer from the Corporation for National and Community Service stressed the importance of working hard and dreaming big.

The Garrett A. Morgan, Technology & Transportation Futures Program Committee volunteers are real life caring hearts for this special outreach program. Every year, the venue for the students becomes more awe inspiring and life changing with the Garrett Morgan volunteers on board. This is a real 'hands on lesson'. "Kids are able to explore several types of aircraft and various modes of transportation on display. Kids of all ages can sit in the cockpit and imagine themselves soaring through the skies. Dreaming keeps hope alive -- and it helps fuel the next generation of transportation experts!" And with today's nexgen workforce doing their best, we know, America's best is yet to come. To volunteer please contact Belinda.Bender@faa.gov

In addition to volunteers, Headquarters Region donated \$2,000 to this event for buses and snacks.

Headquarters Region Supports NBCFAE ACE Camp Education

NBCFAE HQ members, Kimberly Brooks (AOV) and Angela Hawkins (AOV) and Washington Suburban Chapter (WSC) member Glenda Mickens (BWI ATCT) are partners in the agency's [Aviation Career Education](#) (ACE) program, a Flight Plan initiative aimed at turning America's youth onto careers in aviation. The ACE Program, a joint partnership between the WSC National Black Coalition of Aviation Employees (NBCFAE) and the FAA, is a one-week summer educational program for middle and high school students. The focus is on aviation career exploration with emphasis on opportunities for women and minorities. Students experience instruction in aviation history, the physics of flight, and field trips to aviation sites and hands-on activities. Specifically, it exposes participants to academic experiences designed to motivate them toward professions in the aviation industry and it provides participants with math, science, technological and personal enrichment to enable them to pursue viable careers in aviation.

HQ Region is again supporting this year's 9th Annual WSC NBCFAE ACE Camp. We are helping to sponsor 40 enthusiastic students from various multi-cultural and multi-ethnic backgrounds at the University of District of Columbia July 14-18, 2008. The ACE Camp tenet is "if our youth can see it, then they can do it". "This simple decree exemplifies the sentiment of what our ACE Camp is all about; to expose young people to the diverse career possibilities in the field of Aviation. If our young people can see it, then indeed one day they will achieve it", says WSC member Glenda Mickens. It was Glenda's vision that began the ACE Camp nine years ago. Each year it has become more and more successful. WSC has established a longstanding relationship with UDC's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. UDC has hosted the camp for the past eight years, providing use of their lab and facilities, as well as, donating the time of their professors.

Participants are drawn from various schools in the MD/VA/District of Columbia metropolitan area. This year's guest speakers will be Joan Brown, FAA Aviation Education, Bill Broadwater, an original Tuskegee Airman, Donnie Simons, Washington National Air Traffic District Manager and FAA Commercial Air and Space. Throughout the week, students will participate in several off campus activities including a visit to Washington National Tower and Northwest Operations. As a special treat for the students, the ACE Camp will visit the Udar-Hazy Air and Space Museum and the Smithsonian IMAX cinema. Students will also visit Andrews Air Force Base, which is annually coordinated by WSC member Marlowe Barnes (Tech Ops). "Each year we receive fantastic tours of fighter and refueling aircraft, the Air National Guard and the fighter pilot briefing station," says Marlowe. Of course, the top activity of the week is the one-on-one flight time and instruction where each student receives a flight at Maryland Airpark (2W5). Angela says "the joy of seeing the excitement of student faces when they return from their first flight makes the hustle and bustle, sleep deprivation and year long planning worth it each year." The program will end with a closing ceremony on Friday, July 18, 2008 which will include group presentations and student highlights from the week as well as previous ACE Camp graduates that have pursued their aviation career dreams. Kimberly said, "Each year our returning graduates remind me that our program is truly making a difference and changing lives. Some of our ACE graduates have now matriculated in collegiate aviation programs and some have even become pilots." The NBCFAE ACE Camp is a vehicle for students who desire to become pilots to be recommended for fully funded pilot programs sponsored by the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. and the Organization of Black Airline Pilots (OBAP).

Each year the WSC ACE Camp is successful and continues to be a jewel in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Race for the cure – 2008



Part of the Headquarters NBCFAE team that participated in the national "Race for the Cure" on June 7, 2007.

2008 Scholarship Recipients

The National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE), Education Recruitment and Training, (ERT) honored its Scholarship Award Recipients on August 1, 2008, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Washington Headquarters, Bessie Coleman Conference Center.

Twelve Regional Scholars and two National Scholars were awarded for their outstanding scholastic achievement in their educational commitment and community service. Three of the twelve Regional Scholars were recognized in the areas of technology, community service, and overcoming obstacles. These distinguished awards were recognized as the Garrett A. Morgan Scholar Award, Willie Card Scholar Award, and the Bessie Coleman Scholar Award. NBCFAE National ERT Dara Gibson shown below.



Scholarship recipients with Diane Speed; Phyllis Seaward; and President Margarete Berrios on the right.

Regional Scholars - \$1,200:

Aaron Olgetree, Efrem Aylen, Barbara Okeke Diana Contreras, Jennifer Ezell, Sorelle Kamden, Chenise Santos, Kenneth Simons, Ashley Waters, Aaron White, Venise DeEtoulem, and Ayana Gallego)

Special Scholar Awards - \$1,500:

Aaron Olgetree (Garrett A. Morgan Award), Efrem Aylen (Wilie Card Award), and Barbara Okeke (Bessie Coleman Award)

National Scholars - \$1,600:

Aaron Olgetree and Shatoya Brown

Six of the Scholars were present received their award in person and several Scholars who were unable to attend the ceremony; their parents were present to graciously accept the award on their behalf. During their acceptance speeches several of the Scholars announced that they will be continuing their studies in the fields of Business Administration, Architecture, Nursing, and International Business. This Fall 2008 they will be attending Brown University, Longwood University, Virginia Commonwealth University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, University of Maryland, and Norfolk State University.

Also, two individuals that attended the ceremony expressed an interest in becoming a NBCFAE member and working with the ERT committee.

Phyllis Seaward, Washington Headquarters Chairperson, (ERT) and Leila Dianne Speed, (ERT) were the Mistresses of Ceremony, Deb Chaney (NBCFAE) member passed out programs, Rita Nelson, Washington Headquarters Chairperson (Fund-raiser) and Leila Dianne took pictures of the event. Ms. Margarete Berrios, President, Washington Headquarters Region, (NBCFAE) provided closing remarks, and Dara Gibson, National Chairperson (ERT), served an appetizing light brunch.

The ceremony marked another triumphant event of how the NBCFAE provides scholarships to deserving high school and college students, sponsors summer Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camps for young people desiring to learn more about the aviation industry and provides mentors for college interns working with the FAA.

Membership Report

The National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees' 2008 Membership Drive culminated at the 32 Annual National Training Conference held in Miami. Prizes were presented at the awards luncheon. Winners were determined by the most members recruited in descending order. The first prize was won by Headquarters' own Mamie Mallory. Way to go Mamie!

Deames Bynum, Membership Chair

Gifts From the Heart

The NBCFAE Gifts From the Heart Committee desires to continue with its commitment to serve others. The holiday season is quickly approaching and we are requesting that all members submit names of families (and a brief justification) that could use a little assistance during the holiday season. We will be donating gift cards from local grocery stores.

Thais Davis-Campbell, Chair

Pre-Holiday Dance



Happy Holidays

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PRE-HOLIDAY GALA

Friday, November 14, 2008

6:00 PM until 11:00 PM

Line dance lessons: 6 – 7 p.m.

Open bar: 7 – 8 p.m.

Dinner served: 8 p.m.

Ticket Price*

\$20 in advance

\$25 at the door

Cash Bar: 8-11 p

PARTY ROOM

at the

ELK'S LODGE

7350 Temple Hill Road, Temple Hills, MD 20747

*Membership Drive:

Free ticket:

-For every 5 tickets you sell up to 11/01.

-If you sign up 2 members by 11/01

-If you sign up 1 associate by 11/01

For tickets, please contact:

Norma Ely @ (202) 385-8816 (FOB 10B);

Dara Gibson @ (202) 385-4632 (L'Enfant Plaza); or

Rita Nelson @ (202) 267-8037 (FOB 10A) .



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