

**CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING
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FORT MONROE, VA
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PROGRAM ABOUT TUSKEGEE AIRMEN



**CMSgt Grant S. Williams
Sr., USAF(Ret)**

VIPMOAA is pleased to welcome as our guest speaker, CMSgt Grant S. Williams, Sr. He was born 26 May 1920 in Clover, VA, and graduated from Halifax County Training School, Halifax, VA in May 1938. Inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Dix, NJ 26 Feb 1942, he was sent to Tuskegee Army Airfield (TAAF) for basic training. He was then assigned to HQ 96th Maint. Group, then to the 318th Air Base Group HQ until the group was re-designated the 96th Air Service Group. He then served in the 96th ASG HQ as Morning Report Clerk, then as Assistant Sergeant Major.

In April 1943, The 96th ASG and the 332nd Fighter Group were transferred to Oscoda, MI. SSgt Williams, serving as HQ Squadron Section First Sergeant, was promoted to First Sergeant 1 June 1943.

The 96th ASG and the 332nd FG were ordered overseas and departed from Newport News, Va. 4 January 1944 for Italy. During the voyage, First Sergeant Williams was reassigned to Group Headquarters as Group SGT Major and was promoted to MSgt. on 1 April 1944. MSgt Williams was assigned to the 524th ASG and served as Group SGT Major until his return to the US in October 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Italy from 23

August 1944 to 12 May 1945. Honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps 1 November 1945, he joined in the Reserves the same day.

MSgt Williams was recalled to active duty 4 August 1950 and for the next 24 years served at various stateside and overseas assignments in Japan, Turkey and Vietnam. He studied at Shaw University, Raleigh, NC and Washington University, St. Louis MO. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal (FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER) for meritorious service from 8 March 1971 to 22 February 1972 in Vietnam. His last assignment was at HQ Tactical Air Command, DCS Logistics, LAFB, VA from March 1972 to June 1975. He now resides in Hampton, Va.

CMSgt Williams received the Congressional Gold Medal at the US Capitol on 29 March 2007 when President Bush conferred this distinct honor on all the individuals who participated in the Tuskegee Airmen Program.

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