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Local school boys attend 315 AW Tuskegee Airman Career Day

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. – More than 110 middle and high school boys from 17 Lowcountry schools will visit Joint Base Charleston Thursday to learn about jobs in aviation as part of the base's fourth annual 315th Airlift Wing Tuskegee Airmen Career Day.

The boys will tour a C-17 aircraft and participate in a career fair to learn about various jobs in aviation. Demonstrations will be given by Security Forces K-9 teams, the students will get to try on explosive ordnance disposal bomb suits and speak with members representing a sampling of about 15 different civilian and military aviation career fields.

The Hiram Mann Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen in Walterboro will also participate in the event.

Tuskegee Airmen were instrumental to victory over Germany during World War II, they also represent other victories as well. The 996 African American pilots and more than 15,000 ground personnel who served with these units flew more than 15,500 combat sorties and earned more than 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses.

The career day is part of the efforts of the 315th Airlift Wing to encourage young men to explore opportunities in aviation and to commemorate African American history month.

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The event is Thursday, February 21, 2019. Media interested in covering the event can meet at the Dorchester Road gate at 10:15 a.m.

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