

# THE RAMPART REVIEW

*The Kiwanis Club of the Rampart Range – Caroline Vulgamore, editor*

**Meetings every Tuesday, 7:45 am, Aspen Pointe Café, 1675 Garden of the Gods Rd. 80904**

President: Belenda Cornelius. Secretary: Al Ziegler. Treasurer: Rex Kramer. Directors: Rick Couch, Jack Cooley, Burl Kreps, Caroline Vulgamore, Harry Vulgamore. District Governor: Hayley Jean Suppes. Division 4 Lt. Governor: Harry Brandon, RMD Executive Administrator: Nancy Wichagen. International President: Jim Rochford.

**November 7, 2017**

**PROGRAM:** USAF Colonel (retired) and Local Tuskegee Airmen President **Mark Dickerson**



presented a video providing historical overviews of the group's service during World War II as the first African-American aviators in the U.S. Armed Forces. He also spoke about "facts you were not aware of." With a dire need for pilots,

**Eleanor Roosevelt** served as catalyst for their beginnings, but early on there were "folks hoping it wouldn't work out." African Americans fought on two fronts—the enemy and the discrimination back home. They flew P-51s, and also trained to fly B-25 bombers. In March 1945, they flew over Berlin and faced German jet fighters. They made more than 1500 missions yet were banned from entering Officers' Clubs. The group included 1,000 pilots and 14,000 support personnel—mechanics, instructors and nurses. At war's end, it was "back to reality," as victory over discrimination was yet to be won. President Truman signed a bill in 1947 desegregating the military, which led to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. The U.S. Air Force was also established in that year. Mark noted young people are often not aware of how far we have come since the 1940s in dealing with racism issues.

**NEWS.** Donations were for Silver Key. A warm welcome to guest **Jeff Schofield**—always good to have you aboard. **Jack Cooley's** opening prayer included thoughts for **Burl Kreps**, who is recuperating from surgery. **Rick Couch** distributed a sign-up sheet for Salvation Army Bell-Ringing December 9 and 16. Key Club meets Nov. 8, 3:00 p.m.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Rick Couch:** Thanks, Mark for coming.
- **Caroline and Harry Vulgamore:** Thanks, Mark for all your efforts in educating about the Tuskegee Airmen.
- **Belenda Cornelius:** Happy to be here, proud of this great organization, and proud of Mark.
- **Al Ziegler:** He appreciates Mark presentation.
- **Jeff Schofield:** Happy to be here, thanks Rick for inviting him.
- **Jack Cooley:** Thank you to Mark, and good luck.
- **Rex Kramer:** Enjoyed the presentation. Skin color doesn't make much difference

*I had some room, so I thought I'd add some old aircraft pictures. ...Harry*



**P-51 Tuskegee Red Tail escorting B-25**



**USAF F-4 Phantom**



**Piper Super Cub**



**Thanks, Mark, for a fascinating subject.**

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY:** "You know, being a test pilot isn't always the healthiest business in the world."  
...Alan Shepard

**PRAYER: November 14: Belenda Cornelius.**



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