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WEST COVINA ROSE FLOAT FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RIDER SELECTION

The West Covina Rose Float Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of the sixteen (16) Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTA) that have been chosen to ride on the West Covina Rose Float Foundation's 12th consecutive entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses® parade to be held in Pasadena on January 1, 2010.

This year the West Covina Rose Float Foundation's entry title "*Tuskegee Airmen – A Cut Above*," will pay tribute to the service, bravery and commitment of the Tuskegee Airmen. The Tuskegee Airmen is the name of the group of African American pilots trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama and served with distinction in World War II.

Below is a list of the honorees selected to ride on the West Covina Rose Float with their home city, and their graduating class from Tuskegee Army Air Field (43A represents the First Class of 1943).

Tuskegee Airmen	Class	Location
Theodore (Ted) Lumpkin	43A	Los Angeles, California
Charles E. (Col Mac) Mc Gee	43F	Bethesda, Maryland
Wilbert (Bill) Johnson	43F	Los Angeles, California
Alexander Jefferson	44A	Detroit, Michigan
Lowell (C) Steward	44G	Los Angeles, California
Dr. Thurston Gaines	44G	Sun West City, Arizona
Isham "Rusty" Burns	44J	Palm Desert, California
Mitchell (Mitch) Higginbotham	44K	Dana Point, California

Tuskegee Airmen	Class	Location
Oliver Goodall	44K	Altadena, California
Clarence (Red) Finley	45A	Los Angeles, California
Jerry Hodges	45F	Los Angeles, California
Dr. Granville (Duke) Coggs	45G	San Antonio, Texas
Dr. Robert McCoy (Rocky) Higginbotham	45H	Rancho Mirage, California
Harlan Leonard	45H	Riverside, California
Robert "Bob" Ashby	45H	Sun West City, Arizona
Larry E. (Boon) Brown	46C	Sacramento, California