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**HAROLD BROWN AND MARSHA BORDNER TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES  
ON AUGUST 15 AT 12:00  
*KEEP YOUR AIRSPEED UP: THE STORY OF A TUSKEGEE AIRMAN***

Montgomery, AL (8/1/17) – On **Tuesday, August 15 at 12:00**, co-authors Harold Brown and Marsha Bordner will present a book talk on their publication ***Keep Your Airspeed Up: The Story of a Tuskegee Airman*** at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. Admission is **free**.

In May, 1944, Col. Harold Brown graduated from Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) and was assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group. During World War II, Col. Brown flew 30 missions as a bomber-escort fighter pilot before being shot down on a strafing mission and held as a German POW. He was liberated by General George Patton's forces in 1945. After the war ended, he continued to serve in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1965 as a Lieutenant Colonel, with 23 years of active duty service. Brown's newly-released memoir chronicles his wartime experiences as one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, fighting two wars at once: one against Hitler's fascist regime overseas and one against racial segregation at home.

On August 15, Brown along with his co-author and wife Marsha Bordner will discuss the book and screen a short film about Brown's life in the Archives' Joseph M. Farley Alabama Power Auditorium.

*Keep Your Airspeed Up: The Story of a Tuskegee Airman* (2017) is published by the University of Alabama Press. Copies will be available for purchase at the event. For more information about the book talk, call (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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