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Airports Authority Celebrates Black History Month

*Reagan National Hosts Discussion with Tuskegee Airmen on February 26;
South African Artists Demonstrate the Art of Wire Bending at Dulles International on
February 27-28*

In recognition of Black History Month, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is pleased to announce two special events at Ronald Reagan Washington National and Washington Dulles International Airports.

REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

A photographic exhibit honoring the Tuskegee Airmen—our nation's first black military airmen—is on display in the baggage claim area of Terminal B/C through the end of March. The display honors the achievements of the Tuskegee Airmen who destroyed 261 military planes, 950 railcars and sunk one destroyer during World War II while also encountering racism and segregation on the home front. On February 26, Dr. Alan Gropman, military historian, will moderate a panel discussion with five Tuskegee Airmen, who all live in the Washington metropolitan region. The participants are: William E. Broadwater, bomber pilot; Woodrow W. Crockett, Lt. Col. (ret.), Fighter Pilot; Elmer D. Jones, Col. (ret.), Maintenance Officer; Charles E. McGee, Col. (ret.) who flew more sorties than any man in American history and Walter L. McCreary, Lt. Col. (ret.), Fighter pilot

WHAT: Panel discussion with Tuskegee Airmen who live in the Washington area

WHEN: Tuesday, February 26 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Reagan National Airport; Historic Terminal A lobby

The Airports Authority has invited students from local schools around the region to attend this special event.

DULLES

South African artists will travel to Dulles courtesy of South African Airways for a demonstration of the art of wire bending to create figures and dolls, a traditional South African art form.

WHAT: South African artists demonstrating the art of wire bending

WHEN: Wednesday, February 27 and Thursday, February 28 from 2 to 6 p.m. both days

**WHERE: Dulles International Airport; West Ground Transportation Center
(Down the ramp from bag carousels 13 and 14)**

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