



CHIEF OF STAFF
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Dear Tuskegee Airmen:

During my tenure as Chief of Staff, it has been a distinct honor and privilege to be associated with the Tuskegee Airmen. I recently learned that the Army Air Force never officially approved the insignia used by the 477th Bombardment Group during World War II. To ensure that the group's emblem takes its place beside the World War II emblems approved for its four subordinate squadrons, I declare and officially recognize the 477th Bombardment Group's historical emblem as its official emblem.

To protect the unit's heritage, while preserving the standards governing today's heraldry program, I am simultaneously retiring the emblem to the Air Force Historical Research Agency for inclusion in the organization's official heraldry records.

We proudly honor the heritage of the 477th Bombardment Group and the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen. The United States Air Force appreciates the service and sacrifices that you made to secure freedom and the blessings of liberty for every American.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: HAF1219490608 | CSAF Letter Recognizing Tuskegee Airmen 477th Bombardment Group (477BG) Emblem | SUSP 30 Jul 2012 16:00 | Release COORD from AF/CV\King, Katrina
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Ma'am,
Ready for CSAF review/signature. V/r TSgt Spencer

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HAF/CX COORD - Merritt, Lt Col, 13 Jul 12
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AO: Mr. William Stevens, AF/HO, 202-404-2180
SSS DATE: 12 Jul 12
SUSPENSE: 30 Jul 12
OUTSIDE AGENCY SUSPENSE: N/A

SUBJECT: CSAF Letter Recognizing Tuskegee Airmen 477th Bombardment Group (477 BG) Emblem

- 1. PURPOSE:** Approve and sign draft CSAF letter to Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated (TAI) that recognizes and retires the 477 BG emblem.
- 2. BACKGROUND:** This action being taken by the Air Force History and Museum Program is for heritage purposes. The 477 BG is the only Tuskegee Airmen unit that did not have an approved emblem during WWII. The nine other Tuskegee Airmen units did; however, it appears the 477 BG never submitted their design for approval as an official emblem. This action is seen as a fitting tribute to the Group and its history.
- 3. DISCUSSION:** We plan to officially recognize the emblem as the unit's historical emblem at the upcoming Tuskegee Airmen convention in August 2012. At the same time, we will retire the emblem to the AFHRA for inclusion in the organization's official heraldry records. Tab 2 is an image of the emblem used by the 477th Bombardment Group during WWII and the emblem's significance statement.
- 4. VIEWS OF OTHERS:** AFHRA concurs w/ inclusion in organization's official heraldry records (Tab 3). Comments from SAF/LL and SAF/PA (Tab 4) have been considered and incorporated in the proposed CSAF letter.
- 5. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve and sign proposed CSAF letter at (Tab 1).

//signed, CRA, 12 July 2012//
C.R. ANDEREGG, SES, DAFC
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1. CSAF Letter to TAI on 477 BG Emblem
2. 477 BG Emblem
3. AFHRA FW CSAF Recognition of 477 Bomb Group WWII Emblem
4. SAF/LL and SAF/PA coordination comments

-----2-Letter COORD:

HAF/A1 COORD- Corsi, SES, 15 Mar 12

HAF/JA COORD- Lepper, Maj Gen, 16 Mar 12

SAF/PA COORD- Rogerson, Col, 20 Mar 12, w/comments (authorized to sign: Principal TDY, Deputy on Reserve Duty)

SAF/GC COORD- Blanchard, EX-IV, 13 Mar 12

SAF/LL COORD- Dolan, BG(s), 12 Mar 12, w/comments

Sign

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Tab 1 - CSAF Letter to TAI on 477 BG Emblem.docx

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