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Peggy Shivers
“Treat others as you want to
be treated”

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Giving History A Future!

Peggy Shivers

DOTA Spouse of Clarence Shivers

Shivers Fund



Clarence and Peggy Shivers inaugurated the Shivers Fund at Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) in 1993.

The Fund benefits the African-American Historical and Cultural Collection at PPLD and provides cultural opportunities for youth.



Welcome to the quarterly newsletter of the Hubert L. "Hooks" Jones Chapter. In the past we took each quarter to pay tribute to one of our own Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTA). We honored all 19 DOTAs, so we have started honoring DOTA spouses who have been active in our Chapter and other heritage members. This quarter we highlight DOTA spouse Peggy Shivers.

Looking forward to future newsletters, I have started a list of names to highlight in the future. If you have ideas, feel free to reach out at egraceblom@gmail.com with your suggestions. Thank you to those who already have sent ideas. It is much appreciated.

Read Peggy's story and learn about the other exciting events the Chapter has participated in throughout the fall to include the groundbreaking at the USAFA and the MHF 30th year Kick Off.

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year. Enjoy time with family and friends during this Holiday Season.

Blessings,
Elizabeth Harper
Communications Officer/Historian

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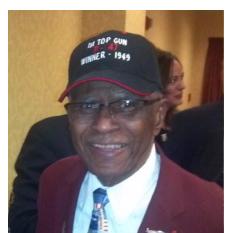
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Documented Original

Reminder

Time for yearly membership dues.
Chapter dues may be paid on the
Website

[https://www.colorado-redtails.org/
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Mile High Flight Project

TAI National

will be putting out news of
2026 Convention

We will share when we
receive more
information

Peggy Shivers

I was blessed to be born in the most amazing community called Center Point, Texas. It is outside of Pittsburgh, TX. Center Point was the black portion of town. It was located 10 miles out of town. Education and music were very important. In Center Point everyone went to college. My aunt Dr. Christine Benton Cash took over the school in early 1900s. It was a one room school house. It went up to 8th grade. She made it into an accredited K-12 and college extension with a girls and boys dorms. It was amazing.

We grew up with a lot of pride. The whites in town had a great deal of respect. They always called my uncle Professor Lampkin. My parents divorced. My mother who I called Mother Dear went back to college. I stayed with my grandmother while she did that. That's why I called my grandmother Momma.

My grandparents were Elenora and Christopher Columbus (CC). My grandmother was why I was advanced in school. Every night I had lessons. That is why I started school as a 2nd grader. I completed high school at the age of 15 and college at 19. Mother Dear's name was Lirlean Anderson. She worked extra when we moved to Portland, OR so I could take voice and piano lessons. My uncles, Uncle Garfield and Uncle Arthur, were like fathers to me. They loved me.

When my mom finished school, I was about 5 or 6. That is when I went with her to Portland, OR. That's where I went to elementary, middle and high school. I went to Portland State. Lawerence Leighton Smith was my accompanist in college. Years later he became the Colorado Springs Symphany Director.

I majored in music in college, then my folks said I needed to support myself. I switched my major to education, but always stayed active with music.

Even though I was teaching, people asked me to sing. One person after another. My junior year in high school I was asked to sing for the National Convention of Knights of Columbus. A lady came up after to ask who I was studying music with. I let her know I was not studying just singing. She gave me a name of a voice teacher who changed my life. He made arrangements for me to meet with Marian Anderson.

Later, I was teaching in San Francisco. There, I was one of 6 selected for this group. It ended up only 4 of us performed at concerts. I was doing *Lost in the Stars* with the SF Opera ring. I got a call from a man. He said there is boxer here from your home town. His name is Amos Lincoln. I called Amos, and he invited me to meet his wife. I told them I was doing *Lost in the Stars*. They came to the show. The next day he came to my place with a whole entourage. One of those guys said we need to introduce her to Duke. Duke Ellington that is.

They called back later. I had to sing for Duke's son first. He agreed I needed to sing for his father. So I went down to this club. My minister went with me. I sang intervals for my informal audition to sing for Duke Ellington. A year later I got a call from Duke. He had left two tickets for me to see him. He asked if I was performing. He came to my concert. He then called back to see if I would sing in his *Sacred* concert in SF.

My dear friend Willard King. He was like my brother. He was stationed with Clarence at Vandenberg. He was determined Clarence and I meet. Willard invited me down from San Fransico. Clarence asked me out, but I had worked all day before I drove down. I was too tired to go out, so we just visited.



Photo Credit: Center Point Area Historic Preservation Association



Miss Royal Esquire of 1958



Favorites:

Music Classical. I love all music. Clarence taught me to enjoy Jazz.

Song *Un bel di* from the opera *Madame Butterfly*.

Sports Tennis. I loved playing as a child

Travel Israel, China, all over Europe. I loved to travel and was asked to sing all over the world.

Germany at Christmas.

Food Seafood is always a favorite

Places to live Spain and Colorado Springs.



Willard decided my car needed work, so he sent me back to San Francisco with his car. A week later, guess who drove my car back to me in San Francisco? Willard sent Clarence up with my car and the rest is history.

Shortly after that Clarence and I got married, we went to Spain. We lived there for 10 years. In Spain I was accepted to La Escuela de Superior en Canto. I sang a lot for the embassy. Franco was still alive, so he controlled everything in Spain to include events at the embassy. I was selected to do one of those programs.

Another thing I enjoyed when we went to Spain, people would wave out of their cars. I came to find out they thought I was Donna Hightower. After awhile Donna came to Spain. Clarence and I went to go see her show, but it was her off night. Her band member thought I was Donna. I realized that is why all those people kept waving at me. They thought I was the famous Donna Hightower.

One day I was walking down the street and passed Donna. She stopped and said, "You must be that girl." We became close friends after that.

We had a good relationship with the embassy. They had a black conductor who wondered what it was like living in Spain, so Clarence and I took him around. I also was Clarence's art manager throughout our marriage.

We were in Spain from 1969-1979.

I was asked to do the Bicentennial Concert. I also did a concert for Alex Halley. Ended up his brother came instead of him.

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Spain got a new ambassador while we lived there. It was first time they selected an African American. When he landed in Madrid, Clarence and I were right in line with all the generals, the king, and other dignitaries.

They had ambassadors from all over the world. Each country's anthem was played while they were brought up in carriages. They even bought one of Clarence's paintings.

We returned to the States. I went to a sorority meeting to get to know people here. We sang our hymn. Next thing you know, Lillian Mallory decided I need to perform at the Fine Arts Center. The art critic wrote a glowing article. That's how I got hired by the symphony and the chorale here in Colorado. Clarence continued

with his art, and I continued with my performing.

Clarence and I started the Shivers Foundation and Concert series 1993. Clarence had a commission from Miller Brewing to do a calendar on Civil Rights Leaders. He went to the library. They had hardly any thing about African Americans. That year, on our anniversary, we had a 5 day big celebration, but Clarence got sick. It was something with his heart. We had decided to sell some of his art at our celebration. We sold so much art, I couldn't believe it. We took a portion of that money and gave it to the library to start the African American Historical and Cultural Collection.

Today it's a collection of over 3000+ books, historical documents, and other works. The library didn't have any foundations at that time. A couple of years later, I started the concert series. This is our 33rd year for the concert series.

Find 2026 Concert Dates at Pikes Peak Library District
<https://ppld.org/shivers-concert-series-2026>



Veteran's Day and Fall Events



The Chapter continues to share the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen. This Fall events included selling items and doing a meet and greet at the Peterson SFB BX, sharing with the Sister to Sister group, at the Parks and Recreation of Thornton, the John and Edna Mosley Elementary School, the Zion Senior, and more. Thank you to members who are always willing to help.

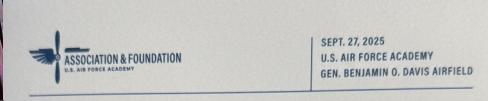


On September 27, 2025 the United States Air Force Academy, the Association of Graduates, and the Air Force Foundation officially broke ground on the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial.

The construction site is at the corner of Stadium Drive and Airfield Drive at the entrance to the General Benjamin O. Davis Airfield.

This grand project will contain a lasting history of the Tuskegee Airmen. The Double V structure will highlight the accomplishments, tell the history of the outstanding record and perseverance for today and future generations.

We would like to thank all who have contributed time, money, and hard work to make this memorial a reality.



TUSKEGEE AIRMEN MEMORIAL

Groundbreaking Ceremony



TUSKEGEE AIRMEN MEMORIAL GROUNDBREAKING CEREM
DAVIS AIRFIELD AT THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY • SEPT. 27, 2025

MILE HIGH FLIGHT 30TH YEAR KICK-OFF



The Mile High Flight team kicked-off their 30th Season this fall. Eric and his team continue to provide one of the best introduction to flight programs in the Nation. With continued success, student and after student grows to succeed in a number of aviation careers.

This year's kick-off included a VIP attendance by Colonel James H. Harvey III. This was quite a treat for all, but especially young aviators and their families. Eric's team which includes pilots from United, Federal Express, UPS and more, shared about teaching and leading their motivated youth. We also heard from the youth who are currently or have recently achieved steps to take their first solo. John Frazier was presented his Custis Award, and the Mount Evans Lodge #7 presented a donation to the Chapter for MHF. We thank all who help make this happen and commend Eric and the Mile High Flight team for continued excellence.

In Memory

Minnie Ray Hunter

November 3, 1926– October 2, 2025



The Chapter would like to send their deepest condolences to the Hunter family.

Please keep them in thought and prayer.

Minnie Ray was a light in any room she entered. She will be deeply missed.

We will be doing a full tribute to Minnie Ray and highlighting her life in an upcoming newsletter.

Events & Presentations

Of the Quarter

Peterson BX
TAI National Scholarships
Digital Archives Project (ongoing)
Tuskegee Memorial
Zion Senior Center

Thornton Parks and Rec
Peggy Shivers Concert Series
Mile High Flight Kick –Off
Groundbreaking
Sister to Sister



Holiday Party



This year's Holiday Party was held at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Denver. We had a wonderful celebration. Thank you to Carol, Gabrielle, Phyllis and all the rest who helped make this a wonderful recap to the year. As we go into the New Year, we invite you to join us at any of our Tuskegee events. Whether they are educational events, community events, or social gatherings, we love to have all of our members active as we continue to share the great legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Volunteers of the Year

Malcolm Chandler and Ken Bowens



MISSION



Tuskegee Airmen of World War II

By
Lt. Col. Clarence Shivers, DOTA
USAFA

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Hubert L. "Hooks" Jones Chapter is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to:

Honoring the accomplishments and perpetuating the history of African-Americans who participated in air crew, ground crew and operations support training in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

Introducing young people across the nation to the world of aviation, aerospace, mathematics and science through local programs such as the Mile High Flight Program.

Providing annual scholarships and awards to deserving individuals, groups and corporations whose deeds lend support to the goals of Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

Calendar

Jan, 2026	Board Meeting	Jan 3
Jan, 2026	Chapter Meeting	Colorado Springs
Feb, 2026	Board Meeting	Feb 1
Feb, 2026	Chapter Meeting	Denver
March, 2026	Board Meeting	March 1
March, 2026	Chapter Meeting	Colorado Springs
Colorado Tuskegee Commemoration Day March 26, 2026		

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Glorying in History & Culture!



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