



BESSIE COLEMAN AEROSPACE LEGACY, INC.

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Bessie Coleman

**January 27th - 28th 2012
Jacksonville, Florida**

In celebration of aviatrix, Bessie Coleman's 120th birthday (January 26, 1892), the Bessie Coleman Aerospace Legacy (BCAL) will celebrate her birth, as well as, commemorate her untimely death in Jacksonville, Florida. Join us Thursday, January 27th thru Saturday, January 28th 2012, for two days of jam-packed events honoring an important woman in American history.

All events are open and FREE to the public!

On June 15, 1921, Bessie Coleman became the first American citizen to earn an International Pilot's License in France. When asked why she wanted to fly she replied, "We must have aviators if we are to keep up with the times. I shall never be satisfied until we have men of the Race who can fly. Do you know you have never lived until you have flown? Of course, it takes one with courage, nerve and ambition. But I am thrilled to know we have men who are physically fit; now what is needed is men who are not afraid of death."

Schedule of Events:

FRIDAY, JAN 27th (9:30 am) - Dedication of Brass Relief Plaque, and Recognition of Essay Contest Winners at Paxon School Advanced Studies, 3239 Norman E. Thagard Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32254. *History: Paxon School Advanced Studies is located on Paxon Field where Bessie met her untimely death. She fell 5,300 feet while flying in an air show in Jacksonville, Florida on April 30, 1926.*

FRIDAY, JAN 27th - BCAL Reception honoring Bessie Coleman at the historic Ritz Theatre and Museum. The evening features a stirring portrayal of the famed aviator by Ms Sandra Campbell. Time: 6-8 pm, Location: 829 Davis Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

SATURDAY, JAN 28th - Commemorative services in honor of Bessie Coleman, including a remarkable portrayal of the famed aviator by Ms Sandra Campbell. Time: 11am, Location: Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, 215 Bethel Baptist Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

**PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD;
SHARE THIS MOMENTOUS EVENT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE JACKSONVILLE AREA!**

The Jacksonville, FL community is encouraged by the local chapter of the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE), Roosevelt Lenard Jr. Foundation, and BCAL to view the recently released movie, "Red Tails". A limited number of complimentary tickets will be available at each of the above events.

The movie, "Red Tails," is a thrilling epic that captures the challenges of the all-Black aviation squadron, the Tuskegee Airmen, while serving in a segregated U. S. Army. Therefore, it is only appropriate that we acknowledge the courage, hope, and tremendous legacy of Bessie Coleman, whom first inspired and ushered the Tuskegee Airmen into prominence, and the annals of aviation history