

The Freedom for Italy Network Bulletin

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Freedom for Italy conference set for Rome in April



The second Freedom for Italy conference is to be held at the Armed Forces' Club in Rome on Friday 17 April. This follows the successful first conference, also held in Rome, in April 2025 (*see left*).

The event will focus on the work of the 60-plus Italian museums with a connection with the Second World War. Admission is free.

The conference will have eight sessions:

- Opening remarks by the chair and VIP speakers
- Museums in Sicily
- Museums in the Salerno area
- Museums dedicated to the story of the Winter Line and Gustav Line
- Museums specialising in Operation Shingle and the Anzio bridgehead
- Museums focussing on the Gothic Line and northern Italy
- The role in Italy of war graves commissions
- Building the Italian Campaign history community in Italy and internationally.

A total of 20 speakers are expected. The conference chair is Professor Marco Altobello of Museo dell'Aviazione e dei Tuskegee Airmen, Campomarino and President of the Italy Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

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Tuskegee Airmen photo exhibition opens in Campobasso

The 2nd edition of "Beyond Photography" has opened in Campobasso with an exhibition dedicated to Toni Frissell and the Tuskegee Airmen, key players in a significant page in the history of the Molise in the Second World War.

Through the shots of Toni Frissell – a pioneer of photojournalism and one of the few female photographers who worked on the frontline in the Italian Campaign – visitors will learn about the personalities, stories and courage of the first African American military aviators of the US Army. They were based in Ramitelli, near Campomarino, with their legendary red-tailed P-51 Mustang fighters.

The exhibition is being held in the Samnitic Circle, Campobasso. It is curated by Professor Marco Altobello, President of the Italy Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc, and Dr Fabrizio Nocera of the University of Molise. It is open daily at 6pm-8pm until 1 February. Admission is free.



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