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Massachusetts approves Tuskegee Airmen day



Governor of Massachusetts Maura Healey has signed *An Act Establishing the Fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day* to recognise the service, sacrifice, and contributions of the African American Tuskegee Airmen. “This law honours and pays tribute to the extraordinary bravery and patriotism of the Tuskegee Airmen who served our nation with distinction and shaped our history,” Healey said. “By establishing Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day in Massachusetts, we ensure that future generations understand their role in advancing equality and excellence in our service.”

“This important commemoration ensures that the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen remains a permanent part of our shared history,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll.

The Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day bill was sponsored by Senator Cindy Friedman and Representative Michelle Ciccolo. It requires the Governor to issue an annual proclamation on the fourth Thursday in March.

“Our Commonwealth has a strong dedication to recognising and honouring the service of our veterans — and the Tuskegee Airmen should be no exception considering the remarkable bravery and fortitude these service members possessed,” said Senator Cindy Friedman.

Boston By Way Road event planned for May

The role of the *Boston By Way Road* built by the Allies in the winter of 1944 to connect the Sillaro Valley to the front is to be commemorated in the area on 23-24 May.

“We have chosen to host the 2026 edition at the Villaggio della Salute Più, a location of remarkable historical significance and directly connected to the original route of the Boston By Way,” the *Senio River 1944-1945 Association* said in a statement.

The buildings that now are part of Villaggio della Salute Più hosted the Axis command and later the Allied command. The programme for the weekend includes:

- Guided tours of the Museo Della Linea Gotica in Villaggio della Salute Più
- Themed conferences featuring the screening of rare original footage
- A static military modelling exhibition by Gruppo Modellistico Bolognese
- A display of historic military vehicles
- Live demonstrations with armoured and amphibious vehicles and
- The participation of Second World War reenactment groups.

The participation in the event is free. For more information contact: info@lalineadeltempo.com



News in brief

- The 2nd Annual Florida State Tuskegee Airmen dinner is to be held at Westgate Resorts in Orlando on 26 March. For more information, contact FloridaTACDF@gmail.com
- Cheryl W Thompson, author of *Forgotten Souls: The Search for the Lost Tuskegee Airmen* is the guest speaker at the Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day lunch at the

Hilton Melbourne Beach Ocean Front Hotel in Florida on 28 March.

- The 13th reenactment of the liberation of Aprilia during the Anzio beachhead breakout in 1944 is to be held in *Associazione Storico Culturale The Factory 1944* on 30-31 May. For more information, see: <https://thefactory1944.it/en/>