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Public invited to ‘Fireside Chat with Booker T. Washington’ on Nov. 1

TULSA, Oct. 24, 2023 – The public is invited to attend a Fireside Chat with Booker T. Washington, as portrayed by Dr. J. Holmes Armstead, on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 6 – 8 p.m. The event will take place at the Jewish Federation of Tulsa, 2021 E. 71st St. in Tulsa, Okla. The program is free to the public.

This community program is sponsored by the Booker T. Washington Foundation for Excellence, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Society, and the Jewish Federation of Tulsa.

Step into history as Dr. Armstead, retired professor of Strategy and International Law, brings to life the remarkable legacy of Booker T. Washington. In this captivating fireside chat, Dr. Armstead will delve into the essence of Washington, unveiling his enduring impact on American education and civil rights. In addition, his performance will explore Washington’s remarkable partnership with Julius Rosenwald, the visionary Jewish philanthropist.

The event begins with “Hornet Happy Hour” at 6 p.m. with snacks and beverages, providing the opportunity for guests to connect with new and old friends. The program will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the past, embrace the present, and inspire the future.

About James Holmes Armstead Jr.

Dr. J. Holmes Armstead is a retired professor of Strategy and International law from the U.S. Naval War College. He has taught international law, strategy, and national security policy for nearly 50 years.

Dr. Armstead received his undergraduate education at the University of Illinois in history and anthropology and graduated in 1968, receiving his J.D. in 1975 from DePaul University. He then returned to the University of Illinois, where he undertook graduate studies in public policy and economics and was awarded a Ph.D. in public policy analysis from Pacific Western University In 1981. Dr. Armstead also holds an advanced certificate in International Law from the Instituto Superiori Internazionale Criminali Science in Siracusa, Italy and is the recipient of three honorary doctorates.

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During his career, he served in the United Nations Secretariat, where he was the English language editor of the Treaty of Rome, which created the International Criminal Court at the Hague. He has served on missions with the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) as an international election observer in Belarus, the Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Jim served as an Armor, JAG, Inspector General and Civil Affairs Officer in the United States Army, the U.S. Army Reserves and National Guard in staff and command assignments from battalion to corps level, eventually serving in the Pentagon as a special assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

About the MLK Jr. Commemoration Society

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Society, Inc. is a Tulsa, Oklahoma-based 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization focused on honoring and preserving the works and ideals that Dr. King practiced. The society has provided programming, leadership development, civic engagement and opportunities for artistic expression involving more than 20,000 boys and girls in Tulsa County and the surrounding area since it was founded in 1978. The Society has awarded \$132,000 in scholarships over the past three decades to local high school graduates aspiring to achieve Dr. King's dream. On Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, the society will once again host Tulsa's MLK, Jr. Parade with the theme, "*Dr. King's Dream: A Vision for the Future.*"

For parade information, sponsorship inquiries or volunteer opportunities, please visit www.mlktulsa.com, call 918-492-9495 or email at mlktulsa@gmail.com.

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