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April 2015

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## The Tuskegee Airmen: Myths, Facts, and Legends

Join the History Center at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 27 for a special presentation by noted aviation historian Dr. Daniel Haulman on this famed group of flying men.

The Tuskegee Airmen, known formally as the 332<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group, were African Americans who served in a segregated US military during World War II. Despite popular expectations to the contrary, they overcame adversity and proved to be one of the hardest-fighting and most effective fighter groups of the war.

Dr. Daniel L. Haulman has authored several books on the Tuskegee Airmen and serves as the Chief of the Organizational History Division at the Air Force Historical Research Agency, where he has worked since 1982.



## Family Day- *The 1940's- War and Peace*

Join us for hands-on experiences, live character performances, and demonstrations as we explore the 1940s – a decade that defined modern America and was a time of transition and change in Northeast Georgia. Meet Gainesville's African-American educator Beulah Rucker and the poet of the North Georgia Mountains Byron Herbert Reece in Museum Theatre performances, perform your own Radio Show, and swing to 1940s music!

### Event Schedule

**1:00 - 4:00** – Ongoing Hands-on Activities:  
Travel Trunk, Write V-mail, Victory Garden planting, Perform a Radio Show, Shopping with Ration Coupons

**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** - Ongoing Interpretation:  
Civil Defense in Gainesville, Changes in Rural Daily Life, Blacksmithing

**1:30, 2:30, 3:00** –Demo: *Incendiary Disposal & Air Raid Drill*

**3:30** - Museum Theatre:

*The Rugged Pathway* – meet African-American Educator Beulah Rucker of Gainesville

*The Poet in Residence* – meet Georgia Poet Byron Herbert Reece of Choestoe



Beulah Rucker



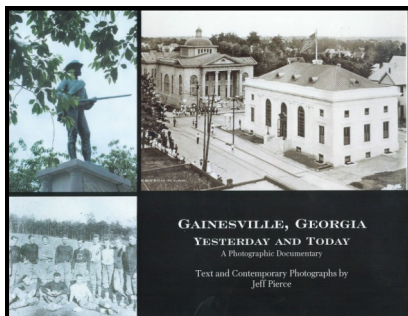
Byron Herbert  
Reece

**Sunday, April 12, 2015**

**1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Family Day Sponsored by 

## Forum



Jeff Pierce, Past President of the History Center Board of Directors, will present and discuss his book, ***Gainesville, Georgia-Yesterday and Today***. This wonderful work juxtaposes modern and vintage photographs of some of Gainesville's most historic houses and sites. Join us on April 14th at 7:00 for a blast from the past and how things have changed in our city.

## Volunteer Spotlight

If you need to find an interesting speaker, call Cheryl Vandiver. If you want to raise money, call Cheryl Vandiver. If you're planning a parade, call Cheryl Vandiver.

On second thought, don't call her because she's done all of that—and is still doing most of it. And she has been a tremendous asset to the History Center, where she serves on the board of directors and chairs the annual Taste of History event, the center's largest fundraiser of the year.

Even before the History Center moved into its present building—back to 2000—Cheryl was involved. She served on the

board and chaired the forums committee.

"I loved lining up speakers," she says, "because I got speakers that *I* wanted to hear."

Cheryl is vice president of development at the North Georgia Community Foundation, and has worked with the Red Cross, raising money. She is a graduate of the University of North Georgia and is active with the Gainesville Rotary Club, where she served as president and serves now as district secretary.

She and husband Jerry have four children and nine grandchildren.

She is involved in planning the annual Christmas parade for the Hall County Historical Society and the



*Cheryl Vandiver*

Memorial Day parade for the American Legion. She reads and paints folk art—"it has been called graffiti by a dear friend"—and she even knows how to weave baskets.

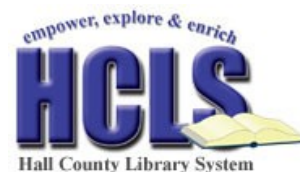
Her advice on raising money: "Don't take it personally when they say no."

Thanks, Cheryl, for all you do. We're delighted you said "yes" to the History Center.

## The Hall County Library System Announces Bible and Old Book Repair Day

The Hall County Library System will be hosting **Bible and Old Book Repair Day** on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Headquarters Branch located at 127 Main Street, NW Gainesville, GA. Ken Jewell, a representative of the National Library Bindery, will be on hand to give you a free estimate of the cost of repairing or restoring your valued old books or family Bible. If you choose, you may leave the books with Mr. Jewell to be repaired at the Bindery Company. The books will be returned to the downtown branch of the Hall County Library System for you to pick up within two months or the books can be shipped directly to your home.

For more information please contact (770) 532-3311 ext. 116.





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The Northeast Georgia History Center is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the region. By maintaining a unique collection of historical items, presenting exhibits, conducting programs, enabling research, and partnering with other institutions in the region, the History Center strives to promote a greater understanding of the cultural, social, economical, and political history of Northeast Georgia.

### Calendar of Events

April 12	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Family Day– <i>The 1940's– War and Peace</i>
April 14	10 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
	7 p.m.	Forum– <i>Gainesville Yesterday and Today</i>
April 16	11:30 am-1:00 pm	Board of Director's Meeting
April 27	6 p.m.	<i>The Tuskegee Airmen: Myths, Facts, and Legends</i>

### Items of Interest

## **CIVIL WAR AT 150:**

1865 ✕ Perspectives on Impact and Significance ✕ 2015

**Cleveland Ballroom, Martha T. Nesbitt Building**  
UNG Gainesville Campus  
Programs begin at 6:00 p.m.

### **“The Human Cost of the American Civil War”**

Thursday, April 9

Lecture by Dr. J. David Hacker,  
Associate Professor of History,  
University of Minnesota

<http://ung.edu/hap/civil-war-at-150>

### ***New Member:***

*Joy Crowe*

***Welcome!***

