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Black former WW II flying ace dead at 63

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ARLINGTON, Va. -- Joseph Dubois Elsberry, one of the first black military pilots in America, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, April 8. He died on March 31 of a heart attack in his San Francisco apartment. He was 61.

Elsberry was the winner of the Army Air Corps' Distinguished Flying Cross and was among the first blacks to receive flight training at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. At Tuskegee, blacks were trained for service in all black squadrons.

Elsberry became the 37th black military pilot in America in 1942.

During World War II, his squadron sank a German destroyer using only 50-caliber machine guns. Also, he shot down three German fighter planes in

Elsberry served in the Korean War and retired from the U.S. Air Force as a major.

After his retirement, he lived in Oklahoma for several years. In 1962 he moved to San Francisco where he worked for Western Electric until an operation for cataracts forced him to retire in 1978.

Klansmen and Nazis more sophisticated

CHARLOTTE -- According to state and national authorities, larger numbers of North Carolina's farright anti-black and anti-Jewish groups are adopting more militant and open approaches.

Janet Caldwell of the National Anti-Klan Network in Atlanta says there are ties between the Klan and neo-Naxi organizations. "What we would all like to know is how close and how involved they are," she says.

Robert L. Pence, head of FBI operations in North Carolina, says his agency is seeing more disciplined, paramilitary operations from Klan and neo-Nazi groups.

"They openly admit training operations, and

have more sophisticated equipment, weapons, uniforms and computers," he says.

Carolina's best known Klan organization, is a former state Nazi party leader.

Miller says the White Patriots Party (Klan) has about 300 to 500 members statewide. However, the State Bureau of Investigation says the Klan is actially much smaller, with about 20 to 30 members who

Klan leaders are sympathetic to the neo-Nazi movement. They say, however, that the Klan's style

Glenn Miller of Angier, head of what was North

could be violent.

and method of operation is less harsh.

Triple-A

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WAAA. Evans suggested:

· that listeners send in donations. "No gift is too small," she said. Public donations will provide help in the short run, she added, but will not completely solve the station's financial problems.

 that listeners patronize businesses that advertise on WAAA.

· that listeners urge firms they regularly do business with to advertise on the station. Evans then suggested that those people, in turn, call the station and tell them where they shop and the name of the store official they spoke with.

• that listeners sign one of the many listener survey sheets being circulated in local churches and clubs and by numerous individuals. Signing the survey sheet will be one way WAAA can prove to potential advertisers that it has a substantial listening audience, she said.

Potential advertisers determine WAAA's listening audience based on data supplied by Arbitron and Burch, both radio-survey companies. Neither, said Evans, accurately indicates WAAA's penetration of its market because the surveys lump the station in with larger stations in the Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem market;

smaller stations like WAAA, with only 1,000 watts, that don't reach into Greensboro or High Point, are at a disadvantage, she said.

• that listeners encourage "qualified" applicants to apply for jobs with the station

• that each listener "talk up" WAAA and "be an active supporter of the station."

Evans also asked that people who owe the station money settle their accounts.

"Do what you can, but by all means, do all you can," Evans told the audience.

Evans could not be reached for comment, but said during the program that she felt it was "absolutely essential that you (listeners) get the truth." Severa times during the broadcast, Evans made reference to "published reports" and "several untrue statements" concerning the station's financial problems.

"We all must be careful not to accept something (just because it) is in print," Evans said during the broadcast. "There are many destructive and negative forces about us."

Another local, black-oriented radio station made a similar appeal a year ago for public sup-

Bishop S.D. Johnson of Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church Inc. asked the community for support when WSMX-AM, a gospel station owned by the church, faced financial problems.

Several months ago, the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Court ordered Macedonia to sell the station to the highest bidder. Although Bishop L.E. Willis from Norfolk was the high bidder at \$125,000, the sale is not final.

Corrections

In the April 4 Chronicle story entitled "I thought the police would be there': Protester recalls Nov. 3, 1979, violence," Marty Penn was incorrectly identified as a "black socialist organizer." Penn is a black social worker.

Also, the story said Frankie Powell is not one of the 16 plaintiffs in the \$48 civil suit filed by the survivors and wounded demonstrators in the November 1979 "Death to the Klan" rally in

Greensboro. Powell is a plaintiff. The Chronicle regrets the errors.

Fair housing

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the city's Human Relations Department.

The celebration began with an opening ceremony on April 1, continuing with a housing tour of the Greenway community April 10 that focused on the importance of public and private partnerships in housing.

It will conclude April 25 with an awards ceremony for local schoolchildren who have participated in a local poster contest.

"Open minds plus open doors equals fair housing," Grueninger says. "Fair housing means people are free to live wherever they choose. People are accepted in their neighborhoods, regardless of their race, sex or national origin. This is what we hope to communicate during April."

Grueninger said she hopes the housing celebration and workshops will create public interest in housing and in ways to improve housing in Winston-Salem.

"During the last five years, HUD has strongly suggested that cities set up public and private partnerships in housing," Grueninger said. "This is so cities won't totally depend on public funds

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but will also seek out private funds."

Grueninger said the celebration's main event is the statewide conference. National, state and local housing experts will discuss housing discrimination and what can be done about it during the two-day series of workshops, whose topics will include: "Racial Discrimination in Housing," "A Review of Fair Housing," "Prejudice, Segregation and Discrimination," "The Consequences of Housing Discrimination" and an update on recent court cases on housing.

Dr. George Galster, a nationally known writer, lecturer and former HUD consultant, will present information in four of the six workshops. Local citizens who will express their views on housing include the Rev. Jerry Drayton, chairman of the state Human Relations Council, Louise Wilson, executive director of the Experiment in Self-Reliance Inc., and Thomas Elijah, executive director of the local Urban League.

Judith Washington, assistant director of the state Human Relations Council, will discuss the state perspective on fair housing on April 15 from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m.

Nathaniel K. Smith, director of HUD's Office of Voluntary Compliance, will discuss "Fair Housing in the 80s: How Far Have We Come?" at a 7 p.m. dinner at the Convention Center the same day. Smith will also review the federal perspective on fair housing in one of the

workshops.

The month-long celebration will conclude April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Sawtooth Center with the awards ceremony. All children who participate will receive certificates, with first-, second- and third-place cash prizes given for the best posters.

The winning posters will be sent to Atlanta for regional competition.

The timing of Fair Housing Month has historical significance, Grueninger said.

"The reason HUD proclaims April Fair Housing Month is that the federal fair housing law was passed in April of 1968," she said. "HUD has been trying to focus national attention on housing through a fair housing month in April."

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