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Humane Letters by Hofstra University.

In August 1941, Dryden was selected for Aviation Cadet training at the Tuskegee Army Flying School in Alabama. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the second class of black pilots to graduate in the history of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a member of the famed 99th Pursuit Squadron, later the 332 Fighter Group, which served in North Africa, Sicily and Italy during World War II. On June 9, 1943, then Lieutenant Charles Dryden, in his P-40 nicknamed "A-Train," led a flight of six pilots engaging enemy fighter aircraft in aerial combat over Pantelleria, Sicily. It was the first time in aviation history that black American pilots of the U.S. Army Air Corps engaged aircraft in combat.

Dryden's 21-year military career also included combat missions in Korea and duty assignments in Japan, Germany and ten different bases in the United States. He also served as a Professor of Air Science at Howard University and

retired in 1962 as a Command pilot with 4,000 hours flying time.

He has received many accolades and honors including being inducted into Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame and designated an "Outstanding Georgia Citizen" by the Secretary of State Max Cleland. President Bush conferred the Congressional Gold Medal on Lt. Col. Dryden and all Tuskegee Airmen at a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda in March, 2007. He gave continuous service to his community as a member of the board of directors of the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, the Atlanta Metro Lions Club, Quality Living Services (a Senior Citizens organization) and the Atlanta Chapter-Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (ACTAI), which he helped found in 1978. On August 19th, 2008 Lt. Col. Dryden was the posthumous recipient of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2008 Americanism Award awarded to an honored veteran for a lifetime of achievement, service and patriotism to our nation.

His autobiography has been published by the University of Alabama Press

in 1997 [A-Train: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman].

Lt. Col. Dryden has three sons by a former marriage - Charles Walter Dryden, Jr. of Maui, Hawaii; Keith Cameron Dryden of Orlando; and Eric B. Dryden of Atlanta. He helped his wife, Marymal Dryden, to guide and support the lives of her four children - George Bingham, Anthony Bingham, Kenneth Bingham and Cornelia-Rose White, all of Atlanta. They have six grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Pauline Miles from Denver, CO. and a host of relatives and friends.

The family of Lt. Col. Dryden has launched the A-Train Legacy Foundation to further Dryden's dedication toward the development and support of aviation career programs and aviation education for young people. This non-profit organization [501(C)(3)] and will accept contributions to provide grants and scholarships for young men and women entering the field of aviation and aerospace.

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## The Big Show... *Continued from page 1*

to the very positive change and development that are taking place along the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd./Montgomery Street Corridor", says Charles Johnson, the general coordinator of the 26 year-old Spirit of Sweet Auburn Festival in Atlanta and the primary sponsor of THE BIG SHOW SAVANNAH. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., formerly West Broad Street, in Savannah, has a very similar history to Auburn Avenue in Atlanta. It too, was a thriving corridor of business, religious and cultural establishments and a hub of the African American community.

Savannah was selected as the first city, out of five from across the nation, where the Spirit of Sweet Auburn Foundation will take its internationally known festival template. "It is our hope that these family-oriented events will prove to be as beneficial to these communities as the Sweet Auburn Springfest has been to Atlanta for over two and a half decades. We have been met with the warmest hospitality from Savannah." From Oct. 31- Nov. 2, festival goers are encouraged to



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take advantage of that last chance for daylight savings time and bring their family and friends out for a wide array of activities promoting good health and fitness, the latest ideas in advanced technology and business, tips on how to Live Green and save the planet for the next generations, the Million Voter Pledge - Registration and Get-Out-the-Vote rally, the Artists and Vendors Markets, two stages of the Best of Savannah Revue - live entertainment, from youth pop and culture to inspirational, as well as opportunities to partake of delectable Low Country and southern food and beverages. Festival hours are: Friday Oct. 31- 5:00-10:00

PM; Sat. Nov. 1 - following the SSU Homecoming Parade until 9:00PM; and Sun. Nov. 2 - 12:00 noon - 6:00 PM. Festival venue chairs are: Business & Technology, Carolyn Allen; Health & Fitness Fair, Tanya Scott-Pilcher and Clarence "Teddy" Williams, Jr.; Kids Fantastic Fun Zone, Anne Mueller; Live Green Expo, Richmond Ferguson; Car & Bike Expo, Warren Hickman; and Stages of Live Entertainment, Charlotte Cain and Wanda Edwards.

For general information, call Diana Harvey Johnson at 927-8425. For stage and entertainment, call Wanda Edwards at 323-3304.

## Telfair...

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Martin Luther King's visit to Savannah. Today, Baldwin's photographs serve as potent reminders of the struggle for equality in Savannah, and as evidence of the powerful role of photography in documenting and validating that struggle.

This compelling and timely exhibition will be accompanied by an informative illustrated catalogue containing photographs from the period, essays by notable contributors including Savannah mayor Otis Johnson, as well as numerous interviews and commentary by area residents who participated in this defining moment in our local and national history.

Also accompanying the exhibition is an extensive series of related programs and exciting educational events organized by the museum and community partner institutions including the City of Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Trinity Methodist Church, Savannah State University, the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, the Georgia Historical Society, and many more. All programs are free of charge unless otherwise indicated. Please visit our website at [www.telfair.org](http://www.telfair.org) for complete program details, partner information, and an online podcast containing narrations of oral histories from community members who were active in the local civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Funding for this exhibition has been provided through a Museum and Community Connections grant from MetLife Foundation and by the City of Savannah.

Located in the heart of Savannah's historic district, the Telfair Museum of Art is the oldest public art museum in the South. It is comprised of two National Historic Landmark Buildings-the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Owens-Thomas House-and the contemporary Jepson Center for the Arts.



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7:00 a.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m.	Driving Range Open
7:45 a.m.	Sponsor Acknowledgements
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7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Conference Breakfast
9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Guest Speaker, Cornell McBride
10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.	Workshop: Building Effective Relationships Through Networking with Nancy Lewis
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	Workshop: Creating Powerful Business Plans & Getting Your Business Funded w/Chris Hanks
1:30 p.m.	Conference Luncheon, Guest Speaker, Dr. Eunice Dudley
1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Trade Show
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions: How To Do Business With The City of Savannah
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions: How to Obtain Your Certification Reception



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