



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS FOR SENIOR MEMBERS OF NC150

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This month's issue is dedicated to the **Benjamin O. Davis Award**. Why? Because so many of you still need to achieve this easy step, albeit time consuming, in your Professional Development. In fact, six out of the ten senior members (not counting me) who are active in NC150 have not completed Level 2 and attained their Davis.

So to get us focused on the B.O. Davis Award, try your skills at researching the answers for the following:



1. While we all know that completion of Level II results in the *award* of the Benjamin O. *Davis Jr. Award*, but who was B.O. Davis? He was:

- A pioneering military officer who was the first African American to become a General in the US Army Air Force.
- A pioneering military officer who was the first African American to become a General in the US Air Force.
- The son of a pioneering military officer who was the first African American to become a General in the US Air Force.
- The second commander of the famed Tuskegee Airmen at Moton Field in Alabama.

2. We all know that Senior Members who elect to complete the requirements for the Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement *Award* before or during Level II training are eligible to receive a special Yeager *Award* embossed seal affixed to their Gen Benjamin O *Davis, Jr. Award*. However, what device denoting this achievement is authorized on the Yeager Ribbon?

- A bronze clasp.
- A bronze propeller.
- A bronze star.
- None.

3. *Expanding on the Yeager Award, fill in the blanks:* To receive the above mentioned embossed seal, Section \_\_\_ must be completed on a CAPF \_\_\_. Details for earning the Yeager *Award* may be found in CAPR \_\_\_\_\_.

The first NC150 SM to email the correct answers to me is in for a "little something" (just what, I don't know yet) and everyone who completes the research will get a "piece of paper" for your efforts. Now, please proceed to the reverse side of this news letter for more information related to the Davis Award.

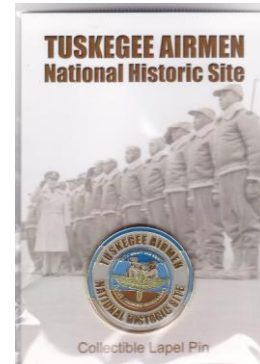
During the month of July one of our members realized some Professional Development progress. Congratulations go to 2d Lt Ron Watkins on achieving his technician rating in Communications.



In addition, as you might recall, back on 21 May I gave an “Awards Education” presentation and covered the following:

The Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Award is presented to senior members who successfully complete the second level of professional development. It is named for Benjamin O. Davis, an aviation pioneer and commander of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. I also stated:

**The first Senior Member to attain his/her Davis Award NLT 31 Dec 2013 will receive This Lapel Pin For his/her progress in their professional development.**



Lt Watkins receiving his specialty track certificate from Capt Wehr

Consequently, more congratulations go to Lt Watkins, who is also our newest senior member, who just completed all of the requirements for his Level II as of 30 July. So, in addition to wearing the Leadership Ribbon denoting your technician rating, wear the lapel pin (on civilian attire) with pride, Ron!

**Good job!!**

(The pin is yet to be presented.)



Speaking of the Leadership Ribbon, did all y'all know that in order to wear the Leadership Ribbon, a CAP Form 2a, signed by the unit PD as the requestor, must be submitted to the unit commander? Yup, it's true – check out CAP Reg 50-17, para 4-3. This is also true for any and all subsequent awards of the Leadership Ribbon, which are represented by bronze and silver stars that indicate senior and master levels of the same and other specialty track achievements. However, only three stars (any combination of bronze and silver) may be worn on the Leadership Ribbon.

Sure look forward to requesting some bronze and silver stars for all the Leadership Ribbons we have in the squadron, and SOON!

Meanwhile, and by the way, for all of you smug SMs who already have your Davis Award, what are **you** going to do in your pursuit of more professional development? Have you thought about mentoring a new member (recruiting one would be a great achievement, too), pursuing a new specialty track, and/or volunteering to train at an upcoming PD course . . . or maybe even going to the 2014 Middle East Region Staff College? Think about it - please!

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