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PROTÉGÉ OF TUSKEGEE AIRMEN PUBLISHES FIRST BOOK

Retired Air Force Colonel Richard “Dick” Toliver and his wife, Peggy, recently created Saguaro Publishing Company for the release of his first book, “*AN UNCAGED EAGLE.*” Saguaro Publishing Company is registered in Goodyear and certified to conduct business in Arizona. The Tolivers returned to Arizona six years ago and reside in Estrella Mountain Ranch, Goodyear, AZ.

An Uncaged Eagle is an inspirational memoir of Colonel Toliver’s life that covers a sixty-five year period. It begins with his family’s escape from the Ku Klux Klan in the backwoods of northwest Louisiana in 1942. The story covers his boyhood days on dirt streets and outside privies in Shreveport to eventually dine with the future king of Saudi Arabia. It is the story of the youngster who earned three dollars a week on his first job and ended up working for billionaire Ross Perot. It chronicles an Air Force career that included two combat tours in Southeast Asia, 4,000 flight hours, a lightning strike at 20,000 feet, a rocket-seat ejection over Germany, and a special assignment that had international ramifications.

Colonel Richard Toliver, a protégé of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, is a 26-year veteran of the United States Air Force. He is a “Top Gun” fighter pilot who flew 446 combat missions in Southeast Asia. Later he directed the testing and evaluation of several major weapon systems for the Department of Defense and allied military programs. He also held key roles in advanced research, development, and testing of tactical fighter aircraft. His military education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, National Security Management School, and the Tactical Air Command Fighter Weapons Instructor School. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and Air Medal with 27 Oak Leaf Clusters

Since retiring from the Air Force in 1989, Colonel Toliver pursued several business, economic development, and political ventures in New Mexico, Alabama, Georgia, and Texas. His public service includes several years in New Mexico on the Public Safety Advisory Commission; Board of Regents, University of New Mexico; and Board of Directors of the Kirtland Partnership Committee. Since moving to Arizona in 2003, he has served on the Board of Director’s for the West Valley Hospital in Goodyear and held a key role in securing the Congressional Gold Medal for the Tuskegee Airmen. Colonel Toliver continues to be in demand as a motivational speaker nationwide and overseas, including recent trips to Germany, Iraq, Kuwait, Spain, Hawaii, and Japan.

Colonel Toliver has speaking engagements/book signing events scheduled throughout the Phoenix area and in CA, NV, NM, AL, and FL.

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