



Project Profile

Tuskegee Airmen at Southwest Airlines

The Tuskegee Airmen were dedicated, determined young men who enlisted to become America's first black military airmen. These airmen, who trained as single-engine or multi-engine pilots for bomber escort missions, were stationed at Tuskegee Army Air Field (TAAF) in Tuskegee Alabama. The first aviation cadet class began in July 1941 and completed training nine months later in March 1942. During WWII, four hundred and fifty of the pilots who were trained at TAAF served overseas in either the 99th Pursuit Squadron (later the 99th Fighter Squadron) or the 332nd Fighter Group. Their reputation as fighter pilots and escorts earned them the title "Red-Tailed Angels" due to the distinctive red marking on the tail of their fighters.

Advance fifty years, and the Tuskegee Airmen have earned their rightful place in history. At the Southwest Airlines headquarters in Dallas, Texas, a decision is made to introduce the staff of Southwest Airlines to the remaining members of the Tuskegee Airmen. And once again, these members of aviation history are matched with the planes they so fearlessly piloted through the skies of WWII.

One of the most important factors of this event was to have each airman be able to respond to questions asked by the mediator, and have his answer heard clearly to the 2000 staff members, guests, and press gathered outside Hangar A at the edge of Love Field. As dawn broke over the Dallas airfield, Stage Right technicians were there setting up audio for the event, and insuring that the sixteen vocal microphones on stage were audible both through the main audio system, and through the monitor system provided onstage for the airmen to hear each other. At the end of the event, even the commercial jets landing and taking off on the airfield runways could not compete with the roar of approval as the crowd gave a standing ovation.



Gear List

Audio: Midas Console with six flown DeltaMax cabinets powered by QSC, and sixteen Shure vocal mics on stage.

Client Comments

"Southwest needed a system that would enable 2000 staff members to experience these aviation legends. Stage Right delivered perfectly!"

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