

ROLL CALL

June 2023 Newsletter

RSVP By Friday, June 16th—www.roll-call.org

LUNCHEON—Friday, June 23rd

LUNCHEON SPEAKER—Dr. Eugene Richardson Jr.



Dr. Eugene Richardson Jr. started out life in Cleveland, Ohio. He developed an interest in flying as a 6-year-old boy after going to see the Colored Air Circus put on by a group of African American aviators. WWII broke out while he was in high school. This provided a unique opportunity for him to realize his dream! He passed an exam at age 17 that would allow him to become a pre-Aviation Cadet. He was subsequently inducted into the Army Air Corps in October 1943. He completed Army basic training at Keesler Field and then went on to Tuskegee in January 1944. He completed his flight training in March 1945. At that time, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. He went on to combat training in April 1945 and flew the P-40 and P-47. The war in Europe ended while he was in training. He never had the chance to fly a combat mission but was prepared to answer the call. He was discharged in June 1946.



Dr. Richardson went on to complete his education using his GI Bill benefits. He became an educator. He eventually became an assistant principal, a principal, and retired after more than 30-years of service as an administrator in the Philadelphia school system. He has lived an exceptional life of service!

American Airlines 

Dr. Eugene Richardson Jr. is brought to you this month through a generous donation from American Airlines!

In case you are unaware, American is able to support Roll Call because of the generosity of their customers who donated unused AAdvantage miles to Miles for our Heroes. Please consider donating your unused miles!

UPCOMING LUNCHEON

July—NO LUNCHEON

August—TBD

September—John Wilhite

As a reminder: Only service animals may be brought into the luncheon.





Every Veteran Has a Story.
What's Yours?

Since 2008

Have you received a magazine in the mail from the Veteran's Breakfast Club and wondered—Where did this come from?

This organization is out of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania but operates all across the nation. They send their magazine, every month, to those on our birthday lists!

According to their website, "The Veterans Breakfast Club harnesses the power of storytelling to build a nation that understands and values the experiences of our military veterans. We hold weekly programs online and in-person where veterans of all eras, ages, and branches of service can share their stories with the public. These events create close-knit communities of listening, and by recording the events, we ensure that our living history will never be forgotten. VBC programs connect and heal, educate and inspire. Everyone is welcome." Roll Call President, Mary Staffeld, has been a guest on one of the shows.

Check them out at: <https://veteransbreakfastclub.org/>

Our sponsors!



The Clay Shoot is our ONE big fundraiser for 2023



Sponsorships are still available—share with anyone you regularly do business with!

We are also in need of donations for the auction—done in a new and interesting way this year!

We have seen things like creatively painted car doors sell at auctions for big money! Think outside the box!

For more information contact Jeff at hingen@roll-call.org

RSVPs and Cancellations

As an organization, we do all we can to be fiscally responsible. We have no paid staff and we watch every penny we spend to ensure we are making wise decisions. Each month we have a significant number of people who RSVP and do not show. We also have a number that cancel very late (things happen and we understand when it can't be helped). We can offset that some with those that do not RSVP and show, but it has not been a wash recently. If you need to cancel, please try to do so before the Monday before the luncheon. Once we turn in the numbers for food, we are paying for that many guests.

Veterans always eat free! That is what we fundraise for.

We do ask the non veterans to contribute \$10 each to cover the cost of the meal.

HELP WANTED!

Are you (or do you know someone who is) technologically savvy? Maybe knowledgeable about social media? Website development and maintenance? We could sure use the help of a volunteer (or 2, 3,...) that is willing to devote some time to helping us in this area. If you are interested, please contact Mary at mary@roll-call.org.

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