

Pritzker Military Library a discussion with Artist Laureate of Illinois Kay Smith



The Tuskegee Airmen

# **RED TAILS**

Escorting the B17s



*Kay Smith*



ARTIST LAUREATE OF ILLINOIS  
PAINTER OF THE AMERICAN SCENE

February 8th 10:30 am to noon  
Members - \$5; Guests - \$10.00



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# Laureate of Illinois Kay Smith Live Event

## Pritzker Military Museum & Library

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In *Citizen Soldier*, Stephen Ambrose wrote "The world's greatest democracy fought the world's greatest racist with a segregated army".

The Tuskegee Airmen had to fight for the right to fight for victory overseas while simultaneously fighting for victory against racism at home.

Artist Kay Smith will discuss how her painting "*Red Tails Escorting the B17s*" commissioned by the Pritzker Military Museum & Library reveals these stories. She will provide insight into her research, her interviews with veterans that inspired her work and how aerial perspective required for painting airplanes in the sky was almost "a bridge too far" for her brush to reach.

A brief Q&A session will follow the discussion and attendees are welcome to tour the library afterwards.



[http://KaySmithArtist.com/Kay-Smith-2-8-14\\_Live-Event.htm](http://KaySmithArtist.com/Kay-Smith-2-8-14_Live-Event.htm)



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