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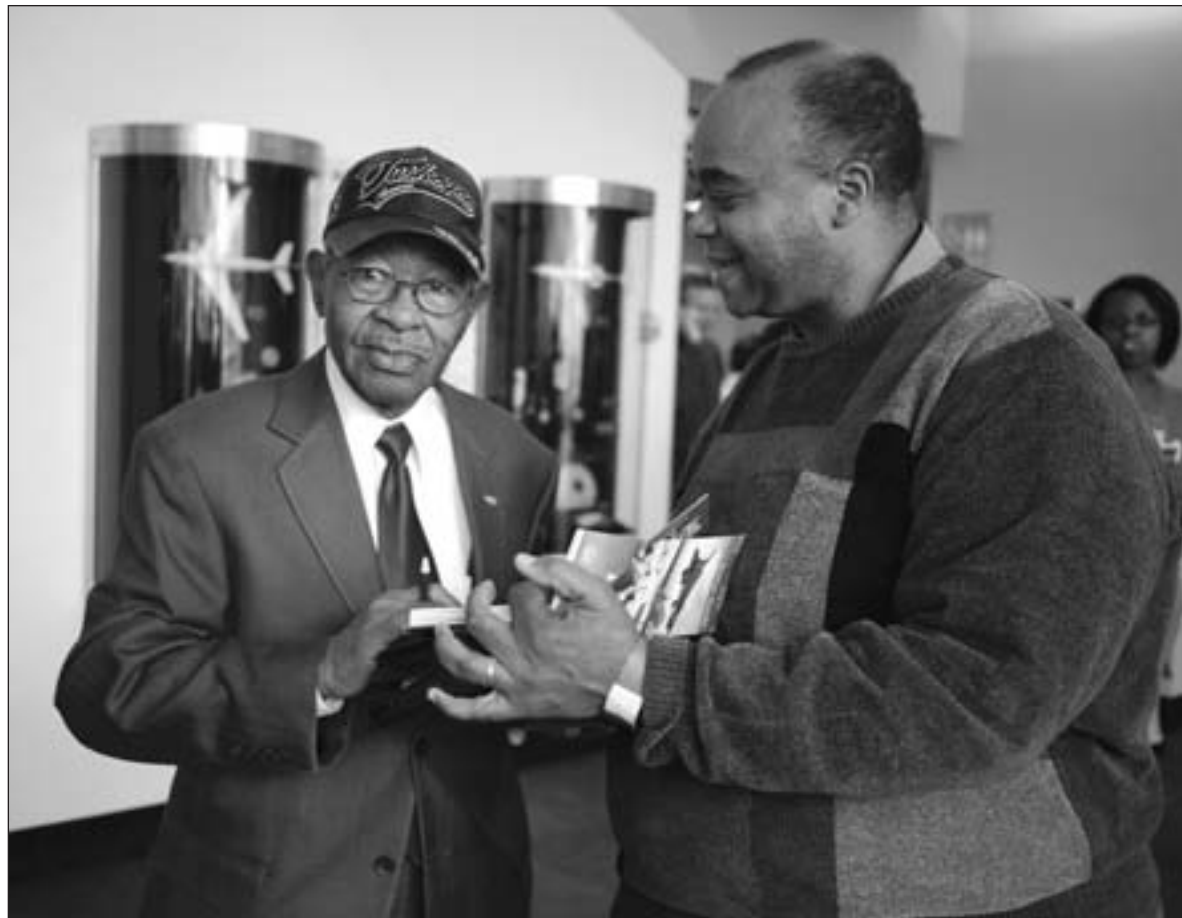
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WWII.

“There was nothing better in the world. In that biplane, the guy wires between the wings were like musical instruments,” he told the News Tribune of Tacoma in a 2011 interview.

But he also recalled in a 2009 Associated Press interview the

The grandson of slaves, Hickman nurtured an interest in aviation as a curious boy gazing up at the sky above St. Louis



Hickman autographs copies of 'Red Tails: An Oral History of the Tuskegee Airmen,' for a fan last year. The book was made into a film by George Lucas, which Hickman viewed at the director's invitation.

humiliation of being pushed off sidewalks in the South and spit at while in uniform.

As a cadet captain, he was effectively blocked from flying when he called out white superior officers for the mistreatment of a fellow black cadet. “I felt like I had really been mistreated,” he told the AP.

In 1955, he met and married his wife in Amarillo, Texas, while volunteering with her mother at a local library, according to an Army profile.

Doris Hickman was drawn to her husband's character when they first met.

He moved to Seattle in 1995 to work for Boeing and ultimately was in charge of accounting Boeing training equipment. He retired in 1984.

## Veterans

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ans Affairs (VA).

“Most of society thinks that [veterans] can just go to the VA and receive any service they ever wanted and needed, which is not the case,” Murch said. “Not every single vet actually qualifies to get services from the VA; not every single vet wants to get services from the VA. For women in particular ... a big barrier for outreach is that they may not identify themselves as being a veteran.”

That's where Stand Down comes in. Along with a host of services for both men and women, the event will provide counselors trained to treat MST, domestic violence advocates and representatives from the Department of Labor's Women's Bureau. There will also be manicures, massages and child care available.

“We're trying to provide another way for these women to access the services that they need,” she said.

Adam Horton, director of Seattle Stand Down and a veteran of the Iraq war, said one of the event's main goals is helping female veterans reclaim their identity.

“We want them to feel comfortable being called a veteran again and get themselves in position to get all the services that they've earned,” he said.

Horton planned last year's Stand Down

with fellow members of SCCC's veteran's club, motivated by a desire “to do something bigger for veterans.” He said Stand Downs have been happening across the country throughout the last decade and that, despite the litany of services to be offered at this year's event, their goal is not to provide

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a handout, but to fill a gap.

“We feel there's a disparity in the number of veterans who get out of the service and feel like they have no one there to turn to,” he said. “There's a gap between when you get out of the service and when you find a job or get into school. We're trying to close that gap.”

But for Murch, besides providing a help-

ing hand, the Stand Down is also a way to say thank you.

“This is a time to say, ‘we appreciate you; we want to help you.’ We don't want to give you a handout because we know that's not what you want. But we're here to tell you that ‘here's the services that are available—

please take advantage of them.’

“We want to help them back up.”

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YWCA of Seattle

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Website: [www.ywcaworks.org](http://www.ywcaworks.org)

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, King County

Website:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/personal/WIC>

New Beginnings (domestic violence advocates)

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## Pot

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on two marijuana dispensaries.

Some in the pot community have encouraged dispensaries to pay taxes as a means of achieving legitimacy. But Seattle medical marijuana lawyer Douglas Hiatt said he doesn't believe the state can tax medical marijuana sales, nor would he allow one of his clients to cooperate with an audit.

When the Department of Revenue recently tried to require one of his clients to pay taxes, Hiatt said he threatened to litigate, and the department backed down.

“There's no way they can do this,” Hiatt said. “DOR doesn't have the power to tax marijuana. It's not only that you can't tax it because it's illegal, it's that you can't tax it because it's medicine. There's an exemption for prescription medicine under state law, and an authorization is the functional equivalent of a prescription.”

Gowrylow said state law does not consider medical marijuana a prescription drug.

Hiatt and others have also argued that dispensaries are not selling the drug but

his facility is a donation to the collective effort of producing the marijuana. He noted that it is illegal to sell marijuana under both state and federal law, so it would be prob-

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exchanging items as part of a cooperative. None of that really matters from a tax standpoint, Gowrylow said, because there is an exchange of value taking place.

Steve Sarich, who runs a medical marijuana establishment in Seattle called Access 4 Washington, said any money exchanged at

lematic for any medical marijuana provider to claim sales of the drug.

“If you pay sales tax, you're admitting to sales,” Sarich said. “I wouldn't advise anyone to do that.”

Sarich received a letter from the state regarding the tax issue but hasn't had any

further discussions with revenue officials.

Washington's medical marijuana industry has been left in a constant state of flux, with federal authorities cracking down on some dispensaries. Gov. Chris Gregoire vetoed a measure that would have provided broader regulation of the sector, saying she was concerned that the federal government could prosecute some workers for overseeing it all.

Now marijuana advocates are pushing an initiative that would legalize pot and allow sales at state-licensed stores. If that system becomes fully functioning, state officials estimate that it could raise as much as nearly \$2 billion over the next five years.

But those projections are extremely uncertain. Officials noted that the federal government could come in and dismantle the whole thing.