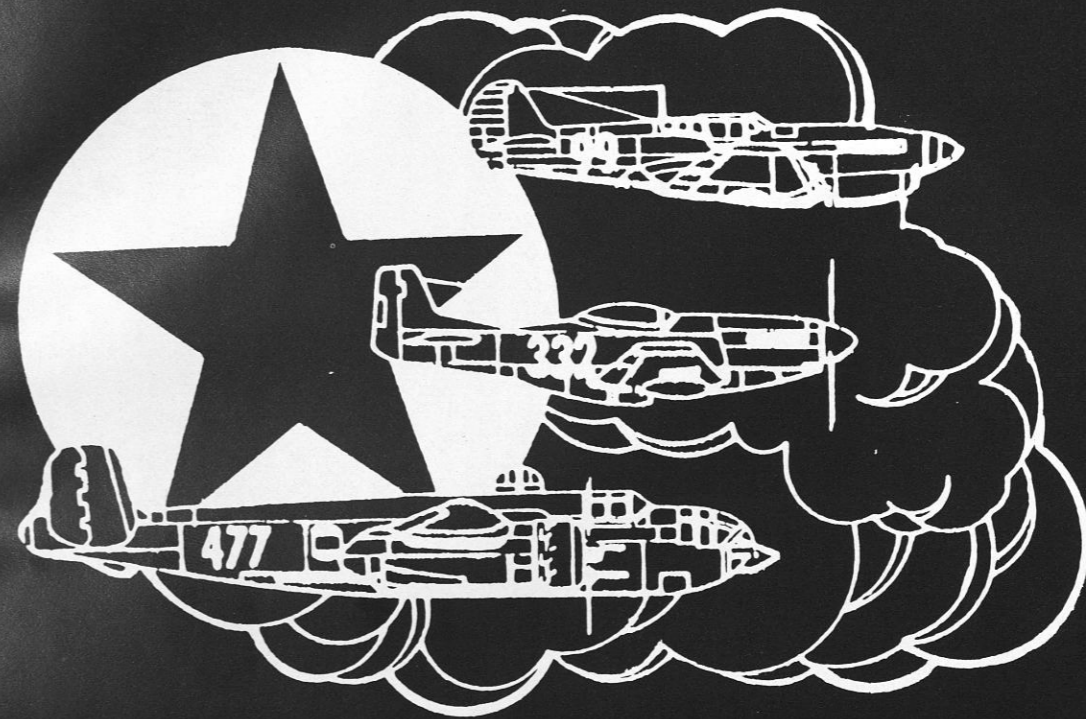
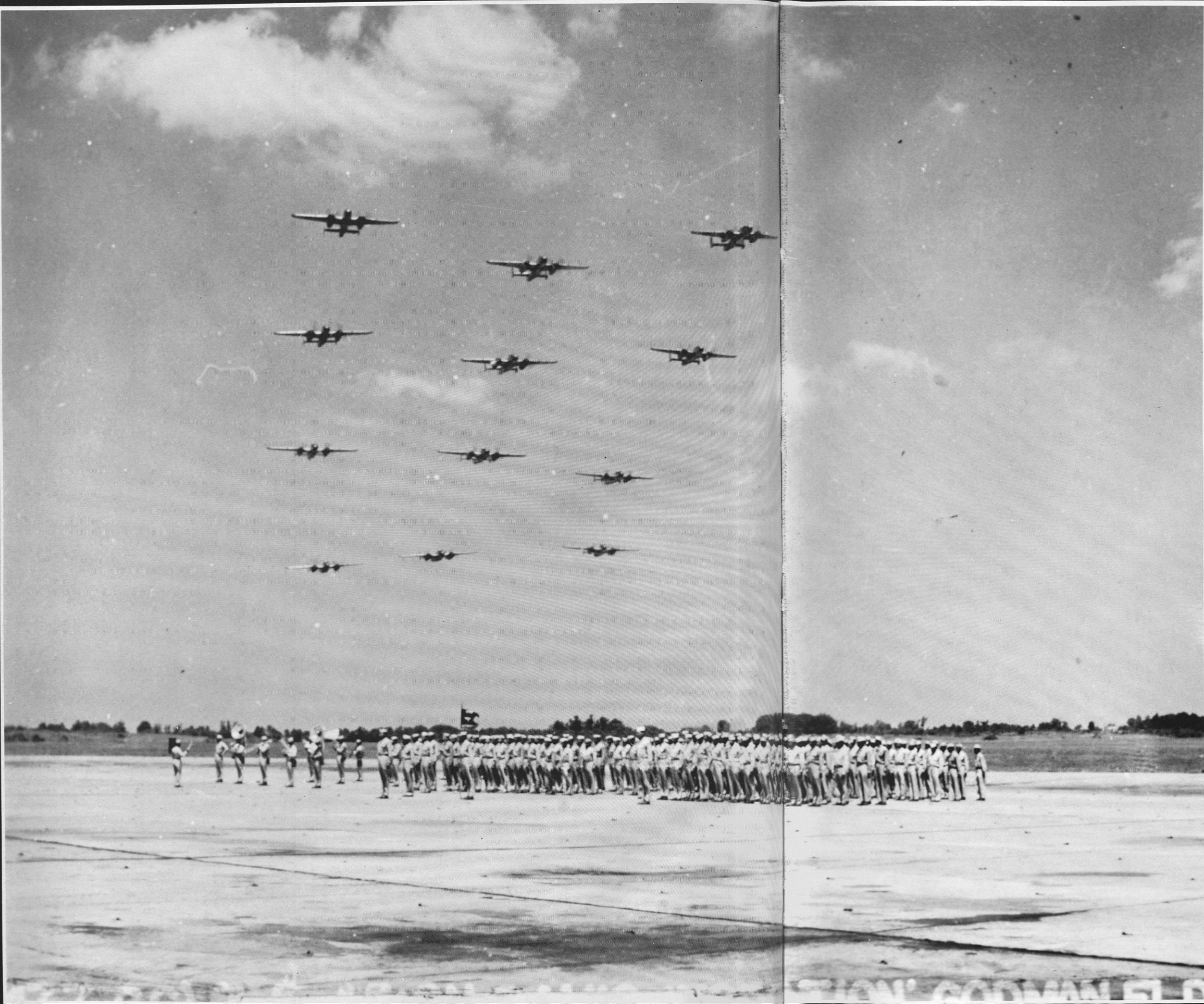




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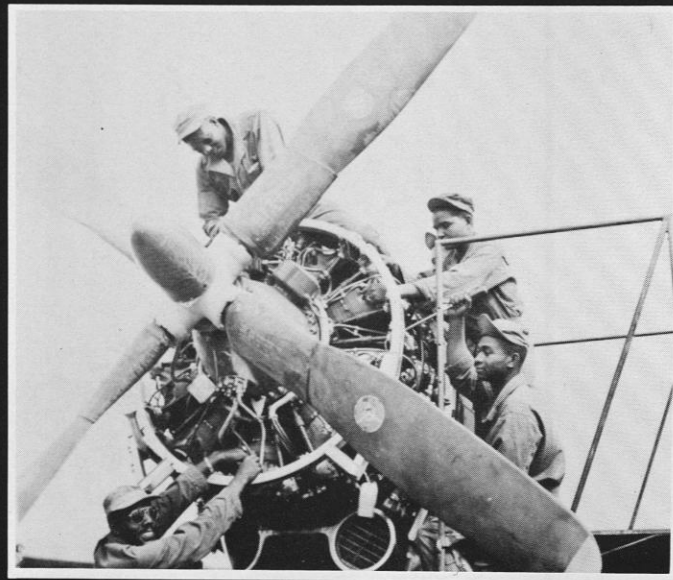
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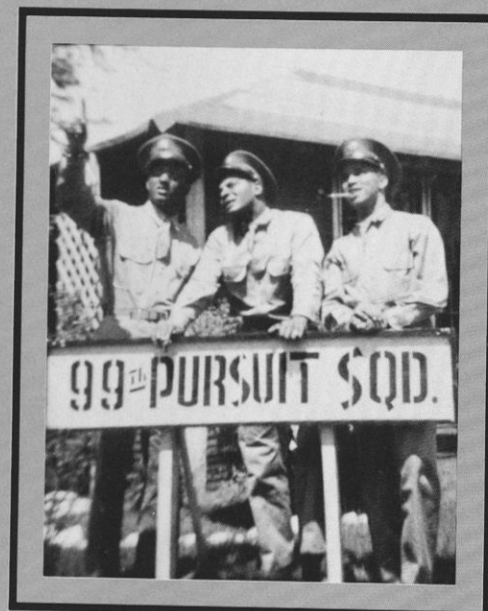
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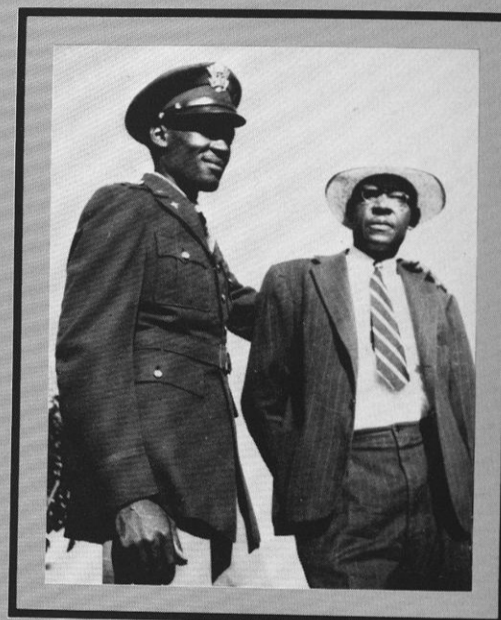


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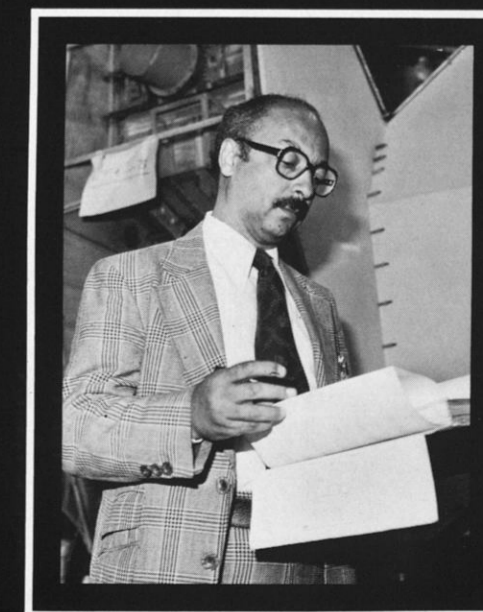


Lt. Omar D. Blair (Son)
Mr. Omar O. Blair (Father)



Col. Benj O. Davis, Jr. Cmdr. 332nd Fighter
group and Capt. Andrew Turner Cmdr. 100th
Fighter Sqdn. in Italy 1944

GENERAL HISTORY



Jean R. Esquerre

THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

Due to the rigid pattern of racial segregation that prevailed in the United States during World War II, 966 black military aviators were trained at an isolated U.S. Army Air Corps training complex near Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and at Tuskegee Institute. Four hundred fifty black fighter pilots under the command of Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., who was later to become the first black Lt. General in the Air Force, fought in the aerial war over North Africa, Sicily and Europe flying P-40, P-39, P-47, and P-51 type aircraft. These gallant men flew 15,553 sorties and completed 1578 missions with the 12th Tactical U.S. Army Air Force and the 15th Strategic U.S. Army Air Force.

They were called the "Schwartzte Vogelmenschen" (Black Airmen) by the Germans who both feared and respected them. White American bomber crews reverently referred to them as the Black Red Tail Angels because of the identifying red paint on their tail assemblies and because of their reputation for not losing bombers to enemy fighters as they provided fighter escort to bombing missions over strategic targets in Europe.

Four black squadrons, the 99th, the 100th, the 301st and the 302nd were designated as the 332nd fighter group. They destroyed 409 enemy aircraft and sank an enemy destroyer. They destroyed rail traffic, coast watching surveillance stations and hundreds of vehicles on strafing missions. Sixty-six of the pilots were killed in combat and thirty-two were shot down and captured as prisoners of war.

These black airmen came home with 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, Legions of Merit, Silver Stars, Purple Hearts, The Croix De Guerre, and The Red Star of Yugoslavia.

Those black fliers who did not serve combat duty overseas along with returnees from combat duty, were formed into a medium bombardment group (B-25 type aircraft) known as the 477th. This group never got the chance to leave the United States because of the surrender of Germany and Japan in 1945.

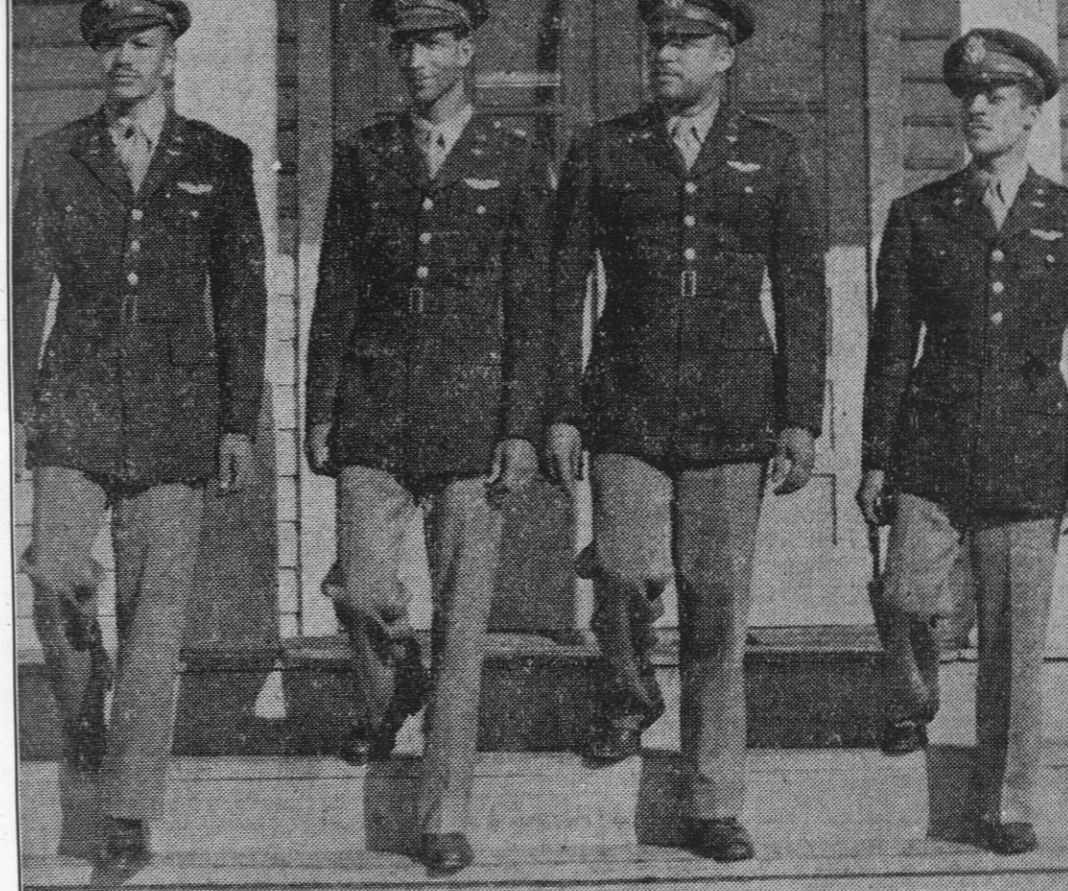
For every black pilot there were ten other black men and women on ground support duty. Many of these men and women remained in military service and helped to spearhead the integration of the Armed Forces of the United States. Their success and achievement is evidenced by three of them being elevated to Flag Rank: The late General Daniel "Chappie" James, our nation's first black Four Star General, Lt. General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., USAF, retired, and Maj. General Lucius Theus, USAF, retired.

Major achievements are attributable to many of those who returned to civilian life and earned positions of leadership and respect as business men, religious leaders, lawyers, doctors, bankers, educators and as political leaders.

Due to the efforts of individuals representing this group of men and women, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., was organized in 1972 at Detroit, Michigan, as a non-political, non-military and non-profit organization. It presently is comprised of eighteen Chapters located in major cities throughout the United States. Its general purposes are the promotion of historical, scientific and social research, to publish and produce literary and educational programs and projects, and the granting of scholarships to many deserving American youths throughout the United States seeking careers in aviation and aerospace regardless of race, color, creed, national origin or sex.

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. membership is made up of U.S. Armed Forces veterans and active duty persons from enlisted to flag rank, as well as civilians who served our country honorably and with patriotism during World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. All officers and directors of the organization serve without salary or fee.

Three Tuskegee Airmen, all retired USAF Colonels, share the distinction of having flown combat missions as fighter pilots in World War II, the Korean War and the war in Viet Nam: Charles Cooper, Hannibal Cox and Charles McGee.



FIRST SERVICE PILOTS IN TAAF—Another milestone in the development of Negro aviation was reached last week when the first four Army Service pilots were graduated from the Tuskegee Army Air Field Basic Instructors' school to serve as the first Negro Army commissioned instructors for future combat

fliers in training at this station. Left to right: 1st Lt. Archie F. Williams, Oakland, Calif., and Flight Officers Adolph Moret, Jr., New Orleans, La.; Charles W. Stephens, Monroeville, Ala., and James O. Plinton, Jr., Westfield, N. J.

20 Newly Commissioned Fighter Pilots at TAAF



These aviation cadets were recently commissioned at the Tuskegee Army Air Field after completing the prescribed course as single-engine pilots. After more extensive training, these men will join their comrades overseas. Left to right, first row: F/O William W. Stephenson, Washington, D.C.; F/O Robert A. Cole, Northfield Vt.; 2nd Lt. James E. Harris, Zenia, Ohio; F/O DeWitt Dickson, NYC; F/O Henry C. L. Bohler, Augusta, Ga., and 2nd Lt. Frederick D. Pendleton, Texarkana, Tex. Second row: F/O Melvin Parker, Baltimore; F/O Clarence L. Shivers, St. Louis, Mo.; F/O James Greer, Detroit; F/O Willie A. Williams, Detroit; F/O Leroy Bryant, Houston, Tex.; F/O Lindsay L. Campbell, Washington, D.C., and F/O Lee-Roy Kirksey, St. Louis, Mo. Third row: F/O Dempsey Nelson, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; F/O Horace A. Bohannon, Atlanta, Ga.; 2nd Lt. McWheeler Campbell, Cambria, Va.; 1st Lt. Yancey Williams, Tulsa, Okla.; F/O Thomas W. Smith, Lebanon, Ky.; 2nd Lt. Isham A. Burns, Los Angeles, Calif., and F/O Eugene L. Guyton, Cleveland, Ohio.



Left: SQDN "W" 332D Airdrome
Group Lockbourne, AFB, Ohio



**6888th Central Postal Directory WAC Battalion —
ETO 1945-1946**

The unit, the 6888th Central Battalion, was selected from both Air Forces and the Services Forces in order to give all women a chance at overseas service. The 6888th CPD, the only Negro WAC battalion to serve overseas in World War II, was welcomed in England by its Commanding Officer, then Lt. Col. Adams (highest ranking WAC Negro Officer during WW II) who had flown to England in January to prepare for its arrival, and by Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis, at that time the only Negro general in the United States Army.

Before the women's arrival, the central directory with enlisted men and civilians reported itself "swamped by mail" and with an undelivered backlog of over three million pieces.

The job of the battalion was to keep up the addresses of our fighting men. Under the general command Lt. Col. Adams, executive Officer Noel Campbell (sister of Bill Campbell) and, the working command of Capt. Mary P. Kearney and Lt. Violet Hill, the WACs cleaned out the backlog of letters and packages they found piled up like mountains when they arrived, then keeping up with those constantly arriving.

The unit broke all records for re-directing mail. Each of the two eight-hour shifts averaged more than 65,000 pieces of mail. Long-delayed letters and packages reached battle casualties who had been moving too frequently for mail to catch up to them. The battalion, which consisted at peak strength of 824 enlisted women and 31 officers, was stationed first at Birmingham, England, later at Rouen, France, and finally Paris, France.

TAI Los Angeles Chapter 2nd Vice Pres. Margaret F. Barbour was a member of this Battalion.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

2 May, 1945

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

**Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Forces
in the Mediterranean Theatre**

After nearly two years of hard and continuous fighting which started in Sicily in the summer of 1943, you stand today as the victors of the Italian Campaign.

You have won a victory which has ended in the complete and utter rout of the German armed forces in the Mediterranean. By clearing Italy of the last Nazi aggressor, you have liberated a country of over 40,000,000 people.

Today the remnants of a once proud Army have laid down their arms to you—close on a million men with all their arms, equipment and impedimenta.

You may well be proud of this great and victorious campaign which will long live in history as one of the greatest and most successful ever waged.

No praise is high enough for you sailors, soldiers, airmen and workers of the United Forces in Italy for your magnificent triumph.

My gratitude to you and my admiration is unbounded and only equalled by the pride which is mine in being your Commander-in-Chief.

H. C. Alexander

Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

It Took Executive Order To End Air Force Discrimination

Blacks in the Army Air Force (AAF) during World War II were organized into segregated units in conformance with the doctrine of "separate-but-equal rights" established 45 years prior to the war by Plessy Vs. Ferguson.

In that case, the Supreme Court ruled that Blacks were not denied equal rights by "laws permitting, and even requiring, their separation." The validity of the Doctrine was not challenged before the Supreme Court until nine years after the war, when it was reversed in Brown vs. Board of Education in Topeka.

Despite passage of the Civilian Pilot Training Act (CPTA) and Public Law 18 by Congress in 1939, the admittance of Blacks into the Air Corps was not settled until Sept. 16, 1940, with the passage of the Selective Service Act, which required all arms and services to end discrimination. The law included two provisions which specifically stated that there would be no discrimination on account of "race or color" in the procurement of personnel for the armed services.

The insertion of these provisions resulted chiefly from the organized efforts of Black groups which had complained to Congress that the Air Corps would "not take certain American citizens because of their color."

However, the non-discrimination provisions in the Selective Service Act, just as those in the two previous laws, were again based on

segregation. They were inserted by Congress with the idea that "there would be a place for colored pilots" in organizations or at places "where they would not have to be working with white pilots."

When the Selective Service Act was passed, the War Dept. had announced that since Black citizens constituted about nine percent of the total population of the country, the men selected for military service would be in about the same ratio. The quota allotted to the Air Corps was 10.6 percent.

Placing Blacks in segregated units caused many problems. The AAF had to decide what duties such units were to perform and where these units were to be stationed. Job assignments for all men going into the Army were decided to a great extent on the basis of the Army General Classification Test (AGCT) given at reception centers to identify an individual's aptitude and learning capacity.

In order to absorb its 10.6 percent quota, the AAF assigned most of the Black enlisted men to units which would perform unskilled and semi-skilled tasks. Black personnel with low test scores were also used for air base defense and low caliber personnel, both White and Black, were assigned to low caliber tasks.

One important policy in all commands of the AAF was to use Blacks as replacements for personnel who, having higher AGCT scores, could be

used more effectively in other capacities. They were urgently requested by the Air Transport Command to handle cargo and drive trucks in India and China, where they released hundreds of technical specialists who had been diverted to such unskilled but necessary work.

When commands were informed of the policy to station Black troops at various bases in the U.S., objections often were raised on the grounds that nearby communities had few, if any, recreational facilities for Blacks, that separate provisions for dining and housing were not available on

base, or that hospitalization for them would be very difficult. In response to objections raised by various communities, the AAF simply stated that it had a quota of 10.6 percent and that "there are no White troops to replace" the Black units.

The requirement for technical training was an AGCT score of 100. Only 14 out of 100 Blacks met this requirement. So in order to give Blacks "equal opportunity" for specialized training, the AAF had to lower its standards to scores of below 85. Thousands were subsequently trained as aircraft mechanics and others

became motor vehicle specialists and technicians of one type or another.

The enlisted men of the first and perhaps the best known of the all-Black combat units, the 99th Fighter Squadron, consisted initially of well-qualified recruits who had been carefully selected for the unit early in 1941. Each had college training, and a mechanical background. Candidates for training as commissioned pilots in the 99th and the other Black combat squadrons were selected by examining boards in the same manner as prescribed for White candidates.

After the completion of training, the 99th was sent into combat in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations in 1943. Three times it was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation.

Three other Black fighter squadrons were trained in the U.S. and formed the first all-Black fighter group, the 332nd. In 1944 the 332nd was sent to the Mediterranean where it was joined by the 99th Squadron. The pilots for these four fighter units had been trained at the all-Black base constructed at Tuskegee, Ala., where the program was later expanded to include pilots for a bombardment group, as well

as liaison pilots for field artillery units.

The many problems which had been encountered during the war were reviewed by the AAF and the War Dept. in the fall of 1945. Nonetheless, most of the problems continued into the early post-war period.

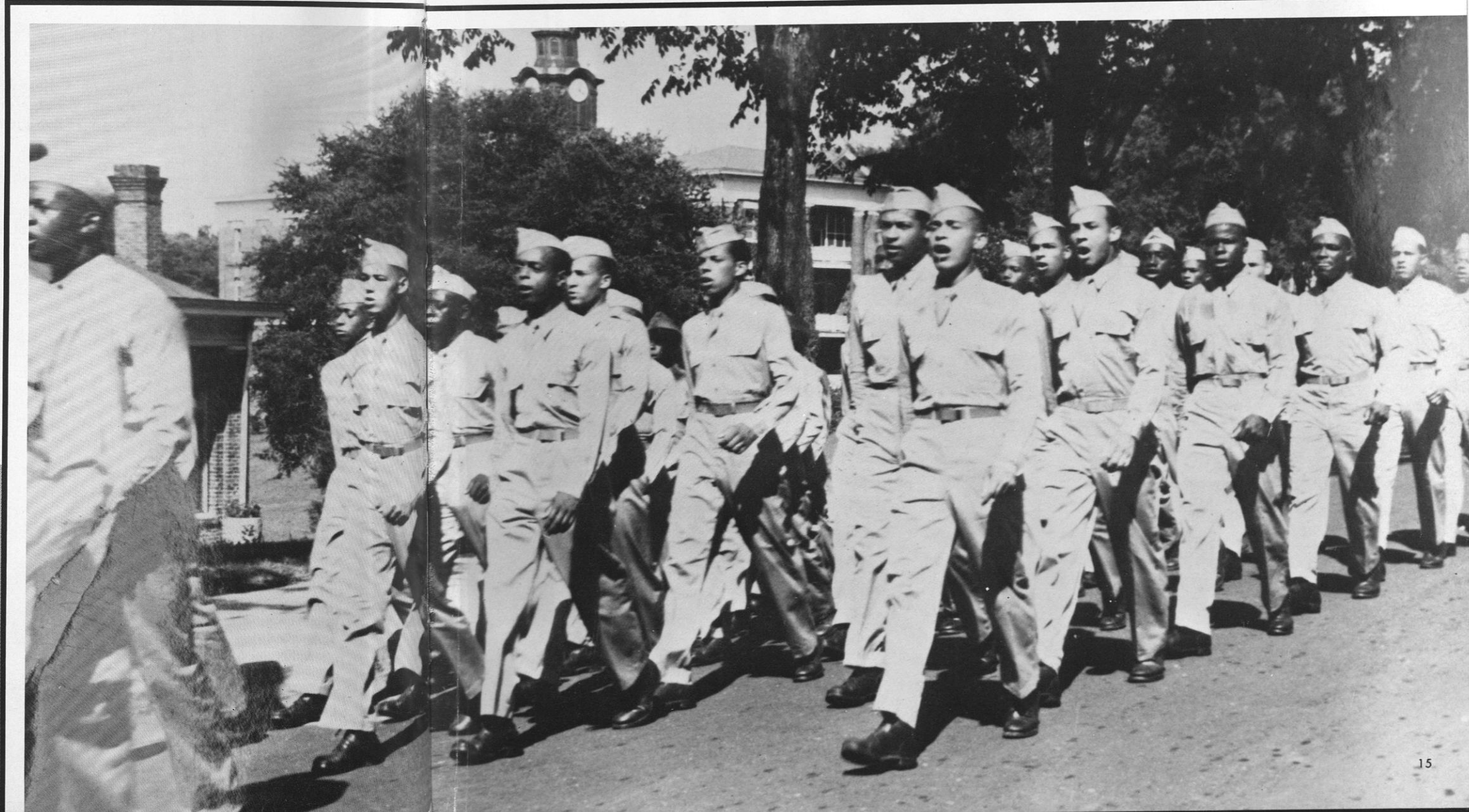
They were finally resolved by President Harry S. Truman when, on July 26, 1948, by executive action, he ordered that "there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin."

He appointed Charles Fahy

chairman of the Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services to see that the services complied with his order.


The Air Force submitted a plan which the committee found acceptable and, on May 11, 1949, announced its new racial policy that "qualified Negro personnel may be assigned to fill any position vacancy in any Air Force organization or installation without regard to race."

Black personnel were then reassigned to White units and Black units were deactivated. Thus, in 1949, the U.S. Air Force closed a chapter in its history of race relations.






Standing left to right: Melvin D. Gillespie, Jim Harrison, Chauncey F. Brewster, George H.O. Martin, Robert D. Anderson, Robert L. Shelton, John Mosley, Oscar Hall, and Wilbur Hardy. Seated left to right: John Smith, Warren Alexander, Sara L. Harrison, Omar D. Blair, John E. Woods and Clyde Moore.




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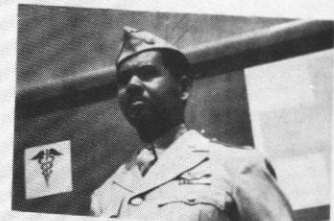
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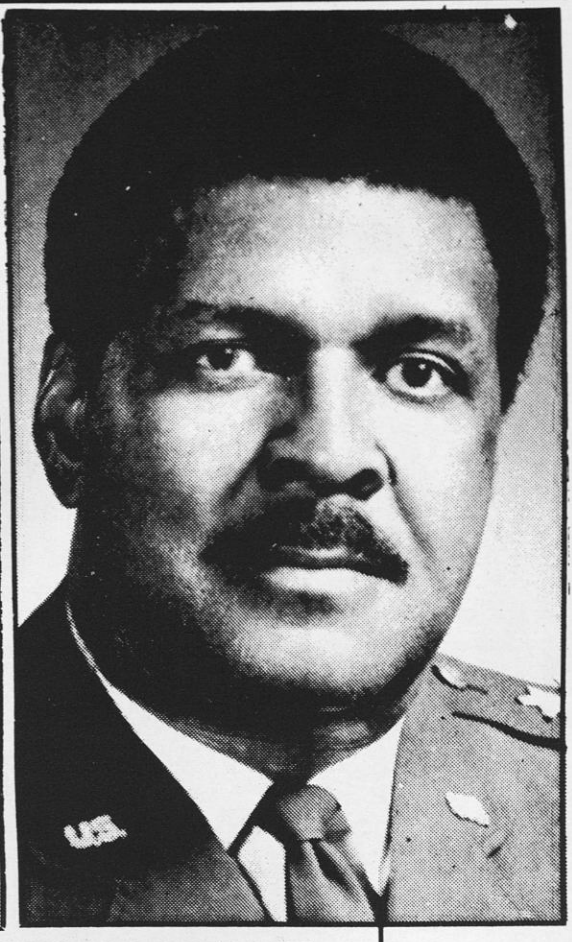
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Daniel (Chappie) James, Jr.

Gen. 'Chappie' James Was No 'Uncle Tom'

(An Editorial reprinted from the March 3, 1978 Michigan Chronicle.)

Daniel (Chappie) James Jr., former commander in chief of the North American Air Defense Command, was the first Black pilot to rise to the rank of four star general. He was no Uncle Tom. The story of his grappling with segregation attests to his courage and determination.

He began his military career in a Jim Crow unit in Alabama, in which a Black pilot was barred from going to capital city in uniform because a white enlisted man would have to salute him. In his rise through the ranks, he continued the struggle for racial equality. As a young officer, James was arrested along with several other Black pilots for staging a "sit-in" in an all white officers' club at Freeman Field in Seymour, Ind.

He was decorated for his exploits as a jet fighter pilot in Korea and Vietnam. He fought every

step of the way — in the air against the enemy and on the ground against racism. For five years, General James served in the Pentagon as a spokesman for the Secretary of Defense.

As commander of the North American Air Defense Command, General James had operational command of all United States and Canadian air space defense forces. According to authorities at the Pentagon, General James and the President shared "an equal authority," including the awesome responsibility for "initiating an atomic attack."

The tribute paid to the general by Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, is a testimony of General James' benevolent impact on the U.S. armed forces and society. Brown said: "Chappie fought for equal rights as he fought for his country, even when doing so was not popular. We are wiser, more tolerant and stronger because of Chappie." Now General James belongs in history.



Herky, V.V., Lou and John in training as jet instructors at the Fighter School, 1949.



Richard Toliver



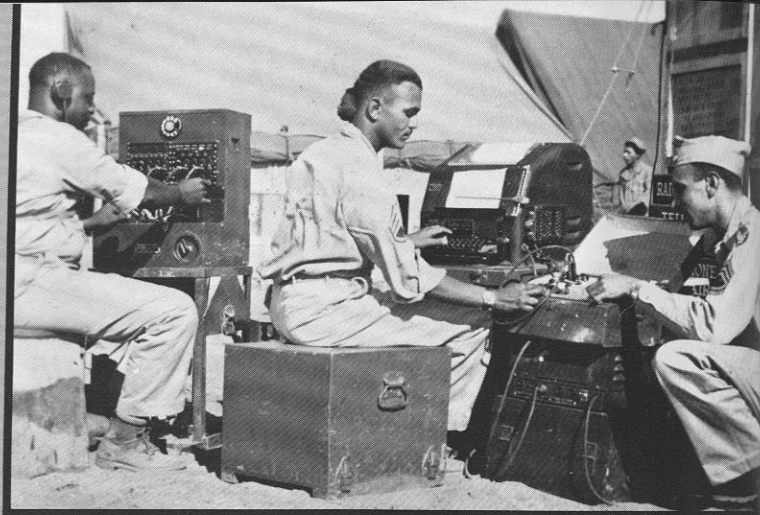
Joe Louis holding Arab mascot of the 99th Fighter Squadron



PHOTO ALBUM



Weldon K. Groves, Sr.



Left: Sgt. Tom Coleman, teletype specialist and crew. Below: Capt. "Luke" Weathers P-51-D.



Clarence N. Driver giving cadet John Bridges of California Air Patrol Wing some instructions in the Kc-97 Aircraft.



Front Row: Vavrock, Miller, Lesley, Dodge, Robnett. Back Row: MacBath, Edwards, Ball, Hubbard.



Above: 6888th Central Postal Directory WAC Battalion ETD 1945-1946.

Left: Lt. Col. Richard Toliver after another successful test mission, Nov. 1976.

Right: Lt. Col. Richard Toliver being presented with his first Air Medal.

Below: Primary Flying Graduates Class 45F, April 16, 1945



Above: 4413th WAF Sqdn. 332nd Fighter Wg Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, 1948.

Left: Ramitelli, Italy 1944.

Right: Lt. R. Caesar and Maintainer crew.

Below: Capt. Charles "Al" Bowers (right) and Capt. Joe Stein planning night intrude mission. Taegue, Korea, Nov. 1950.



99th Fighter Sqdn. (SIF) 332nd Fighter Gr.

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Sgt. Nelson and Miss Lena Horne with painting completed 1944 when Miss Horne visited TAAF.



Scene opening (ACT I) of Roger, all black GI show produced at TAAF (1944-45) raising over \$2.5 Million in War Bonds.



Above: Sgt. Nelson as Lil Green in the show.
Below: Frand Smith, Jazz Pianist Supreme.



Miss. Ella Fitzgerald and the Four Keys, with Sgt. Ernie Hatfield

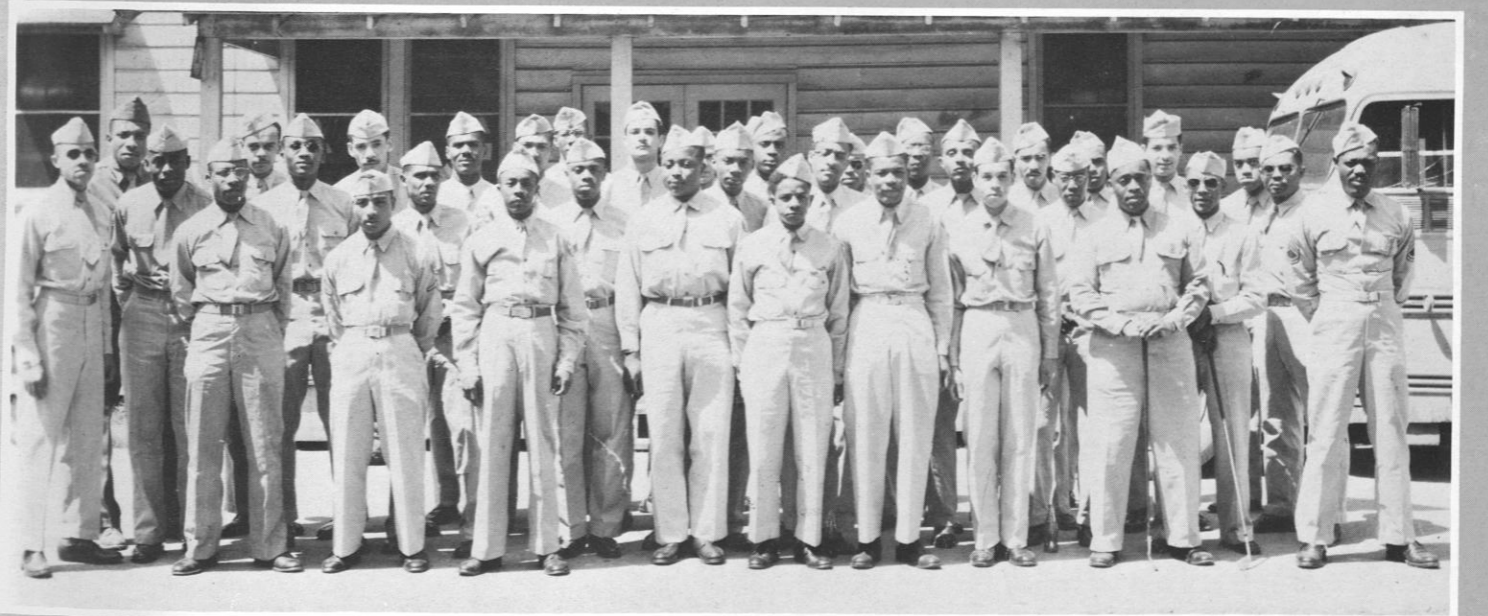


Right: Nathaniel C. Stewart.

Below: Otis E. Finley, Jr., unknown, and Victor L. Hancock.



Zeroing guns





Right: "Okay for take-off" signals Capt. Andrew D. Turner, 1000 Westford St., NW., Washington D.C., to his crew chief, Capt. Turner, who flies a North American P-51 Mustang with the 332nd Fighter Group, 15th Air Force, Italy, commanding officer of his all-Negro squadron.



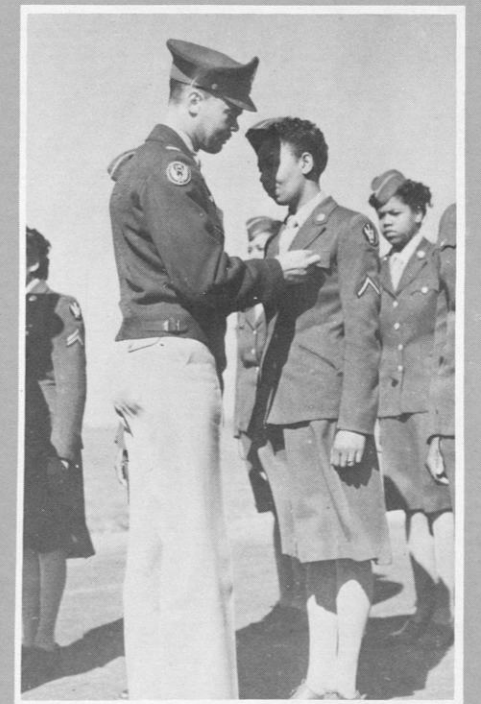
North American P-51 Mustangs of the all-Negro 332nd. Fighter Group, 15th AAF, Italy, warning up on the line prior to taking off for escort of heavy bombers on-route to enemy targets. Runway is built of interlocking steel matting.



Above: Arthur W. Freeman Pilot in 1940.



Right: Engineering section working on engines.



Col. B.O. Davis Jr. Awarding Medal.



Above: Armorer re-arming a P-51 Mustang of 322nd. Fighter Group.



Right: The Tower.

Below: F.J. Macon Aircraft inspector F.T. Carson Co, ACFT is a monack by Gruman Aircraft.



Left: Nathaniel C. Stewart.

Above: Bob Richardson in flight suit Nov. 1942.

Below: CTD Glee Club, Aug. 1944 at Tuskegee, Alabama, Booker T. Washington Statue.

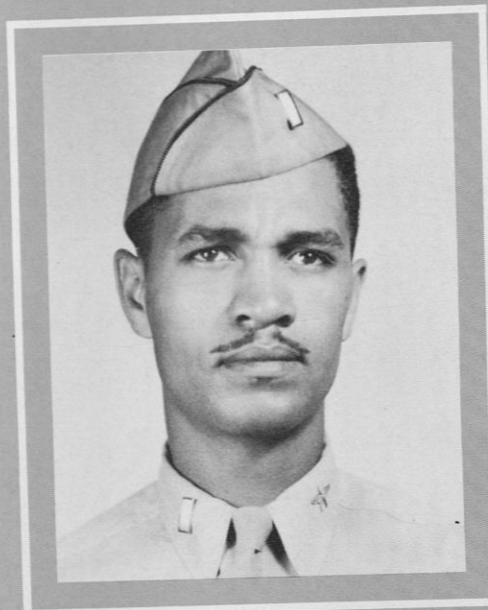




Above: Col. Davis and members of the ground crew.

Below: Making sure she checks out all right.





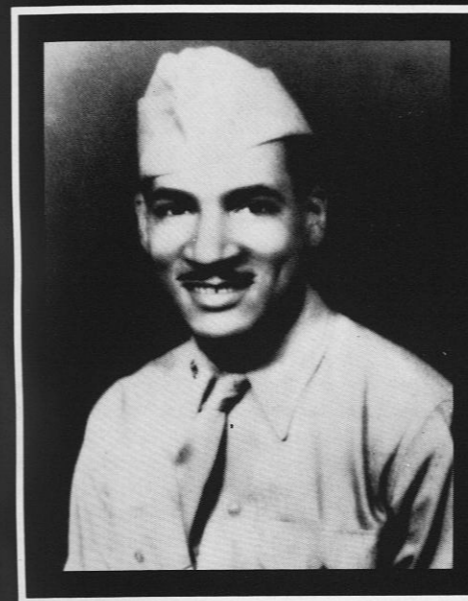
Linclon W. Nelson



Lukas Brothers 99th. F. Squadron



Members of first class of Negro pilots graduated in the History of the U.S. Army Air Corps.



Gordon T. Boyd

BIOGRAPHIES



Major Lee Rayford
C.O. 301st. Fighter Group

CHARLES C. ACHANE — Chief Warrant Officer U.S. Army.

Born — September 5, 1951 in Thornwell, Louisiana

Married — Wife — former Evoyne Bingham; Daughter, Christy, Ayesha

Education — Attended Louisiana Public Schools, Lake Arthur, Jennings, Welsh, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Majored, Aviation Management/Professional Aeronautics

Military Service — Enlisted in the Army on November 24, 1970. After completing induction processing, assigned to Company C 2nd CBT Brigade, Fort Polk, LA. Upon completing eight weeks of training at Fort Polk, promoted to Private E-2 then was assigned to Fort Rucker, Alabama for A.I.T. for six weeks for Helicopter Repairmen school, June 26, 1971 assigned to 175th Assault Helicopter Company, better known as (The Outlaws) Republic of Vietnam, where he flew several hundred combat missions as crew chief on UH-1 Helicopter. February 26, 1975 assigned to Delta Troop 4 Squadron 7 Cavalry, 2nd Infantry Division Korea, March 26, 1976 assigned to Company B 101st Aviation Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, October 14, 1977 promoted to Warrant Officer, October 20, 1980 entered U.S. Army Rotary Wing School at Fort Rucker, Alabama, graduated June 24, 1981. July 19, 1981 — entered U.S. Army Maintenance Test Pilot School at Fort Eustis, Virginia, graduated August 14, 1981, currently on active duty.

HALBERT LEO ALEXANDER — Capt. U.S. Air Force (deceased)

Born — June 19, 1922 in Winston-Salem, N.C. to Halbert J. Alexander and Mattie B. Kaiser

Residence — 310 E. 13th St., Georgetown, Ill.

Married — Wife, Hazel (Epps); sons, Halbert, Treblah; daughters, Aurelia, Sheron; 5 grandchildren

Education — High School graduate, Georgetown, Ill. Two years Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. Working on Military of Science Degree at the time of death, University of Maryland Branch. Received his wings in class of 44-5, Tuskegee, Ala.

The result of a strike at Freeman Air Force Base in Seymour, Indiana in April and May of 1945, an attempt to solve some of the racial problems that faced the groups, the Army Air Corps decided to try and find a solution to end some of the racial tension. They deactivated the 332nd group stationed in Italy and returned them to Godman Field, Kentucky under the command at that time, Col. Benjamin O. Davis, the first black commander of the Army Air Corps.

Part of the plan for the black personnel included the closing of the Fighter Training Base at Walterboro, South Carolina. The black air personnel at Walterboro were trans-

ferred and combined with other groups at Godman Field, Kentucky. Among those who came to Godman Field was my husband, 2nd Lt. Halbert Leo Alexander in 1945.

Halbert joined the 99th Fighter Squadron and served as a squadron pilot until March of 1946, along with other Godman Field units.

The groups later moved to Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio. Halbert served in various capacities of the squadron. Although, his primary duties were always of that as a fighter pilot of the 99th, other notable duties included participation in various high powered demonstrations all over the Southern and Central parts of the United States.

Halbert was very much of the athletic type and sports minded. He participated in intramural athletics while at Lockbourne.

Halbert was very well liked within the squadron and had a special gift for story telling which helped to maintain squadron morale.



Halbert L. Alexander

Halbert was one of the victorious fighter pilots who won the 1st place trophy for winning top team honors in the conventional type aircraft division in the Fighter Gunnery Meet held at the Las Vegas Air Force Base.

Hal was an excellent pilot, known for aerial gunnery and also a navigational officer for the squadron. He continued in this capacity until June of 1949. He was reassigned to the integrated Air Force as a pilot of the 36th Fighter Bomber Wing in Neubibery, Germany. He acquainted himself very very well as a pilot in that organization. He checked out the F-84 jet aircraft.

Hal returned to the United States in December, 1952, and was assigned to the Experimental Control Center activities at Hanscomb Air Force Base in Massachusetts. His duties were basically flying fighter type aircraft.

He was killed in an unfortunate accident in a wooded area in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Mar. 25, 1953.

WARREN D. ALEXANDER — Major, U.S. Air Force, (retired)

Born — May 27, 1921, San Antonio, Texas
Residence — 3413 South Akron Street, Denver, Colorado 80231

Married — Former Mary Catherine Bryant; son, Lawrence; daughters, Lynette and Sharon; 2 grandchildren

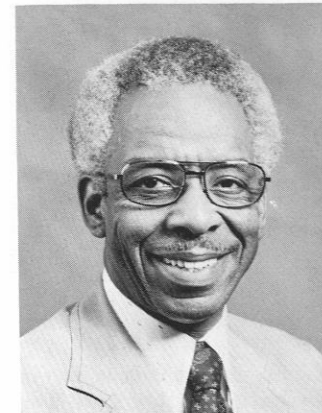
Education — Bachelor of General Education, Omaha University, (1958); Graduate Study, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado

Military Service — Entered US Army Corps October 1, 1942, Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas; graduated as 2nd Lieutenant, USAAC Officer Candidate School, Miami Beach, Florida, October 16, 1943, assigned Tuskegee Army Air Field as Squadron Adjutant; April 1944, joined 477th Bomb Group (M), Selfridge Field, Michigan. Primarily involved in events protesting racial discrimination, which later led to the Bomb Group being transferred to Godman Field, Kentucky; mustered out of service January 1946.

Returned to pre-war civilian pursuits as government employee at Kelly Field, Texas. Recalled to active duty in February 1948, assigned as Wing Adjutant, 332nd Fighter Wing, Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio. August 1949, reassigned as Alaskan Command Postal Officer, Elmendorf, Anchorage, Alaska; December 1949, returned to San Antonio as Center Postal Officer, Lackland AFB. In 1954, assumed command of Basic Military Training Headquarters Squadron, which, in addition to the usual housekeeping responsibilities was given the unusual and challenging task of administratively discharging all basic military trainees, from some 17 squadrons, for a multiplicity of reasons, as defined by various administrative regulations, were no longer eligible for military service. Done more than 4 years, discharged over 40 airmen.

December 1958, reassigned to Headquarters, 2nd Air Division, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, with permanent duty assignment as USAF Liaison Officer, American Embassy, Beirut, Lebanon. As the sole USAF representative for the Air Division, with quasi-diplomatic credentials, was responsible for total Air Force representation in a volatile Middle Eastern country; July 1960, assigned to Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado, as Administrative Officer, Nuclear Weapons Branch. Retired from active duty November 1, 1968.

Civilian Activities — Served as Assistant Pastor, Scott United Methodist Church, Denver; joined staff of Colorado Civil Rights Commission in March 1965 and served as Deputy Director until retirement in September 1974. Active in many civic and community affairs, i.e., Chairman, Head Start Board, Vice President, Colorado Conference on Social Welfare; President, Inter-Age Council; President, North East Park Civic Association; taught Black history at several Colorado colleges and universities; also served as In-Service Instructor for Denver Public Schools; radio talk show moderator; (1971) candidate for Denver Board of Education in city-wide election, attained most votes of the 6 minority candidates; finished 5th in a field of 24 candidates; been the preacher in many local, state, and nationwide pulpits; first president of Holy



Warren D. Alexander

L. "Hooks" Jones Chapter, TAI; first (1977) recipient of Martin Luther King, Jr. annual award for outstanding achievement in human relations — award was presented by Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm; listed in "Who's Who In Black America;" presently serving under appointment by former President Jimmy Carter as State Director for Selective Service, one of only five Black State Directors in entire nation.

WILLIE ASHLEY, JR.

Born — in Sumter, South Carolina, Col. Ashley graduated from Morris College High School in 1938. While attending Hampton Institute, he participated in the Civilian Pilot Training program and received a private pilot license. He left Hampton Institute to become an aviation cadet at the Tuskegee Army Air Base in February 1942 and received his Second Lieutenant commission and wings in July 1942. He was assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron, with combat duty in North Africa and Southern Europe, where he is credited with shooting down three German planes. Col. Ashley flew a total of 77 combat missions over a 14-month period overseas.

After leaving the military service at the end of World War II, Col. Ashley spent 2½ years at the University of Omaha and obtained a Bachelor's degree in zoology. He then served seven years as a railway mail clerk, and in 1956, decided to enroll in Catholic University where he received his M.S. degree in 1958



Willie Ashley, Jr.

and his Ph.D. in 1962. Col. Ashley retired from U.S. Government service in 1976, following positions with the Dept. of Defense, Food & Drug Administration, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He also retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a Lt. Col. in 1981, and is currently an Associate Professor at Howard University.

MARGARET FRANCES BARBOUR — Senior Master Sergeant, USAF (retired)

Born — 20 May 1919 Seaford, Virginia, daughter of Charles and Mahala Barbour
Residence — 1771 South Genesee Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90019

Education — Graduate of Yorktown Training School, Yorktown, Va. Attended Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va. and California State University Dominguez Hills, Dominguez Hills, California, majoring in Business Administration.

Military Service — Enlisted in the Army Air Corps on 13 May 1944 in Norfolk, Virginia, received six weeks basic training at Ft. Des Moines. After basic was sent to Army Clerk School for eight weeks. Upon completion of school I volunteered to work at Hqs. as a messenger to fill in the days of waiting for some base to take Negro WACS. Finally I was transferred to Maxton Air Force Base, Maxton, N.C. as a glider pilot records clerk. In Feb. 1945 went PCS to Birmingham, England with the famed 6888th Central Postal Directory; the only black unit (all female) to serve overseas during WWII. Moving on to Rouen and Paris, France after completing our mission in Birmingham and with the war winding down, I returned to the USA and was discharged as a SSGT March 1946. On Aug. 1947 I reenlisted as a SSGT in New York City, N.Y. and was assigned to Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. Assigned duties as NCOIC of the message center at Hq. and NCOIC Repairs and Utilities Branch, Base Supply. PCS Aug. 1948 Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. Duties NCOIC Repairs and Utilities Branch, Base Supply. PCS to Hill AFB, Utah Nov. 51, Duties Supply Instructor. PCS Sept. 1952 to Pepperell AFB, St. Johns, Newfoundland, Duties, Supply Instructor and Management and Procedures Officer. On June 1954 transferred to 514th Materiel Sq. Mpls.-St. Paul Intl. Aprt., Mpls., Minn. Duty NCOIC Stock Control. In June 1954 moved on to Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C. where I remained for 15 years with duties as Financial Manager, base supply, NCOIC stock control, Training Instructor, Management and Procedures Coordinator and numerous other duties. April 1969, transferred to Bolling AFB, Washington D.C. Duties, Stock Control NCOIC, Supply Management Officer. In April 1971 I became one of the first NCOS' to attend the Supply Management Staff Officer Course at Lowry AFB. On 6 Apr. 1972 I was permanently retired by reasons of

physical disability as a Senior Master Sergeant with 27 years of service.

Medals Received — AF Good Conduct Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, European, African Middle Eastern Service Medal, WWII Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal W/1 Bronze Star, American Campaign Medal, AF Commendation Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Longevity Service Award W/5 OLC.



Margaret F. Barbour, SMS, USAF, Ret.

ROBERT J. BEATSON — Lt. U.S. Air Force (8th WW II)

Born — July 3, 1922 Ludlow, Massachusetts

Residence — 7813 Locris Court; Upper Marlboro, Md. 20772

Married — Wife, former Sylvia Czepiel; daughters, Mary Anne and Jane; sons, Robert, Michael, and David

Education — Graduated 1948; B.S. Degree; Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Military Service — Enlisted January 8, 1941 in Springfield, Mass. in 104th Infantry, 26th Division (YANKEE DIVISION of World War I fame.) Believed to be youngest Sergeant (18) in U.S. Army in 1941. Held every enlisted rank from Pvt. to Platoon Sgt., transferred to Army Air Corps as Aviation Cadet in summer of 1942. Served at Kelly Field, San Antonio, and got wings as Navigator on April 22, 1943, at Hondo, Texas. Assigned to heavy bombers (B-24); trained at Davis Monthan Field (Tucson, Arizona); Biggs Field, Texas (El Paso); Pueblo, Colorado; and Alamogordo, New Mexico. Flew first bombers off Willow Run assembly line direct to England via Topeka, Kansas, and Presque Isle, Maine. Made Atlantic Ocean crossing in one flight, duplicating the thrill I had as a boy of 5 when I thrilled to Lindbergh's solo crossing. Flew 1st bombing mission 9/9/43 (ABBEVILLE AIRFIELD, FRANCE); thereafter, flew full tour of Thirty (30) bombardment missions over Europe. Flew 1st US Mission on Berlin, Germany, in March, 1944. Hold Distinguished Flying Cross with One Oak Leaf Cluster; Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Purple Heart for wounds received over Berlin; and our

Bomb Group (392nd) won Presidential Unit Citation for bombing accuracy over Gotha in the so called "BIG WEEK" of February, 1944.

Finished last mission on May 8, 1944, one month before D-day, and was in ship convoy enroute home when D-Day took place. Went to Tonopah, Nevada, as Instructor in Summer of 1944, and proceeded back through Flight Training as a Student Officer, (already had Navigation rating; now went to Pilot training.) Primary at Curtis Field, Brady, Texas, and soloed PT-17 (STEARMAN) there. Basic at Moore Field, Mission, Texas, and there flew North American AT-6. At this point Atomic Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and I was one of first released on points in late summer of 1945. Entered Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1/2/46, and graduated in summer of 1948. Left Washington, DC, in August, 1948, and worked as Secret Service Agent in New York in 1948. At that time traveled with HARRY S. TRUMAN on his campaign swing against DEWEY. Left to accept position handling Displaced Persons in Europe, and traveled in Eight (8) countries on the continent, particularly Germany and Austria. Returned to US in 1950, and became FBI agent. Served 1 yr. in Cleveland, Ohio, and 13 years in New York City. Most of my



Lt. Robert J. Beatson

time in N.Y. was spent on Soviet Espionage squad. Left FBI in 1963 to accept better position (large family of 5); was Asst. to Executive Vice President of LANVIN PARFUMS (Promise Her Anything But Give Her ARPEGE). Returned to Washington, D.C. in 1965 and worked from 1965 thru 1972 as a Staff Investigator for US Senate and House of Representatives on six (6) different Congressional Committees. Helped write report of 1967 Detroit Riot as staff member of McClellan Committee. Also helped write staff report re PENN CENTRAL BANKRUPTCY (Senate Commerce Committee). Retired from Capitol Hill in November, 1972, and became Investigator for Prince George's County Schools (one of Nation's largest systems). Expect to retire from current position in 1983. Past President of Andrews Area Chapter, AIR FORCE

ASSOCIATION (AFA); Member of Former Special Agents of FBI; Member of 2nd Air Division Association; Member of 8th Air Force Historical Society; and I am proudest of my membership in TUSKEGEE AIRMEN. Being a Heavy Bomber man now regularly meeting with a group of men who were for the most part fighter pilots is an experience I find quite hard to describe, but I'll try: "THEY HAVE ME OUTNUMBERED, BUT I HAVE THEM SURROUNDED."

NAOMI BERNICE BELL — First Black Air Force Nurse

Born — in Sandersville, Georgia on September 27, 1921 to Arthur and Mamie Hayles Bell.

Education — She graduated from the Thomas Jefferson Elder High and Industrial School in Sandersville, Georgia on May 26, 1939. Immediately thereafter, she enrolled in the University of Georgia Nursing School in Augusta, Georgia and obtained a degree on October 6, 1942.

Making an overall average of 89% on the "Board of Examiners of Nurses For Georgia," she became the first Black Registered Nurse in both her hometown and the county, Washington, in which it was located.

Military Service — She enlisted in the United States Air Force Nurses Corps as a Second Lieutenant on December 28, 1942 in Tuskegee, Alabama, thus becoming the first Black Nurse to be officially inducted into the Air Force. (Four Black nurses who preceded her into the Air Force were transferred from Fort Bragg Army Base in North Carolina).

During her tour of duty at Tuskegee, she was engaged in many pursuits. First, she was selected as the "Sweetheart of Tuskegee Air Force Base." As a result of this her picture appeared on the cover of a national magazine "The African" in October, 1945. In addition, it appeared in one of the local newspapers in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Second, as a dramatic enthusiast, she was an active member of the Tuskegee Army Air Force Player's Guild. For example, she appeared in numerous dramatic performances, four of which were: "Pass in Review of 1944," a simulated march of time extravaganza featuring the contributions of the soldiers of World War II, "Untitled," by Norman Corwin, "Dear Wolf" and "They Burned the Books" by Stephen V. Benet.

Third, she enrolled in the pilot training class at Moton Field in 1944 and received her license thereafter.

Finally, she taught medical corpsmen how to take blood pressures, temperatures, etc., and basic techniques for patient care on her time off duty. These men were assigned to positions on the hospital staff thus relieving the nurses of these duties. Their new roles in this endeavor proved to be so successful that they were sent overseas where they resumed similar activities in the hospitals. This repre-



Naomi B. Bell

sented the first time this practice occurred in the service and it has continued to the present time.

After serving short terms of duty at Lockbourne Army Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio, Brooke Army Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, Percy Jones Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan she terminated her tour of duty on September 13, 1952, after ten years of service, with a rank of captain.

Seeking higher education, she enrolled in Wayne State University and received a B.A. degree in English literature in 1961. Simultaneously, she worked in hospitals in the metropolitan Detroit area as a private duty nurse where she acquired a reputation of being efficient, gentle and very hard working.

She passed away on October 12, 1975. Her pallbearers were members of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen: Went Perkins, Elmore Kennedy, Richard Jennings, Henry R. Peoples, Nathaniel Carr, William B. McClenic, Howard Storey, Alexander Jefferson, Richard Macon and Otis Bryant.

A memorial scholarship to her is being sponsored by Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen under the Chairman and Chairmanship of Ernest Browne, former member of the Detroit Common Council and Hugh Barrington, respectively.

Testimonials to her memory were presented to the family by the Detroit Common Council on 1/7/76 and The Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen on 2/1/76.

HUBRON RICHARD BLACKWELL — Major, U.S. Air Force (retired)

Born — November 22, 1918, in Elberton, Georgia

Residence — 8425 Allenswood Road, Randallstown, Md. 21133

Married — Wife, Dorothy (Vaeth), daughters, Natalie, Karen; sons, Richard, Alistaire, Michael; grandson, Adrian

Education — Coppin State College; Morgan State University, B.S. Degree 1947; New York University, Loyola College, Virginia State College, Western Washington State College — Science Education

Military Service — Drafted August 7, 1941; sent to Fort George G. Meade for processing; assigned to Army Air Corps, sent to Langley Field, Virginia for basic training

in 1st Aviation Squadron (Sep); duties mainly ground maintenance, guard duty; passed examination for Aviation Cadet Training November, 1941; assigned to Aviation Cadet Training School, Tuskegee Army Air Field, Tuskegee, Alabama, December, 1942; member of Class 43-H; graduated August, 1943, commissioned Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Corps, rated Pilot Single Engine Aircraft; first Black Air Force Pilot from Baltimore, Maryland; received 10 hours fighter aircraft time in P-40 aircraft; sent to Selfridge Field, Michigan; assigned to newly-formed 332 Fighter Group, 302 Fighter Squadron in preparations for overseas duty in Italy flying P-39 aircraft; embarked with 332 Fighter Group for overseas duty December 1943; flew P-39 aircraft on harbor patrol, strafing missions in 12th Air Force; flew P-47, P-51 aircraft in 15th Air Force; missions included escort for long range bombers, fighter sweeps, strafing; credited with 81



Lt. Hubron R. Blackwell

missions over enemy territory; awarded Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters; European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medals; Bronze Star for Air Offensive; returned to States December 1944; reassigned to TAAF March, 1945; became Flying Instrument Instructor for Aviation Cadets; separated from service September 1946; entered U.S. Air Force Reserve; retired Major, USAFR.

Post Military — Employed by Social Security Administration, U.S. Postal Service, began teaching career 1949, Baltimore City Public Schools, Secondary Science, Mathematics; retired as Department Head 1979; member of Zeta Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; amateur radio operator since 1953; present call letters W3VXH; Advance class license.

OMAR "DREW" BLAIR — Major USAF (retired)

Born — Houston, Texas — July 16, 1918, only son to Mr. Omar O. Blair and Mrs. Lillian Blair.

Residence — 2643 Jackson Street — Den-



Omar D. Blair

ver, Colorado 80205

Education — Albuquerque High School, UCLA, Aircraft Armament School, OCS, Miami Beach, Florida, McCaulley Business College.

Family — Wife, Jeweldine (Edwards); son, Omar D. Blair III; daughters, Deborah Christy Bealmear and Edna Patricia Blair; granddaughter, Nicole Lisa Bealmear.

Military Service — Enlisted in the Army Air Corps at March Field, California April 6, 1941 as a private. An original member of the 99th Pursuit Squadron, the 332nd Fighter Group, the Famous "Red Tails" of the 15th Air Force.

Rose to the rank of T/Sgt. at Tuskegee Army Air Force Base, Chief Aircraft Armourer and the first enlisted Air Crew Member. Attended OCS and graduated in class of 43-B and Commissioned a 2nd Lt.

During World War II stationed in the Mediterranean Theater of Operation in Italy for 17 months and promoted to Captain. Assignments included Supply Officer, Commanding Officer, 773rd Air Material Squadron, Group Material Officer, Commanding Officer, 590th Air Material Squadron, Base Accountable Officer at Godman Field Ky., Tech., Supply Officer 1062nd Air Material Squadron, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio. Separated from Active Duty 19, October, 1947. Active Reserve (SAC) until retirement 1964 with rank of Major.

Post Military — Presently — EEO Officer, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, Past President Denver Board of Education, Vice President — Colorado Association of School Boards, President — Council of Great City Schools (National), President — "Hooks" Jones Chapter — Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Awards — Numerous — including, One of "10" Most Influential Men in Colorado, Most Distinguished Graduate — Albuquerque High School 1879-1979, Citizen of the Year — Colorado, Teacher's Lion Advocate Award — Colorado.

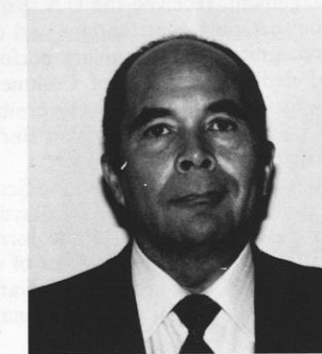
PAUL J. BONSEIGNEUR

Born — in Chicago on July 6, 1925, Paul graduated from Englewood High School in 1942, attended Wilson Jr. College for one year, then enlisted as an Air Cadet. Following

graduation from TAAF Class 44-H he flew with the 477th Bomb Group until 1946, when he departed Lockbourne AAF, Ohio for training as Ground Electronics Officer. After two tours in Alaska interspersed by assignments to Mitchell AFB, NY and McClellan AFB, CA, he attended the USAF Institute of Technology, W-PAFB, Ohio, completing his BSEE (With Distinction) with class 2E56. Subsequent assignments were McGuire AFB, Stanford University for his MS in Data Processing, and Offutt AFB where he declined a 1964 promotion to Lt. Col. to pursue a civilian career.

During 16 years with Control Data in Minneapolis, Paul held a variety of management and consulting positions including General Manager, Professional Services, and Regional Sales Manager, Pan Am/Pacific ("All the world except the U.S. and Europe"). He retired in 1980 after a transfer to Bellevue, Washington, but following a year of camping, fishing, writing and playing his prized Steinway, returned to work as National Account Manager for Wang Laboratories, Seattle.

Paul's proudest accomplishments include graduation from TAAF at age 19 years, 2 months, and receiving his Command Pilot's wings 15 years later. His biggest disappointment is that as a Regular Officer, service prior to age 21 was not creditable for promotion.



Paul J. Bonseigneur

GORDON T. BOYD — Bombardier Navigator, commissioned in San Angelo, Texas, was assigned to the 477th Composite Group and received Pilot Training at Tuskegee, Alabama, before being discharged in 1946.

Military Service — At induction in 1943, entered Aviation Cadet Training, becoming a Flight Leader while in Bombardier School, rating in the top-ten bracket out of a class of 180 men; also graduated as an Ariel Gunner Student Instructor from Tyndall Field, Florida.

Education — Educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools, Howard University, District of Columbia, graduated from the American Academy of Mortuary Science and Research in New York City; an Instructor of Embalming at Bellevue Hospital, N.Y.



Gordon T. Boyd

A Licensed Funeral Director, Proprietor-Manager, House of Boyd Funeral Home, Board Member of the District of Columbia Youth Council, Vice-President S.E. Civic Assoc., First Vice-President Funeral Directors Assoc., National Funeral Directors Assoc.; organized the S.E. Chain Stores Liv-ery Youth Service, and a softball team, win-ning the Eastern and the City-Wide Champi-onships, member Epsilon Nu Delta Fraternity, Lambda Chapter; Masons, Elks, Fraternal Gents and Parliamentarian of the East Coast Chapter, D.C. Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Retired after 34 years of Government serv-ice, Management, received the U.S. Bronze Medal for sustained contributions and con-tinuous recognition for exemplary perform-ance and dedication, Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Census. Special Government assignments included the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Canada.

The eldest of three children both to Sevilla Truman and the late Gordon J. Boyd of Baltimore, Md., is married to the former Corrine Dimples Scott and the fater of one son, Gordon, 3rd., residing at 3522 Narra-gansett Ave., Arundel-on-The Bay, Annapo-lis, Md. 21403.



Col. Charles A. Bowers

CHARLES ALFRED BOWERS, — Col., USAF (Deceased)

Born — Skipwith, Va., April 29, 1920 —died, September 16, 1976. Survived by wife, Mary A. (Hull), children: Mark, Jill, and Jeanne.

Education — Graduate Air University, Maxwell, Ala., 1964. Attended New York University, 1938-1940; Ohio State Universi-ty, 1947-1948.

Military Service — Enlisted at Mitchell Field, N.Y., April 4, 1941; graduated Officer Candidate School, Signal Corps, October 15, 1942; completed Aerial Gunnery, Navigator-Bombardier courses (triple rated).

Assignments — Chief, Education and staff training advisor, MAAG, Taipei, Taiwan, 1965-1966; Director, Operations and Train-ing, Chanute Technical Training Center, Ill., 1962-1964; Deputy Commander USAF Navigator Training Center, MAFB, CA; Liaison Officer at Allied Air Forces Central Europe, Fountainebleau, France, 1955-1957; Wing Adjutant 477th Bombardment Com-posit Wing; served with 5th Air Force during Korean War, completing 69 missions as bom-bardier-navigator.

Citations — Distinguished Flying Cross with one cluster; Air Medal with six clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal with one cluster; Chinese Air Force Commendation Medal and Honorary Chinese Air Force, pilot. First black tower control operator in USA and first black to navigate a USAF Jet Bomber across the Atlantic (1952).

Post Military — Deputy Director, State of California Department of Veteran Affairs, 1969-1975; Chairman — Governor's Task Force on Drug Abuse, 1972-1973; member State of California Social Welfare Board, 1966-1969; education and training specialist in curriculum development for Advanced Navigator and Electronic Warfare Officers School, MAFB, CA, 1966-1969.

Affiliations — Charter member Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; president and member of the board of Sacramento, CA, Science Center and Junior Museum; board of directors of Sacramento chapter of Urban League; Golden Empire Council Boy Scouts of America; United Crusade and member of NAACP, American Red Cross, American Institute of Executives.

HENRY P. BOWMAN — Captain, USAF (Ret)

Born — April 14, 1921 in Des Moines, Iowa

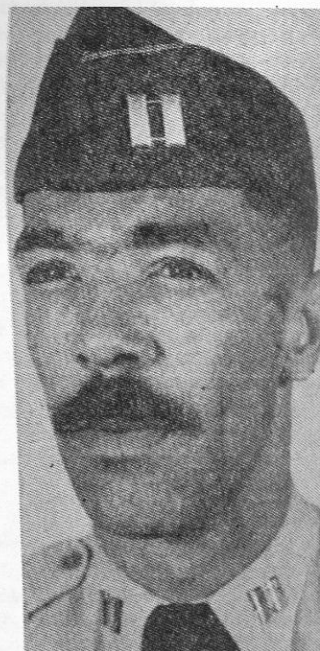
Residence — 5556 Village Green, Los Angeles, CA 90016

Married — Wife, Caroline (McWatt); Daughters, Judith, Joye; Son, Jon 2 Gran-children

Education — Public Schools in Minneapo-lis, Minnesota; Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, major: Business Administration

Military service — Enlisted in 99th Pur-suit Squadron, Chanute Field, Illinois, May 2, 1941. Attended Armament School, com-pleting same in August 1941. Transferred to Maxwell Field, Alabama in November 1941

then to Tuskegee Army Air Field in Febru-ary 1942 as Air Mechanic 2nd Class. Promoted to Staff Sergeant August 1942. Was an Armorer teaching gunnery to Cadets and assigned to 100th Fighter Squadron. Assigned to Officer Candidate School, Miami Beach, Florida in December 1942, graduating as 2nd Lieutenant April 14, 1944 (43-C). Returned to Tuskegee as Armament Officer, 100th Fighter Squadron. Trans-ferred to Selfridge Field and Oscoda for training. Went to Camp Patrick Henry on voyage to Italy. Arrived in Salerno, Italy, February 8, 1944. Spent WW II in Europe in/Mediterranean Theatre. Promoted to Lieutenant in June 1944. Discharged August 1945. Returned to college. Reenlisted August 2, 1946. Went to Eglin Field, Florida and assigned to Lockbourne AFB July 1946. Worked in Personnel. Transferred to Smar Hill, Kansas in August 1949 then to Low AFB to attend Personnel Specialist School. Transferred to Barksdale AFB November 1949. Transferred to Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Omaha, Nebraska in January 1950 and was recalled as 1st Lieutenant July 1951. Assigned March AFB, California as Personnel Officer and placed on TDY to Far East and 98th Bomb Wing as Personnel Officer at Yokota Air Base in September 1951 as Personnel Officer. Returned to USA in April 1952, assigned Stead AFB, Reno, Nevada as Base Personnel Officer promoted to Captain April 1, 1953. Assigned to W Drayton RAF Station, England September 1953. Returned to U.S. in March 1954 and separated. Reenlisted April 9, 1954 assigned to Sampson AFB, New York then transferred to Lackland AFB, Texas as Master Sergeant then to Surgeon General's Office, Air Training Command as Personnel Specialist. Transferred to Chanute AFB August 1959 and retired from active duty February 29, 1963 with 20 years and 9 months active duty.



Cap. Henry Bowman

Post Military — Became Business Man-ager in the Rehabilitation Center, University of Illinois, March 1, 1962. Promoted to Person-nel Officer III in October 1963. Transferred to Chicago Circle Campus July 1968. Recruited by Hilton Hotels Corporation in February 1970 to be Director of Affirmative Action and Corporate Director of Personnel. Corporate Offices moved to Beverly Hills, California in June 1974. Served as Parliam-entarian and President of the Los Angeles Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Served as a Big Ten Conference Football Official (1969 to 1974), also was a Football Official in the World Football League (1974-1975). Has appeared as a football official in four movies (TWO MINUTE WARNING; SEMI-TOUGH; HEAVEN CAN WAIT; and NORTH DALLAS FORTY.)

CHARLES V. BRANTLEY — (de-ceased)

Born — 1 June 1920

Residence — 42xx Papin, St. Louis, Mis-souri

Father — Deceased. Born 25 November 1892, Jackson, Mississippi; World War 1 Disabled Veteran (gassed). High school graduate; specialized college training in Poultry Husbandry. Operated a poultry farm in Washington County, MO and DeSoto, MO.

Mother and Father divorced in 1927, my father moved to Detroit where he now lives as a retired postal employee.

Mother — Born 18 January 1896, DeSoto, MO 2 years college when married. Taught school in Washington County (Tiff) MO where she was my 1st and 2nd grade teacher. Received a BS from Harris in 1957 and is now a Special Education Teacher in the St. Louis Public School System.

Brother — Deceased Born 8 March 1918, Goode Ave., St. Louis MO Finished Wash-ington Vocational School, specialized in Elec-tricity and Radio. Currently a Continental Chef in New York City.

Formal training and occupations: Grade school, Tiff, MO, 1st and 2nd grades in a one (1) room log school. Desoto, MO 3rd thru 6th grade. Halliday bara, Ill. 7th and 8th grade, another one (1) room school and my aunt was the teacher. Vashon High 2 years — gradu-ated from Sumner June, 1937.

Sold a weekly newspaper on Friday after-noon and worked at a grocery store on Saturdays during High School.

Following high school my employment was of a stop-gap nature and of seasonal variety. 1. City school playgrounds each summer from 1937 thru 1941. 2. Worked as a janitor and elevator operator for Union Electric 1939 and 1940 nights. 3. Worked as a waiter on the Missouri Pacific when not in school. I had to leave this job because I suffered from motion sickness and couldn't keep my food down.

Finished Stowe Junior College in June, 1941 after three years of off and on attend-



Charles V. Brantley

ance; then I was rescued by the military service. I was tested, accepted and sworn in for pilot training in November, 1942, but was permitted to remain at home until March, 1943, because of the then existing limitations upon the number of Negro pilots being trained.

I flew 42 combat missions as a fighter pilot in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. On 24 March 1945, while an Escort duty over Berlin, I was credited with downing one of the first jet type aircraft in aerial combat. Flying, I liked and I considered myself a real tiger. I remained in the military service after World War 2 and was later trained in Military of Administration and personnel work, consist-ing of a 60 day course at Ft. Ogle Tharpe, GA. I worked in this area about 18 months with flying as a 2ndry duty.

In the summer of 1948, when it was inevita-ble that all Armed Forces' personnel would be integrated, I applied for and received training as a meteorologist. One of my most important jobs was to serve as permanent personal briefing officer for the Pacific Air Forces Commander and his staff in Hawaii.

I was grounded from flight duty because of physical reasons (hyper-tension) in 1954, but was granted a waiver to remain in service as a meteorologist. I retired on 26 April 1963 as a Major with a 60% permanent disability. I had completed 20 years 1½ months active duty.

I continued formal training by attending night school in Europe, Korea and Hawaii and as a result picked up 27 hours under the University of Maryland, and 49 hours from Jackson College in Honolulu. I received a BS from Jackson in 1958 and was accepted by St. Louis University Graduate School without reservations in September, 1963.

My retirement plus full social security is adequate but I found it difficult at 43 years to be satisfied, while not being active and gain-fully employed.

My wife and I were married in October, 1944. She is a Stowe Teachers College gradu-ate of June, 1943. She is currently employed as an elementary teacher in the St. Louis System.

It would appear that I'll have to eventually

join my wife and my mother's occupational field out of self defense.

I hope to work in the field of guidance and counseling for Civil Service in the St. Louis area, retire again after 5 years, then with a little experience behind me, try and become affiliated with the local Board of Education as a Counselor.

BREWSTER, CHAUNCEY F. — Staff Sergeant USAF

Born — 7 June 1918, Hempstead, Long Island, New York

Residence — 3049 Vine St., Denver, Colo-rado 80205

Married — Wife, former Janice Cary

Education — Attended Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va. and Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tenn. Life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Military Service — Volunteered as an Aviation Cadet in June 1941 in the US Army Air Corps. Received appointment and orders to report to Tuskegee Army Airfield, Chehaw, Alabama on 27 July 1942. Eliminated from the Cadet Corps January 1943 and assigned to 318th AFB Unit at TAAF as a clerk in squadron headquarters. Assigned to Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio in 1945 as Ass't Personnel Sgt. Major at Wing Level. Discharged with a disability discharge from Valley Forge GH, Phoenixville, Penn. May 1950.

Retired from Postal Service October 1981.



Chauncey F. Brewster

ALEXANDER BUCHANNON — Master Sergeant, Retired

Born — Warm Springs, GA

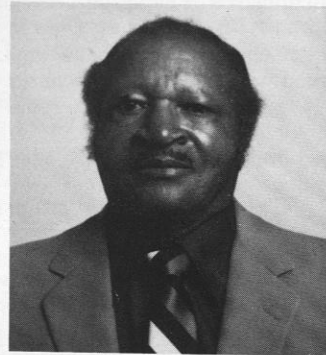
Residence — 2824 27th Street, N.E. Wash., D.C.

Married — Divorced, Son, Alexander, Daughter, Virginia

Military service — Enlisted into the Army Air Corps, from Fair Field, Alabama on Jan. 8, 1942. After completing Induction process-ing at Fort McCellan, Alabama was assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron, Tuskegee Army Flying School, Tuskegee, Alabama. Assigned duty was Mechanic and Crew Chief on, B.T. — 13s', A.T. — 6s; and P — 40s'. Re-assigned, April, 1943, to Camp Shanks,

N.Y. for shipment to North Africa, under the command of Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Casablanca, Morocco, was a temporary base, until permanent assigned base, Oued'ja (wedenja) between Casablanca and Tangier, there new P-40's and equipment was issued with further training for Pilots and support personnel.

On May 31, 1943 we were transferred to Fordjouna, North Africa, for the final phase of training, before being assigned combat duty. Pilots, Mechanics, Armament Personnel and other support personnel began to work under Combat conditions. June 1943, we (99th) was re-assigned to E. Hauouria on the cape Bon peninsula for further Offense Combat on Sicily, we the (99th) were then moved to Licata, Sicily on the Mediterranean Sea. October, 1943 the 99th Squadron moved to Foggia, Italy. I remained in combat until July, 1945, returned to the U.S., as assigned duty at Lockbourne Air Base, Ohio. Flight Engineering on C-47 and B-25, with General B. O. Davis and Charpe James. April, 1949, transferred to Alaskan Air Command, as Flight Engineer. December 1941 transferred to Mats. Special Air Mission Squadron, National Airport, Washington, D.C. March,



Alexander Buchannon

1953, re-assigned to Hickam Air Force, Hawaii, Flight Engineer C-79, 1959 transferred to Travis A.F.B. and Bolling A.F.B. for Flight Engineering duty, C-54. 1962 assigned duty at Tachachi, Japan Flight Engineering duty C-124. 1967 re-assigned to Vet Line Chief and Maintenance Supervisor. 1968 returned to the United States, with duty at Andrews A.F.B., January 1971.

Applied for retirement. Retirement granted.

CAPTAIN GEORGE E. BURTON

— U.S. Air Force, Tuskegee Airman.

Born — August 2, 1906 (retired) departed this life April 29, 1958 after serving 23 years in military service.

Married — Wife Margaret (Holmes); sons, Donald, Brady; daughter, India

Education — Public High School in New Orleans, La. B.S. in Commerce from Ohio State University in 1953.

Military Experience — Enlisted: August 30, 1926 to May 16, 1942, and from February



Cap. George E. Burton

14, 1950 to April 30, 1950 in grades from private to master sergeant. Personnel, file, communications and chief clerk (personnel) eight months and student AF, OCS; three months. Commissioned: April 16, 1943 to February 13, 1950, in grades of second lieutenant to Captain, AF Personnel officer; one month. School Secretary May 1943, 318th Base Tuskegee Alabama Air Force Pilot School 33 months.

Organizations — Masons, Elks

Active Hobbies — Radio and Rifle or Pistol Shooting

Awards — American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Medal, American Campaign, Good Conduct Medal
W.W. II Victory Medal
Army of Occupation (Japan)

BRADUS NATHANIEL BUTLER

— Ph.D.

Born — in Mobile, Alabama, May 28, 1920, the son of John Nathaniel Butler and Mary Lillian Broadus, both now deceased. Presently residing at 10014 Branch View Court, Silver Spring, Maryland are Dr. Butler, his wife, Mrs. Illian Rutherford Butler, M.Ed. and his son, Bruce Nathaniel Butler, M.D. The Butler's daughter, Mrs. Janet Butler Reid, Ph.D. is a chemist in Cincinnati, Ohio with Procter and Gamble Co.. She is the wife of Leon Asbury Reid III, M.D., and mother of Amanda Hemmons Reid and Leon A. Reid IV.

Dr. Butler is a graduate of Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan where he earned the degrees of Bachelor of Arts (1941), Master of Arts (1947) and Doctor of Philosophy (1952) in the academic field of Philosophy. He is formerly President of Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana and the Robert Russa Moton Memorial Institute of Washington, D.C.

He has served professionally in five institutions of higher education: St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina; Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan; Texas

Southern University in Houston, Texas; Talladega College in Alabama and Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He served in every professorial rank from instructor to professor and in administrative positions of Assistant to Dean, Dean of Students, Dean, Graduate Administrator and President. He served from 1964 to 1967 as Assistant to the United States Commissioner of Education and Special Assistant to the Associate Commissioner for Higher Education with the principal responsibility for drafting and implementing the provisions of Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965. He served also as a staff executive in the American Council on Education.

At present he is Director for International Affairs of the NAACP Special Contributions Fund, having served on the NAACP National Board for five years. He serves also as chairman of the Board of the International Institute of Public Management in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Butler has rendered a broad range of public service positions of responsibility as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Wayne County and the State Civil Service Appeal Panel in Michigan; member of the State Educational Television Authority, The State Museum Commission and the State Society for the Performing Arts of Louisiana; member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; member of Selection Board I of the United States State Department; member of the Advisory Committee for the Office of Health Manpower Opportunity of the National Institutes of Health; member of the Advisory Committee on Minority Institutions Science Development of the National Science Foundation; member of the Board of the Public Member Association of the United States Department; and Board member of CEMRE National Educational Laboratory.

Among Board responsibilities in private educational, philanthropic and civic organizations; he serves or has served on the National Board of National Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Board of Advisors of the National Center for Career Life Planning, Board of Trustees of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, Board of Directors of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, Board of Directors of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trustees of the Gulf South Research Institute, Board of Directors of the United Negro College Fund, Board of Directors of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Advisory Board of the National Center for Black Aged and other distinguished Boards.

Dr. Butler has served in the chairmanship of two major studies of current national significance. In 1972-73, he served as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to study and assess the Tuskegee Syphilis Study for the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and, in 1976-77, he served



Dr. Bradus N. Butler

as Chairman of the Task Force Committee on Africa to study and recommend future policy on Africa for the National Board of the NAACP. In addition, he is the author of more than one hundred articles, speeches and sections of books.

He is a member of the Cosmos Club of Washington, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, American Management Associations, National Urban League, American Political Science Association, American Association for Higher Education, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the Association of Black Foundation Executives among other organizations.

He is the recipient of more than fifteen distinguished service awards and honors among which are Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of Africa from Liberia; Certificate of Merit and Honorary Citizen of New Orleans, Louisiana; Honorary Citizen of Mobile, Alabama; Certificate of Distinguished Service to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia; Certificate of Distinguished Service to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; and, Certificate of Distinguished Service to the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

He is listed in ten national and international biographical dictionaries, including Who's Who in America, the Dictionary of International Biographies and Who's Who Among Outstanding Black Americans.

Dr. Butler served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II as a member of the 332nd Fighter Group now honored as the famed Tuskegee Airmen.

VINCENT OINNIE CAMPBELL

Military Service — I signed up for the U.S. Army Air Corp 99th Pursuit Sqdn. on April 2nd, 1941 at Mitchell Field, Long Island. On April 3rd a group of us shipped out to Chanute Field, Illinois. We were to meet up with all the other enlisted men, from different parts of the country, who were to be trained in all the technical skills necessary for the New Pursuit Sqdn. After training as a weather observer and Teletype Maintenance man, I was shipped to Tuskegee Army Air Base via a one

day stop at Maxwell Air Base in Montgomery, Ala. When we arrived at Tuskegee we lived in tents for many months while the runways and barracks were being built. I help set up the weather station at Tuskegee and trained additional weather observers. I was a Technical Sergeant in the weather Sqdn. until 1943 when I applied for and went to Officers Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla.

As a 2nd Lt. I worked as a Mess Officer at Tuskegee until 1944 when I went into Flight training. I graduated as a Fighter Pilot in the class of 45A. After Gunner training in Florida, I went to Walterboro Air Force Base in Walterboro, South Carolina for combat training, where I flew the P40 and P47.

When the war ended in 1945, I was discharged from service. In 1949, I started Reserve Flying with the 514th Troop Carrier Wing at Mitchell Field, N.Y. In 1951 the 514th Troop Carrier Wing was called up for active duty. We flew the 046 and performed Air Drops, Airlifts, and Parachute drops. My discharge came in 1953.



Vincent O. Campbell

GILBERT ALLEN CARGILL

Born — June 4, 1916

Residence — 20213 Faust Road; Detroit, Michigan 48219

Married — 2 sons and 2 grandchildren

Education — Oberlin College; A.B. degree in 1937. Graduate work at University of Detroit and Wayne State University

Military/Civilian service — Learned to fly in the Civilian Pilot Training Program in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1941. Upon completion of this training was sent to Maxwell Field to work as a flight instructor. After arrival at that base the management learned that I was black and immediately sent me to Tuskegee. Upon completion of further training at Tuskegee was assigned as a civilian flight instructor at Moton Field. Assumed these duties in January, 1943. After 2 years at Moton Field was transferred to the Tuskegee Army Air Field as a military flight instructor in the Basic Flying School. Was honorably discharged in October, 1945.

Returned to Cleveland, Ohio, and organized a flying club and a charter service. Later moved to Detroit, Michigan, and organized a flying club there.

Also acted as a consultant for many aviation activities. In 1972 became the first black

man in Michigan to be appointed a pilot examiner by the Federal Aviation Administration.

In September, 1981, the Federal Aviation Administration announced that it was going to name radion navigational fix after me in recognition my aviation activities. During these years over 18000 hours have been accumulated without accident in aircraft ranging from 65h.p. trainers to jets.

AUGUSTUS R. CARPLE

Born — 1 Sept. 1913 in Kansas City, Missouri.

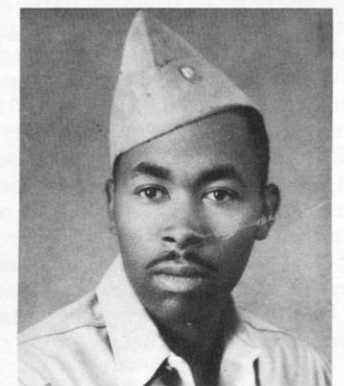
Education — Attended Lincoln High School there before moving to Chicago, Ill. in 1931.

Gus was inducted into the United States Army Air Corps on 11 July 1942. Upon completion of basic training, he was sent to Scott Field in Illinois and became communications technicians. He attended follow on training at Tomah, Wisconsin where he was selected as an honor graduate.

Gus was sent overseas with the 332nd Fighter Group to Italy. He was responsible for the 49 man section which performed critical maintenance on aircraft and ground equipment. He left the Air Corps after the war in October of 1945, having attained the rank of Technical Sergeant. His military decorations included the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

Gus returned to Kansas City and joined the General Services Administration and then the U.S. Postal Service. He retired in 1972 after 29 years of distinguished military and civilian service to the United States of America. He was very active in the community sponsoring a little league baseball team and was an active member in the Heart of America Chapter, Tuskegee Airman Inc.

Gus died on 13 Sept. 1979. He is survived by his wife Geneva.



Augustus R. Carple

FLOYD JEFFERSON CARTER — Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Born — November 2, 1922 in Yorktown, Virginia

Residence — 1039 East 222 Street, Bronx, NY 10469

Married — Wife, Artherine (Johnson) Son, Floyd Jr.; Daughter, Rozalind; 5 grandchildren.

Education — Graduated York County Training School; Mondell Institute New York City; New York Institute of Technology, B.S. Degree (Cum Laude).

Military service — Career spanned 31 years (reserve and active). Enlisted in Aviation Cadet Program January 24, 1944. After preflight at Tuskegee, Alabama was assigned to San Angelo, Texas and graduated as a Bombardier/Navigator. Reassigned to Tuskegee and graduated as a Pilot in the first class of Student Officer Pilots. Triple rated. Assigned to 477 Bomber Group at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio in 1946 Pilot (B-25). Left active service 1947, joined Air Force Reserves (514TCW) at Mitchell Air Force Base, NY and Stewart Air Force Base, NY. Flew C-47's, C-46's, C-119's, C-124's and C-141's as Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander in M.A.C. Was on active and standby duties during Korean, the Santo Domingo and Cuban crises. Recalled to active duty January 1968. Transported



Floyd Jefferson Carter

troops and supplies throughout Southern Asia. In 1969 assigned to 322nd Air Division, Mildenhall, England. Transported passengers and supplies to Embassies of NATO member nations throughout Europe and Africa. Assigned McGuire AFB, NJ in 1970 as Commander 732nd Military Airlift Squadron. First Black Officer to assume command of a heavy jet transport (c-141) unit. Retired May 1974 as a Lieutenant Colonel and Command Pilot with 7000 flying hours. Between, and during, active duty tours employed by New York City Police Department and also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Presently retired (Detective) N.Y.C. Police Department and U.S. Air Force Reserves. Currently serving as President of 369th Veteran's Association, Inc., Bronx District and pursuing a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology.

FRISBY M. CARTER — Sgt. U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Born — June 7, 1923 in New Bedford, Massachusetts

Residence — 2647 Squaw Valley Way, Sacramento, CA 95826



Sgt. Fusby Carter

Married — Wife — Margaret (Mayweather) 4 children; 6 grandchildren

Education — High School, New Bedford High

Military Service — Enlisted 3 Nov. 1942 and assigned to Tuskegee Army Base, Alabama. After basic training attended Aircraft Mechanics School in Lincoln, Nebraska, graduating in June 1943. Assigned back to Tuskegee as a crew chief with the 890th and 889th Sqdns. In January 1944 was transferred to Selfridge Field, Michigan, to start the 477th bomb wing assigned to the 616th Sqd. Was crew chief on P 40, P 51, P 47 and B 25 aircraft. Retired at Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana in April 1966.

Post Military — Settled in Sacramento, CA. Employed by the U.S. Postal Service. Was Treasurer of Sacramento Chapter Tuskegee Airmen for three years.

HERBERT E. CARTER — Lt. Colonel, USAF (Ret)

Born — September 27, 1919, Amory, Mississippi

Residence — 201 Bulls Avenue, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama 36088

Married — Wife, Mildred (Hemmons); Children: Gene Kay, Herbert, Jr., Kurt Vincent.

Education — Tuskegee Institute, B.S. Degree — 1944; M.Ed. — 1969.

Professional and Specialty Schools — Aviation Cadet Pilot Training, 1942; Aircraft Maintenance, North American, 1945; AF Tactical School, Tyndall AFB, Florida 1948; Aircraft Maintenance Officers School, Chanute AFB, Ill, 1948; Academic Instructors Course, Air University, 1950; Command and Staff School, Air University, 1959; Jet Acft. Qualification Course, Randolph AFB, Texas 1960.

Fighter pilot, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Tactical support. Tunisian, North Africa, Sicily, Naples, Foggia, Anzio and Rome-Arno, 125 combat hours, 77 missions, 1943-44. Group Maintenance Officer, 332nd Fighter-Bomber Group, P-47 fighters, B-25 Med. Bombers, C-47 Cargo Aircraft, Godman Field, Ky., Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, 1945-48. Flight Test Maintenance Officer,

experimentation projects with fighter aircraft for night, low level and improvised field operations, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 1948-50.

Professor, Air Science and Commander AFROTC Detachment 15, Developed and supervised military training for college students ROTC, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, 1950-1955.

Deputy Director, Military Advisory Group to German Air Force. Instructor pilot and technical training officer for German pilot conversion program, T-33 jet aircraft to F and RF-84 jet aircraft, 1955-59. Chief of Maintenance, 328th Fighter Wing, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri for T-33 and F-102 fighter-interceptors, 1959-63. Chief of Maintenance, 27th Fighter Interceptor, Lang AFB, Maine; Director, Air Defense Command's F-106 severe climatical operations project, 1963-65.



Herbert E. Carter

Professor, Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 15, Tuskegee Institute. Implemented training standards and selective criteria for commissioning college graduates, 1965-69.

Civilian Work Experience — Associate Dean, Student Services, Tuskegee Institute. Developed programs and procedures for service in Admissions, Financial Aid and Counseling, 1970-75. Associate Dean, Admissions and Recruiting, Tuskegee Institute. Developed and implemented marketing plans for recruiting students for college. Counsels with students, parents, alumni and public school officials on matters that assist students in gaining admission to Tuskegee Institute, 1975 — present.

ROBERT CLARE CHANDLER

Born — May 12, 1922 in Allegan, Michigan.

Residence — 331 Robinson St., Allegan, Michigan 49010

Married — Wife, Virginia Maxine; Son, Wendell; Granddaughters, Kimberly and Koren.

Education — Western Michigan University



Robert C. Chandler

Military service — Enlisted Cadet Corp. October 1942, called into service March 1943 at Biloxi, Mississippi, transferred to Tuskegee, Alabama and graduated 2nd Lt. class of 44 B. Assigned to Selfridge Field, Michigan and part of the "Big move" to Walterboro, South Carolina, Overseas to Italy and the 99th Fighter Squadron, 332 Fighter Group August 1, 1944. Spent most of November 1944 on "M.I.A. Vacation" in Yugoslavia. Returned to Italy by British destroyer on Thanksgiving Day. Discharged 1st Lt. Dec. 31, 1945. Forty-nine combat missions.

Post Military — 33 yrs. Rockwell International as technician. Retired in 1975. President of credit union 13 years now in Real Estate 4 years. Still a part time musician — 40 years (trumpet). Fishing and golf whenever possible.

GURTHALEE CLARK — Technical Sergeant, U.S. Air Force (Ret)

Born — 13 May 1919 in Vallejo, California

Residence — 1771 So. Genesee Ave., Los Angeles, California 90019

Education — Attended Vallejo public school, Los Angeles Trade Technical School AA Degree, Business Administration; California State University Dominguez Hills BS Degree, Business Administration.

Military service — Enlisted in the Army (WAC) in October 1943 from San Francisco, California — because of my musical background was assigned to the only all Negro Women's Band — WAC Band #2 at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa First WAC Training Center — played Saxophone and Clarinet with the Band. Was discharged December 1945.

1946 — Re-enlisted in the Army Air Corps from New York City November 1946 was assigned to Squadron "W" 332d Airdrome Group, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, was assigned to Base Supply as supply clerk. Played with the Social Service Band under the direction of Lt. Alvin Downing on off duty hours.

1948 — Re-enlisted in the USAF assigned to the 4413th WAF Sqdn, 332d Fighter Wing, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio

1949 — Transferred to 78th Supply Sqdn Fighter Jet, Hamilton AFB, California — First Waf to re-enlist in the Command.

1950 — Transferred to the ETO Occupation Forces assigned to 85th Supply Group, Erding AD, Germany — NCOIC of the property used throughout Depot Supply and the Liaison for supplies to other countries — played in the Special Service Band off duty.

1953 — Transferred to 5th Supply Sqdn (SAC), 5th Air Base Group, Travis AFB, Calif NCOIC Special Activities: Attended Stock Control School at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Air Training Command for 6 weeks.

1954 — Transferred to 12th Air Division (SAC) 807th SUPRON, March Air Force Base, California; attended USAF Management 1 Course, NCOIC Research Branch, Instructor of Publications for Base supply, NCOIC Stock Status Section, Maintain Fly-away Kits for 22d Bomb Wing (B52) and 320th Bomb Wing (Refueling). SAC NCO Academy 1959.

1963 — Transferred to 2d Air Force (SAC) 2d Supply Sqdn, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana Reports Manager for Base Supply — Supply Man of the Month (first woman to receive this award) was recommended for 2d Air Force award — Received the Air Force Commendation Medal for the achievements as Reports Manager.



Gurthalee Clark

1964 — Retired 1 October 1964 Barksdale AFB, LA 20 years service — Placed on Air Reserve retired 30 years 5 September 1974.

"Real People Show 1979 — Tuskegee Airmen Inc" Lee-Mar's Ladies — musical group which I am the leader has played for the Tuskegee Airmen Awards Dinner for the past two years at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, California in the Lounge.

NANCY LEFTENANT COLON

Nancy Carol Leftenant, one of twelve children, was born to James Leftenant, Sr. and Eunice Middleton on September 29, 1920 in Goose Creek, South Carolina. She and her family moved to Amityville (Long Island), New York at the age of three. She graduated from Amityville High School in 1939 and graduated in 1944 from Lincoln School for Nurses in the Bronx, New York.

In January 1945, following her nursing training, Nancy volunteered and was accepted into active duty as a Second Lieutenant in

the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Her first assignment was at Lowell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Massachusetts. In 1946 she was assigned to the 332nd Station Medical Group at Lockbourne Army Air Base in Columbus, Ohio. During this assignment, she made history by becoming the first black woman to be accepted and integrated into the Regular Army Nurse Corps. She later elected to transfer to the U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps.

During 1953-1955 as a qualified flight nurse assigned to the 6481st Medical Evacuation Group at Tachikawa, Japan, she evacuated patients from Okinawa, Tiwan and Korea to Tachikawa. During these evacuations, Nancy supervised two or more technicians and was assigned to the C-46, C-47, C-54 and C-124 (the Globemaster) aircraft. The intra-Korea segment of the flights were sometimes piloted by General Chanault's Flying Tigers.

Following the fall of Dien Bien Pu in 1954, Nancy was one of the flight nurses assigned to the C-124 Globemaster(s) used to evacuate the first one hundred patients (French Legionnaires) from Dien Bien Pu. She retired as Chief Nurse with the rank of Major from McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, on November 1, 1965 and returned to Amityville where she continued in public service as a dedicated public school nurse at her Alma Mater.

Nancy was married to Bayard King Colon, a Tuskegee Airman, in 1960. One of her brothers, Samuel Gordon Leftenant, also a Tuskegee Airman, was killed in action over Austria in 1945. He was a pilot in the famed 99th Fighter Group which was commanded by Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

In March 1978, the Amityville School District commemorated the thirtieth anniversary of Nancy's appointment to the Regular Army Nurse Corps with a reception and a proclamation declaring the month of April "Nancy Leftenant (Colon)" month; to be observed by the school community and to be discussed in the classrooms as an event of historical significance to the Nation and to the District. Newsday, a Long Island newspaper, honored Nancy by reporting this event under the caption of "People".



Nancy Leftenant Colon

MARION LEE CONNELL — R.N.

Born — May 10, 1924 in Norfolk, Virginia. Fourth child of seven of William Frank Ridley and Flossie Jane Lamb Guy (part Cherokee Indian), resided in Portsmouth, Va. Father died in 1929. Mother remarried 1932.

Education — Student of the first class of Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic School in Portsmouth. Family moved to Brooklyn, New York in 1936. Graduated from Girls High School in 1941. Completed nurses training Lincoln School for Nurses, Bronx, New York in 1948. Presently attending Jersey City State College in New Jersey to get Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 1982.

Tuskegee family — Marion met Lt. Victor L. Connell (45G) at Lincoln Nursing school in September 1945. Traveled to Tuskegee in late December on a New Years Holiday vacation and was married to Lt. Connell January 4, 1946 in Tuskegee.

Marion briefly witnessed the unique happenings of the conglomerate of the most handsome, fascinating, variety of black men, supported and trained by the United States Government, assembled at Tuskegee, namely, Tuskegee Army Air Field (TAAF). Lived the Tuskegee Experience through the daily letters sent by her husband to Nursing School for 11 months.

The base was closing. Flying time for the Airmen was reduced from 10 hours to 5 hours. Airmen were bored. Cross country flights were curtailed, unless they had 500 hours of flying time. Automobiles were being used to taxi Airmen into Atlanta for recreation or diversion. Buddies were being discharged from service.



Marion Connell

August 1946: Marion returned to Tuskegee on Summer Vacation from Nurses Training. Lt Connell was discharged from service. They moved to New Jersey.

Fruits of their Marriage: 4 Daughters. Marion Lynn born October 1947, Beverly Joyce born March 1950, Florence Evelyn born March 1952, and Gloria Elaine born May 1954. After 34 years and four grandchildren 'The Bluebird of Happiness Flew the Coop'. He lives in California. Marion still lives in New Jersey. Full time employed at United Hospitals of Newark Orthopedic Center. Joined the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. Is the In-House Historian of the Greater New York Chapter.

HANNIBAL M. "KILLER" COX, JR. — Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired)

Colonel Cox enlisted in the Army Air Corps in February, 1943, and entered pilot training in the Air Cadet program at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Alabama. He completed his flight training and was awarded silver wings and commissioned a second Lieutenant in April, 1944. He was subsequently sent to the Mediterranean Theater where he joined the famous 99th Fighter Squadron. He picked up the nickname of "Killer" during his 64 missions as a result of his relentless and deadly attacks on enemy airdromes. He served in various staff and command positions until hostilities erupted in Korea. He returned to combat and flew over 100 missions, leading an eight-ship fighter sweep in F-51 aircraft that resulted in the biggest conventional dogfight during the Korean conflict.

When hostilities continued in Vietnam, he volunteered for his third combat tour. Sandwiched in between his exacting duties as Director of Logistics, he flew fighter combat



Col. Hannibal M. Cox, Jr.

in the F-100 aircraft.

Stateside command duties followed until he received the call to retire in order to pioneer in a senior executive position having systemwide authority in the largest airline in the free world.

As a warrior, "Killer" Cox is a much decorated hero of three wars and one of a very few fighter pilots decorated for bravery in combat in these three wars. As a scholar, he has earned the B.S., M.B.A., Ed.S., and Ph.D. degrees. He is much editorialized and often quoted. His achievements in the military, academic, and business communities have served as a model for American youth of all colors.

He subsequently has actively participated in community affairs as Board Member of Dade County Crime Commission, Board Member of Dade County Private Industry Council, Board Member of Miami Urban League, Board Member Greater Miami United, and was National President of The Tuskegee Airmen for four years. Is now elected to Dade County Sports Authority.

HERBERT A. CRUSHSHON — Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force (Ret)

Born — 24 October 1925, Puerto Rico. Parentage, Single

Education — Woodrow Wilson Jr. College, Chicago Teachers College, Ill. Wesley State Univ., Clinton Univ., Det. Mich., Degree, Education

Military service — Illinois Militia, 1943, Drafted (AD) Nov. 1943, USA Ft. Sheridan, ILL., Aberdeen Proving Gd's, Md. Manila, Philippines, Discharged Apr. 1946. Illinois National Guard, Apr. 1946. USAF (AD) Apr. 1951, Chanute AFB, Bolling AFB, DC. 1st Fighter Wg, Selfridge AFB, Mich. Transferred to USAFRes. School, 1953, Officer Candidate School, Appointing Major (TEMP) USAFRes, 403rd Troop Carrier Wg, 403rd Tactical Airlift Wg, 439th Fighter Bomber Wg, 305th Air Res. Sqdn., Aircraft — C46, C47, T33, C119, HU16, F86's. HQ Cmd USAF Bellingham AFB, DC. Retired USAFRes. 30 yrs. May 1981.

Post Military — Fifty Years Boy Scouts of America, Jr. Achievement of Southeastern Mich., International Fellow Laureate in Science to Youth, Univ. of Norway, USNA Facility Flying Civ. Club, SANFB, Mich. The National Business League, Wash. D.C. Tuskegee Airman, Det. Mich., ALPHAS OMEGA, EPSILON DELTA CHI, Administrator, USA, Tank-Automotive Cmd, Det. Mich.

JOSEPH CLABON CURRY — Captain, U.S. Air Force

Born — Son of Rev. M. K. and Mrs. L. C. Curry June 20, 1915 in McKinney, Tex. Married — Wife, Pearl E. (Taylor) Daughter, Jonice

Education — Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia — B.A. Degree 1938 Northern Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, Ill. — O.D. Degree 1948

Military service — Army Air Cadet Training at Tuskegee, Alabama October 1938 following study at Boca Raton, Florida. Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut and commissioned a Second Lieutenant December 1943 and served as Communication Officer, again stationed at Tuskegee, Alabama.

During the evenings, began Science classes at Tuskegee, Institute. In March of 1944 received an honorable discharge and was placed on Active Reserve Status. In September of that year, entered the Northern Illinois College of Optometry and in September 1948 was graduated as Doctor of Optometry, O.D.

Passed the Virginia State Board of Optometry and opened an Office in Richmond, Virginia where he practiced successfully for two years before being recalled as an Active Reservist to duty during the Korean war as an Optometrist with the rank of First Lieutenant.

His tour of duty was three years in Germany and 2½ years in England. In 1955 he was promoted to rank of Captain. While on leave



Joseph Clabon Curry

in the United States of that year, he passed the Wisconsin State Board of Optometry and had planned to resume civilian practice in that state upon completion of duty. In his profession he formed rich and rewarding friendships with many outstanding Optometric Colleagues in England, Europe and Africa. The British Optical Association invited him to attend its meetings.

Joe (Lightning) departed this life 2 June 1959 from injuries sustained in a "freak" accident while participating in recreation on the Base at Sculthorpe, England.

The British Optical Association of London and Southern England held Memorial Services in the Base Chapel of South Ruislip Air Base. Interment in Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO. The CURRY Gymnasium was dedicated in his honor by the Personnel of R.A.C. Sculthorpe-Norfolk, England 20 November, 1960.

SAMUEL L. CURTIS — Ph.D. Lt. Col. USAF Res. (Ret.)

Born — October 16, 1919, Charlottesville, Virginia

Residence — 1363 College Hill Drive, Cheyney, PA 19319

Married — Wife, Loretta (Peggy) Gandy Curtis; Daughter, Karen; Son, Joseph

Education — Philadelphia Museum School of Art, BRA 1951; Temple University, Phila. M.Ed. (Art) 1964; New York



Samuel L. Curtis

University, Ph.D. (Art) 1974. Volunteered for USA Air Corps pilot training — passed tests — they weren't ready for us.

Military Service — Drafted from Yeadon, PA into the QM Corps, entered Camp Lee, Va., transferred to Tuskegee Army Flying School as Cadet in Class 43-G. Served as Class Officer, wrote most of Class Song, sang with the Cadet Chorus, earned Expert Aerial Gunnery, graduated Silver Wings and Second Lieutenant bars, August 1943.

Joined 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group Selfridge Field and Oscoda, Mich. Did combat tour in Italy, 12th and 15th Air Forces. Designed Squadron Insignia. Earned Distinguished Flying Cross for attacks in Greece.

Served as Twin Engine flying instructor, Tuskegee Air Force Base, and as Base Squadron Commander at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio. Mustered out. Worked for integration into Reserves. Eventually became Deputy Co., 127th Troop Carrier Sqdn.

Second hitch. Wing Ops. OFF., 123 Ftr. Brm. Wing, Kentucky and England Represented USAF at NATO Land-Air Warfare School, Old Sarum, England.

During career flew P40, P39, P47, P51, B25, C47, C46, F80, F84.

Civilian — Artist, teacher, educational communications director. Served Cheyney State College since 1956 as Instructor of Art and Audio Visual Ed., Director of Instructional TV and Educational Media, Chairperson of Art. Now full professor and Chairperson of Humanities.

Exhibited paintings in Philadelphia and New York, won prizes, appeared in Prize Winning Paintings, Book IV, Allied Publications, 1964. On Board of Directors, Chester County Art Association and Charter member of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

LEMUEL RODNEY CUSTIS

Born — June 4, 1915

Residence — 563 Nott Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109

Married — Wife, Ione (Williams)

Education — Hartford Public Schools; Howard University, B.S. Degree 1938

Military service — Accepted as a cadet into the Army Air Corps for Aviation Cadet training at Tuskegee, Alabama in July 1941 and was graduated in March 1942 as a Second Lieutenant, Pilot, U.S. Army Air Corps. This graduating class, consisting of five men, was the first class of black pilots to be commissioned by the U.S. Army Air Corps.

During World War II participated in the European/Mediterranean Theatre as a Fighter Pilot and Squadron Operations Officer, serving in Africa, Sicily and Italy. Credited with one confirmed aerial combat "kill" and two "probables".

Post-Military service — Upon returning to civilian life, attended University of Connecticut, School of Law and subsequently joined

the State of Connecticut, Tax Department. In 1975 became the first black to attain a managerial position as Chief of Sales Tax for the Tax Department. Retired from the Connecticut Tax Department on June 30, 1980 after more than 30 years of service. Community involvement includes serving on the Boards of the Community Development Action Committee for the Town of Wethersfield, CT; the Wethersfield Human Rights and Relations Commission and as advisor to the Connecticut Aeronautical Historical Association, Bradley Air Museum, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.



Lemuel R. Custis

ROBERT H. DANIELS, JR. — 1st Lt. USAF Res

Born — November 13, 1917 in Memphis, Tennessee

Residence — 22 Brooks Ave., Roosevelt, NY 11575

Marital Status — Widower (1980) of former Virginia C. Greene of Lawrenceville, Virginia; two children, Joan and Robert H. III

Education — Attended College of City of New York (Ex 39). Was graduated from UNIVAC Computer School (1958) and from IBM Education Center (1962) where he studied advanced computer systems analysis/engineering on large scale systems.

Military Service — Daniels military service got off to a disappointingly slow start in 1942 when, after his group of 100 fellow candidates facing the Aviation Cadet Examining Board was reduced to 12 by the written test and decimated to 4 by the physical exam, the three other survivors were sworn in on-the-spot. Daniels was told he had passed the exams but, somehow, his papers were lost and he would have to report to Bolling AFB for another physical. Undaunted by this setback, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant, rated Pilot and graduated from Tuskegee Army Flying School in December 1943 — Class 43K. After a brief assignment to the 553rd Replacement Training Unit at Selfridge AFB, (where this "eager beaver" logged 93 hours as a 60 hour P39 pilot), Daniels joined the 301st Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group at Montecavino, Italy. On August 12, 1944

Daniels was lost to enemy ground fire in one of the most savage engagements prior to the Southern France Invasion. The target was RADAR — at that time possibly second in secrecy only to the Atomic Bomb. In order to destroy the small target with 50 calibre ammunition, the Rod Tails had to bore in flying straight and true without taking evasive action. Enemy tracer shells whizzed past the canopy like a snow blizzard. Little wonder that 2 out of the 4 Mustangs making the attack were shot down. The other pilot, Lt Alex Jefferson, parachuted from low level. Lt. Daniels ditched his P51 in Toulon Harbor and was plucked from the water one hour later and taken as a prisoner of war by the Germans. He was liberated by tanks from Gen. Patton's Third Armored Division on May 8, 1945. Daniels facetiously claims to have been the first man ashore on the Southern France Invasion — says: "I went in three days early, all by myself."



Robert H. Daniels

Civilian Service — Daniels pilot training qualified him in 1945 for the position of Air Route Traffic Controller with the Civil Aeronautics Administration. His duty station was New York Center, located successively at LaGuardia, JF Kennedy and MacArthur Airports. With the advent of automation into the National Airspace System, he switched from controller to Data Systems Specialist in 1958 and led a group which shaped the development of today's ATC environment. Daniels was promoted to Assistant Special Projects Officer for Automation in the FAA Eastern Region in 1967, followed by Assistant Chief, Automation Branch in 1970. In 1975 he rotated back to a field facility as Data Systems Officer, NY Common IFR Room — subsequently designated NY TRACON. Daniels was retired Jan. 12, 1980 after 40 years of combined federal military and civil service.

ERNEST J. DAVIS, JR. — Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired)

Born — October 13, 1922 in Washington, D.C.

Residence — 6221 Thornwood Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310

Married — Wife, Frances (Johnson); Sons, Ernest J., III, Robert; Daughter, Dolly; 2 grandchildren



Ernest J. Davis, Jr.

Education — U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, B.S. Degree — 1945; Ohio State University, M.S. Degree (Aeronautical Engineering) — 1951; George Washington University, M.S. Degree (International Affairs) — 1965.

Military Service — Begun as a Cadet at West Point with a subsequent total of 30 years commissioned service. Primary flight training while a Cadet, at Tuskegee's Moton Field with Class 44-J. Basic flight training during the summer of 1944 at Stewart Field, New York, with the West Point Air Cadet Class of 1945. Advanced flight training with the Air Cadets at Stewart in the spring of 1945. Wings and commission in June, 1945. Assigned in the final months of WWII to the 99th Fighter Squadron, 477th Composite Group, at Godman Field, Kentucky (July, 1945) after initial assignment to Tuskegee Army Air Field for gunnery training. Served as pilot and Technical Supply Officer in the 99th for two years. Served with the Technical Inspector, 332nd fighter Wing, in 1948. Subsequent military career involved both flying and research and development assignments. Toward the end of my active duty career I had duty commanding the Office of Research Analyses and as Director of Aerospace Research for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. Retired with 30 years of service.

Post-Military — Took a position in private industry as an operations research scientist for one year. Joined the staff of Elwood T. "Woody" Driver, a fellow Tuskegee Airman and Presidential Appointee, for almost four years with the National Transportation Safety Board. Currently serving as Chapter President, East Coast Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen.

BENJAMIN O. DAVIS, JR. — Lieutenant General, United States Air Forces

Born — December 18, 1912, in Washington, D.C.

Married — Agatha Scott Davis in June 1936.

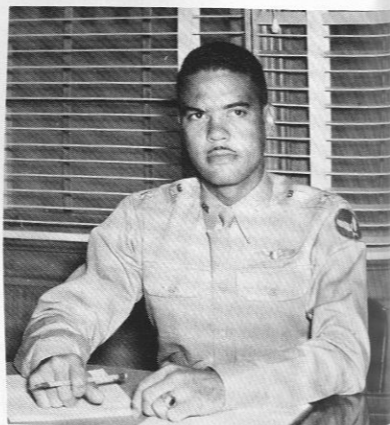
Military service — Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Strike Command (D/CINCSTRIKE), and Deputy Commander in Chief, Middle East, Southern Asia and Africa South of the Sahara (D/USCINCSA) (Assigned 1 Aug 68). Headquarters, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida. Entered U.S. Military Academy in July 1932. Graduated

from U.S. Military Academy (1936); U.S. Infantry School (1938); Flying School (1942); U.S. Air War College (1950); Fighter Gunnery School (1953).

Assignments — WWII; Commander, 332nd Fighter Squadron, North African Campaigns Commander, 332nd Fighter Group, European Theater. Commander, Lockbourne Army Air Base, Ohio. Staff Planning Officer, DCS/Operations, Hq USAF, Washington, D.C. Commander, 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, Far East Air Forces, Korea. Director of Operations and Training, Far East Air Forces, Korea. Vice Commander, 13th Air Force, with additional duty as Commander, Air Task Force 13 (Provisional), Taipei, Formosa. Chief of Staff, 12th Air Force, USAFE, Germany. Chief of Staff, United Nations Command, and Chief of Staff, U.S. Forces Korea. Commander, Twentieth Air Force, Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines.

Decorations — USAF Distinguished Service Medal; U.S. Army Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star; Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters; Distinguished Flying Cross; Air Medal with 2/4 OLC; Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 OLC; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 8 bronze service stars; World War II Victory Medal; Korean Service Medal; Air Force Longevity Service Award with 1 silver and 1 bronze OLC; United Nations Service Medal; Republic of the Philippines Legion of Honor.

Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Strike Command was born in Washington, D.C. December 18, 1912. He graduated from Central High School in Cleveland, and later University of Chicago. Entering the U.S. Military Academy in July 1932, he graduated in June 1936 and commissioned second lieutenant of Infantry.



Lt. Col. B.O. Davis, Jr.

In June 1937, after a year as Commandant of a Fort Benning, Georgia, Infantry Company, he enrolled as a student at the Infantry School there, graduated a year later and assumed duties as professor of military science at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. In May 1941 he entered Advanced

Flying School at nearby Tuskegee Army Air Base and received his wings in March 1942. He is rated a command pilot.

General Davis transferred to the Army Air Corps in May 1942. As commander of the 99th Fighter Squadron at Tuskegee Army Air Base, he moved with his unit to North Africa in April 1943 and later to Sicily. He returned Stateside in October 1943, long enough to assume command of the 332d Fighter Group at Selfridge Field, Michigan and returned to Italy with the organization two months later.

From June 1945 to the following March, he commanded the 477th Composite Group at Godman Field, Kentucky, later assuming command of the Field. In March 1946, he performed double duty as Commander of the 332d Fighter Wing and Post Commander at Lockbourne Army Air Base, Ohio.

After attending the Air War College in 1949-50, he was assigned to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Hq USAF, Washington, D.C. and served in various capacities until July 1953, when he resumed the role of a student. He completed the advanced jet fighter gunnery school at Nellis AFB, Nevada, in November prior to assuming his new duties as commander of the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, Far East Air Forces (FEAF), Korea.

The General also served as Director of Operations and Training at FEAF Headquarters, Tokyo, from 1954 until 1955, when he assumed the position of Vice Commander, Thirtieth Air Force with additional duty as Commander, Air Task Force 13 (Provisional), Taipei, Formosa.

In April 1957 he arrived at Ramstein, Germany, as Chief of Staff, 12th Air Force, USAFE. With the transfer of the 12th Air Force to Waco, Texas in December 1957, General Davis assumed new duties as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters USAFE, Wiesbaden, Germany. He held this position until July 1961 when he rotated to the United States and became the Director of Manpower and Organization, DCS/Programs and Requirements, Headquarters USAF, Washington, D.C.

General Davis was assigned as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters USAF in Washington, D.C. in February 1965 and remained in that position until his assignment as Chief of Staff for the United Nations Command and U.S. Forces in Korea, in April 1965. Two years after that, in August 1967, General Davis assumed command of the Thirtieth Air Force at Clark Air Base in the Republic of the Philippines.

In August 1968, General Davis became Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Strike Command, MacDill AFB, Florida.

Military decorations awarded General Davis include the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star; Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters; Distinguished Flying Cross; Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters; Air

Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters; and the Philippine Legion of Honor.

WILFRED R. DE FOUR — Technical Sargent, U.S. Army Air Corp.

Born — October 13, 1918, Panama, Canal Zone.

Residence — 2255 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10037

Married — Wife, former Ruth C. Chritian of St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Son; Wilfred R. Jr., Daughter; Darlene.

Education — PreWar: Dewitt Clinton H.S., attended College of City of New York. Post-War: Pace Institute, Associate Degree, Real Estate Insurance Brokerage, 1947. New York University School of Commerce, BBA, 1954.

Military service — Inducted, February 12, 1942. Processed at Fort Dix, N.J. Assigned to U.S. Army Air Corp. March 1942, sent to Tuskegee Army Air Field, Tuskegee, Alabama for basic training among those in the original "tent city". After basic, joined the cadre of the 366 Air Service Squadron, an element of the then forming 96 Air Service Group. Promoted to Corporal. January 1943, attended the Army Administration School, Atlanta University. Upon graduation, advanced to Staff Sargent and assigned administrative duties relative to cadre built-up.



Wilfred R. Defour

Places of assignments — State Side: Tuskegee Army Air field, Tuskegee, Alabama, Michigan; Selfridge Field, Oscoda, and Alpena. (Promoted to Technical Sargent. Assigned to Engineering Office, 366 Air Service Squadron as Administrative and Technical NCO). Camp Patrick Henry, Va. Embarked at Hampton Roads, Va., January 4, 1944 on board Liberty Ship — S.S. Jesiah Bartlett. Debarked at Bari, Italy. January 29, 1944.

Places of Assignments — Overseas: Monte Corvine, Foggia, Capodichino, Ramatelli, San Pietro, Banolia. Returned to States aboard Air Craft Carrier S.S. Randolph. Discharged, December 6, 1945.

Post Military — Employed by Veterans Administration, Insurance Division 1945-1949. Entered Postal Service April 1949. Promoted to Supervisor of Mails, June 1966. Later advanced to Assistant Carrier Station Superintendent, Tour Superintendent, Station Operations, Station Manager to present position; Superintendent, Special Delivery and Parcel Post Operations, New York Post Office.

ALVIN J. DOWNING — Major U.S. Air Force (Ret)

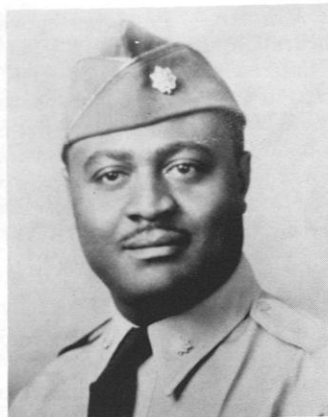
Born — July 19, 1916 in Jacksonville, Florida

Residence — 2121 25th St. South St. Petersburg, Fla. 33712

Married — Wife, Edna Bernice (Gause)(Bunny); Daughters Dierdre M. Parks, Evelyn J. Hamilton, Alvinette Y. McCleave; 2 grandchildren

Education — Florida A&M, B.A. Degree 1939; Catholic University, M.M. Degree 1961; Majored in music with additional study at Potsdam University (N.Y.) and UCLA (California)

Military service — Drafted into the Army Air Corps from St. Petersburg, Florida on Sept. 12, 1942 after teaching at Gibbs High School, St. Petersburg, Fla. (1939-1942). Enlisted status 1942-1944. (Drew Field, Tampa, Fla.) Service schools attended included Officer Candidate School, Miami, Fla. Nov. 43-Mar. 44; Special Services, Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Jul. 48-Sep. 48; Air Tactical School, Tyndall Field, Fla. Jan. 49-April 49; AFIS, Ft. Slocum, N.Y. Feb. 53-Apr. 53; Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala. June 54-Jul. 54. Principal types of duty in the Air Force included Squadron Adjutant Apr. 44-May 46 (613 AAF Band, 2143 AAFBU, TAAF, Ala.) Squadron Commander Jun. 46-Jan. 47 (613 AAF Band, 2143 AAFBU, TAAF, TAAF, Ala.); Asst. Personnel Officer Jan. 47-May 47 — Special Services Officer Jul. 47-Sept. 49 (332 Fighter Wing, Lockbourne AAB, Ohio) Special Services Officer Sept. 49-Feb. 50 (347 Air Base Group Ashiya AFB, Japan)(374 Air Base Group, Tachikawa, Japan Feb. 50-Feb. 52); Director Personnel Services Apr. 52-Mar. 54 (374th Air Base Group. FEC Hqs AEF, Wolters AFB, Texas); Asst. Professor Air Science Apr. 54-Aug. 57 (Det 130 AFROTC Howard University, Washington, D.C.); Asst. Personnel Services Officer Oct. 57-Jun. 58 (801st Air Base Group, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio); Asst. Personnel Services Officer Oct. 58-Apr. 59 (6000th Support Wing, Fuchu Air Station, Japan); Director of Personnel Services Mar. 59-Jan. 61 (Fuchu Air Station Japan) During the first tour of duty assignment at Lockbourne AAB, initiated a series of weekly squadron competitive entertainment shows known as Operation Enjoyment. The USAF organized these shows into a professional unit under the name "Operation Happiness". During assignment with the 613 AF Band at



Alvin J. Downing, Major

Tuskegee, participated in regional U.S. war bond entertainment programs. During first tour of duty in Japan, participated in regional U.S. war bond entertainment programs. During first tour of duty in Japan, participated in the organizing of two entertaining show units — "Anone Private Jones" (Ashiya Air Base) and "Airmen's Holiday" (FEAF). Service awards include Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, WWII Medal, Korean Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Japan Occupation Medal and UN Service Medal. Retired in 1961.

Post-Military — Instructor of Music Gibbs Jr. College St. Petersburg, Fla. and Clearwater Campus of St. Petersburg Jr. College. First Black member of St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra (Two Seasons). First Black Commissioner on St. Petersburg Housing Authority. First Black member on American Federation of Musicians Board, Clearwater, Fla. Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Shriner in Masonic Order; Serves as church organist. President of Al Downing's Florida Jazz Association. Leader of Al Downing's Jazz Group. President of Al Downing's Music Enterprises, Inc. and Downing's Music publishing firm affiliated with BMI.



Clarence N. Driver

CLARENCE N. "RED" DRIVER — Major, USAF, Ret., is still officially declared as missing after being shot down over Laos in March of 1973. Despite the Viet Nam cease fire.

Born — in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1921, Major Driver had graduated from Jordan High School in Los Angeles, California, and was a college student when he received his appointment as an aviation cadet at Tuskegee Army Air Corps Flying School in 1942. He flew combat with the 332nd Fighter Group during World War II until he was shot down and captured as a prisoner of war.

He retired from the Air Force in 1964 after various duty assignments in the Strategic Air Command as a command pilot in KC-97 and KC-135 type aircraft.

In 1966 he resigned as Chief Pilot for Ray Charles Enterprises to join Air America which was under contract to the Central Intelligence Agency during the Viet Nam Era.

In additions to numerous campaign and service medals his military decorations include the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

His wife Alle, his daughter Sharon, and his son — Donald reside in Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Driver is an active member of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.



Elwood T. Driver

ELWOOD THOMAS DRIVER

Born — August 20, 1921 in Trenton, New Jersey

Residence — 2501 Pegasus Lane. Reston, Virginia 22091

Married — Wife former Shirley Martin of Dallas, Texas, son Timothy.

Education — New Jersey State College of Trenton, B.S. 1942 New York University, New York City, Masters Degree, Safety

Military Service — Aviation Cadet, Feb. 1942 to Oct. 1942 at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Tuskegee, Alabama. Graduated as pilot and 2nd Lt. on Oct. 9, 1942. Served as combat pilot and Flight Leader in 99th Fighter Squadron in Africa, Mediterranean Theater. Completed 123 combat missions. Credited with one confirmed and one probable aerial kills. Served overseas in Japan 1954-1958 as Commander, Showa Air Base and Director of Safety, Far East Air Logistic Forces. Personnel Officer and Executive Officer, Field Training Wing at Chanute Air Force Base 1958-1962. Retired as Major and Command Pilot after 20 years service in Oct. 1962. Chief System Safety Engineering and Management, Minuteman Missile, North

American Aviation, California 1962-1964 Associate Administrator for Rule Making National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, D.C. 1967-1978. Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, Washington, D.C., Presidential appointment 1978 to October 1981.

EDWARD P. DRUMMOND JR.

Lt. Col., USAF (Ret)

Born — August 28, 1926 in Philadelphia, PA

Residence — 8319 Bellwood Drive S.W. Tacoma, WA 98498

Married — Wife, Alberta (Morrison) Children — Edward III, Michael, Sheryl, grandchildren

A graduate in the last class to train at Tuskegee Army Airfield, 46-C.

Drafted April 15, 1945 and accepted Aviation Cadet training program with basic training at Sheppard Field, Tex. Entered pilot training in June 1945 and graduated as a Second Lieutenant, June 1946 in a class which had, in Pre-Flight, about a total of 123. Only seven of us graduated. The seven reported to Col. B. O. Drayton, Commander, 477 Composite Group, Lockbourne Air Base, Columbus, Ohio in August 1946. We were advised we need not worry because we were being discharged. Lt. Ben Savage, the Adjutant discovered an Air Corp regulation which cited commissioned officers had to be retained for at least one year after commissioning and careers were saved. We were sent to join the 617th Bomb Squadron (B-25's), on combat maneuvers at Blyth, California. Flew as pilot until the 332 Fighter Wing was formed. Transferred to the 99th Fighter Squadron flying P-47's. Sent to Maxwell Air Base 1948 and completed the Military Management Instructors Course. Followed this with completion of the Squadron Officers Course. As a result of the integration of the Air Force was sent to the 9th Fighter Squadron, 4th Fighter Wing, Misawa, Japan in August 1949. Flew the F-80 aircraft. In June 1950 the Wing entered into combat in the Korean War and my unit began flying combat missions from Itazuke, Japan. In October 1950 my unit moved to Taegu, Korea where



Edward Drummond

finished my combat tour. Flew a total of 122 combat missions and had one air engagement with the Mig-19 in November 1950. Finished my tour in January 1951 and was assigned as an armament officer to the Armament Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Base, Dayton, Ohio. Transferred to the 166 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Lockbourne Air Base, Columbus, Ohio as a pilot flying F-84's. Unit moved to Youngstown Municipal Airport, Youngstown, Ohio in August 1952. In April 1953, I attended the F86D All Weather School at Perrin Air Force Base, Texas. Later became Training Officer in the 166th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Promoted to Captain in 1953 and assigned to duty as Group Operations Officer, 79th Fighter Group at Youngstown in 1955. Transferred to the 513th All Weather Fighter Squadron, Manston, England in August 1957 flying F-86D's. Unit transferred to Phalsbourg, France in 1958 and I became a flight commander and later a detachment commander. Assigned to the 325 Fighter Interceptor Squadron flying F106's, 1961 to 1962. Fighter officer, Seattle Air Defense Sector, 1962 to 1963. Promoted to Major in 1963; Detachment Commander, Soc Trang, Vietnam, flying T-28's, June 1963 to June 1964. Planning Officer, 25th Air Division, McChord Air Force Base from June 1964 to June 1967. Promoted to Lt. Col. in 1967. Transferred to Stuttgart, Germany as a Plans Officer, United States-European Command in July 1967. Returned to McChord Air Force Base, Washington for retirement in June 1970 after 25 years service.

Command Pilot; over 6,000 flying hours with awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross; Air Medal with 9 oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.

CHARITY EDNA EARLEY

Married — Wife of Dr. Stanley A. Earley Jr., Mother of two children, Stanley A. III and Judith Edna.

Education — A.B., Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; M.A., Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; Two years graduate study, University of Zurich, Switzerland; Additional Studies: Minerva Institute, Zurich, Switzerland; Jungian Institute, Zurich, Switzerland

Work experience — Teacher of Mathematics and Science, Columbia, S.C. Registration Officer, Veterans Administration, Cleveland, Ohio. Educational Director, Miller Music Academy, Cleveland, Ohio. Director of Personnel, Tennessee A&I University, Nashville, Tennessee. Director of Student Personnel Services and Assistant Professor of Education, Georgia State College, Savannah, Georgia. Employment and Personal Counselor, Y.W.C.A., New York City.

Military experience — Almost four (4) years in the Women's Army Corps, Sworn in

at Fort Hayes, Ohio, (Fifth Service Command), Member of the first Officer Candidate Class, held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel at the time of release from active duty. Major Assignments: 1. Company Commander, Fort Des Moines, Iowa. 2. Staff Training Officer, Fort Des Moines, Iowa. 3. Station Control Officer, Fort Des Moines, Iowa. 4. Selected for training at U.S. Army Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Battalion Commander, Army Postal Service, European Theater of Operations.

Recognitions — 1965, selected as one of the Top Ten Women of the Miami Valley Area. May, 1978, received the Outstanding Citizen Service to Public Affairs award from the Miami Valley Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, for the year 1977. August 1979, inducted into State of Ohio Women's Hall of Fame. March-April 1979, featured in magazine DAYTON USA in article entitled Dayton Ten about women on Corporate Boards.

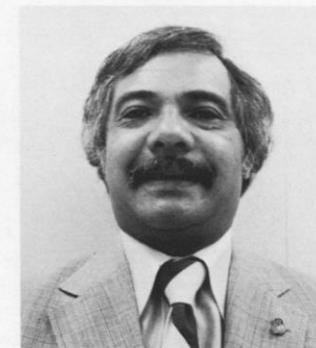


Lt. Col. Charity E. (Adams) Easley

JOSE ELFALAN — Class 45H

Finished with Class 45H which flew PT-17s in primary, AT-6s in basic and B-25s in advance. He helped close Tuskegee Air Field by ferrying B25s to be mothballed to Kingman, Arizona at the end of World War II.

After discharge from the service, he attended the University of Louisville and and University of Colorado and subsequently received a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He joined the Boeing Company in 1950 and contributed to many Boeing products such as the B-47, B-52, 707, AWACs aircraft; SRAM, Minuteman and BOMARC missiles systems; Dyna Soar, Lunar Orbiter and MVM spacecraft systems. He is currently an Engineering Manager in the Engineering Design Standards organization. He serves as the Aerospace Company's focal point for metric conversion. He has participated in national and international metric standards organizations for the aerospace industries since 1973. He has led US delegation to international standards meetings to cities in Europe including London, Paris, Berlin, Prague, Moscow, Madrid and the Hague.



Jose Elfalan

José married Bertha Murray, whom he met at the University of Colorado. They are parents of Derrick, Karen, David and Donald and grandparents of David Jr. and Jennie.

JEAN R. ESQUERRE

Born — in Yonkers, New York on December 28, 1923. During World War II, Mr. Esquerre served as a Radio Operator — Gunner in the United States Army Air Force 477th B-25 Medium Bomber Group. In evening school during the late 1940's and early 1950's, he studied Mechanical Engineering at the College of the City of New York, and Industrial Management at New York University. From 1953 to 1963, he worked at the Republic Aviation Corporation as a Design Engineer on Space Engines, Fluid Systems, Missiles and Supersonic Aircraft Rocket Engines.

In August 1963, Mr. Esquerre joined Grumman as a Fluid System Engineer and in 1966 became a Test Director of Lunar Module No. 4. In 1968, he was promoted to an Engineering Supervisor of rocket engine systems on the Lunar Module Program. During the first half of 1969, he was assigned as a Price Analyst in the subcontracting negotiating group.

Following his involvement several years ago in Grumman's efforts to take a positive step in improving equal employment opportunities for minority groups, Mr. Esquerre, in July 1969, was appointed Assistant to the President of the Grumman Aerospace Corporation and Director of the corporation's Opportunity Development Department, responsible for its equal employment and Affirmative Action Programs. He currently has continuing responsibility for these programs.

Mr. Esquerre is a member of the Board of Directors of Grumman Aerospace Corporation, Paumanock Dev. corp. (subsidiary of Grumman Corp.) and is also a past member of the Boards of Grumman Energy Systems Corporation, Grumman ECO Systems Corp, Puritech Industries, Inc. (subsidiary of ECO Systems).

Upon election to Grumman Aerospace Corporation's Board in 1973, Mr. Esquerre became the first black Corporate Director of a major aerospace company. As an inside



Jean R. Esquerre

Director, he heads the corporation's Opportunity Development, managing equal employment programs.

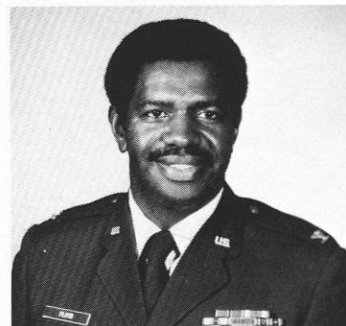
Very active in civic affairs, Mr. Esquerre is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Alpha Phi Alpha Social Fraternity. He is past President of the Board of the Huntington Station (village) Youth Development Association, former Labor and Industry Chairman of the Huntington (township) branch of the Long Island Association for the Advancement of Colored People, President of Urban League of Long Island, a former Vice Chairman of the Huntington Nathan Hale District Boy Scouts of America, Member of Board of Directors Suffolk County Girl Scouts, a member of the Huntington Freedom Center, past chairman of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce Subcommittee for the Feasibility of MESBIC (Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Corporation, former Assistant Treasurer and Board Member of Long Island Y.M.C.A., board member of Family Service League of Nassau County and Huntington Hospital, former member of the Huntington Planned Unit Development Task Force and the Huntington Citizen Advisory Committee on Capitol Budget. A former member of the Varsity Club and Boxing Alumni Club of the College of the City of New York. He is President/Instructor Grumman Martial Art Club, President of North Atlantic Region of the All American Karate Association/Japan Karate Association International also *National President of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.*

Mr. Esquerre holds a B.S. in Engineering Technology from Empire State College, State University of New York. He has also studied Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Management at the City College of New York and New York University, respectively.

Mr. Esquerre is married to the former Maria Edman. They reside in Greenlawn, New York, with their two daughters, Johanna and Malin.

AARON B. FLOYD — Colonel
Born — and completed his secondary edu-

cation in Opelika, AL.
Education — He graduated from Ball State University, Muncie, IN in 1960 and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the USAF through the AFROTC program. On active duty, Colonel Floyd has served in several career areas and at numerous locations in the United States and overseas. His primary AFSC is Intelligence, but he has also served in Administration, Social Actions, on the Inspector General's Staff (SAC), and as an AFROTC Instructor at the University of Omaha and later as Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander of the AFROTC unit at Tuskegee Institute Alabama. He is currently the Director of Student Operations, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL. Colonel Floyd holds a masters degree in management from the University of Nebraska and is a graduate from the US Air Force Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Colonel Floyd has earned numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and Air Force Commendation



Col. Aaron B. Floyd

Medals (two awards each).

Colonel Floyd vividly recalls some of the Tuskegee pilots "buzzing" his home in Opelika (one of the pilots dated his sister), immediately following World War II. This early association sparked his interest in flying and in the Air Force, and he became actively involved with the Tuskegee Airmen upon his assignment as Commander of the AFROTC Detachment at Tuskegee Institute. Since that time, he together with "Chief" Anderson and Lt. Col (Ret) Herbert E. Carter have traveled extensively in the United States and overseas telling the story of Black Aviation and the Tuskegee Airmen to thousands of service men and women and civilian audiences.

The team has enjoyed numerous speaking engagements over the past five years including programs at the Federal Aeronautics Administration (FAA) Hq, Dallas, TX; the US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO; the US Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH; Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL; Dover AFB, DE; 20th TFW, Upper Heyford, England, Greenham Common RAF, England; Auburn University, Auburn, AL; the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,

NC; Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC; and Tuskegee Institute Alabama. During 1981 the team traveled to Warner Robins AFB, GA; Griffiss AFB, NY, and US Air Force bases in the Pacific (PACAF) touring bases in Hawaii, the Philippines, Okinawa, Korea, and Japan.

Colonel Floyd was elected 2nd Vice President, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., at the Atlanta Convention, 1980, and re-elected to same position at the Denver Convention in 1981. He is married to the former LaVon Scott of Fort Wayne, IN. They have three daughters: Angela, Candace, and Cecelia. Colonel Floyd is currently authoring a book on "Chief" Anderson, Pioneer Black Aviator. He is member of the Tuskegee Chapter, T.A.I., Inc.
Address: Colonel Aaron B. Floyd, 12 Inner Circle, Maxwell AFB, AL 36113; Telephone: Home (205) 265-6551; Office: (205) 293-6060.

ARTHUR W. FREEMAN — S/Sgt
U.S. Army Air Force

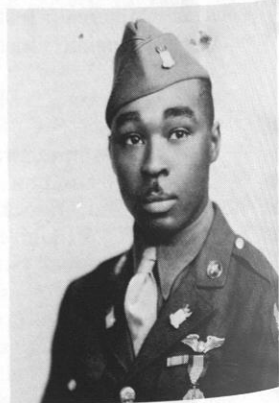
Born — August 9, 1914 in Beggs, Oklahoma

Residence — 1217 S. Ridgeley Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90019

Married — Wife, Gustava; Sons, Arthur Jr., Kevin, Kurk; 5 grandchildren

Education — Flint Northern High School, Flint, Michigan 1934 Purchase Flight School, Saginaw, Mich., C.P.T.P. Wings Private Pilot License 1940, A&P Mechanic License 1940

Military Service — Drafted into the Army on May 5, 1941, from Flint, Michigan. After completing induction processing at Base Creek, Michigan assigned to 54th Central Postal Directory, Camp Davis, North Carolina. Applied for transfer to Tuskegee Army Flying School, Tuskegee, Alabama. Transfer approved and was on my way December 1, 1941 to "Chee Haw". Assigned 99th Pursuit Squadron Maxwell Field, Alabama. Transferred to Tuskegee Army Air Field January 1, 1942. Assigned to M.P. Detachment Communication Det., 100th Pursuit Sq., Fort Base TNG Sq. as Line Mechanic and later as Line Chief to a litter of L-4 Piper Cubs used for liaison missions. 23 December 1943 transferred to



Arthur W. Freeman

Mather Field, California for asgmt. as Aerial Engrs. assigned to 54th Aviation Squadron. 27 Jan. 44 sent on Detached service to 16th AAF Techn Training Detachment, North American Aviation Corp, Inglewood, California purpose pursuing B-25 Course. Completed B-25 Course and returned to Mather Field, California. Transferred to 3014 AAF Base B-25 Training Unit Douglas Air Force Douglas, AZ February 15, 1945. Assigned as line chief B-25 and other twin training aircraft. Discharged 2 November 1945.



John W. Freeman

JOHN W. FREEMAN — F/O
USAAF

Born — Aug. 19, 1921
Residence — 298 Van Buren, St., Bklyn, N.Y. 11221

Married — Ruth (Pitts) Freeman; Sons Brian D., Gregory S. (3 grands)

Education — Stuyvesant H.S., Shipfitter apprentice, C.C.N.Y. Engineering (2 years), Armed service, Pace University (3 years), N.Y.C.T.A.

Military service — Drafted Feb. 1943, assigned Coffeyville A.A.F. Kan. Motor pool, gasoline dispatch; accepted A.A.F. Oct. 1943; Biloxi, Miss. (tests and physical), sent to Tuskegee as Aviation Cadet; C.T.D. (solo P.T. Primary, T.A.A.F. base, class 44K. Instructions interrupted because of background and scores, assigned to first class of Bombardiers. Gunnery B17 Tyndall Field, Fla, Bombadier school (45D) Midland, Tex. Assigned 477 Bomb Group, Godman Field Kentucky. Reassigned Pilot training as student officer reassigned after basic to attend Celestial Navigation at Selman Field, Monroe, LA. W.W. 2 ends, discharged Bombadier-Navigator (Aerial Observer) 1945.

HARRY E. FORD, JR. — Colonel,
U.S. Air Force (ret.)

Born — November 5, 1920 in Hinsdale, Illinois

Residence — 205 Yoakum Pkwy., Condo 1212, Alexandria, VA 22304

Married — Wife, Sally (Peyton); sons, Harry E., III, M.D. and Keith W.

Military Service — Career spanned 31 years including 5½ years in an Active Reserve Unit. Voluntarily inducted into Army Air

Corps in 1944. Graduated as a Flight Officer, twin engine pilot, from Aviation Cadet Training at Tuskegee Army Airfield in August 1945. Transferred to 477th Composite Group at Godman Field, Ky. as a B-25 pilot. Later became Base Personal Affairs Officer. Served in this capacity until separated in February 1946. Received direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps, Army of the United States, in 1946. Became member of the 512th Troop Carrier Wing and flew various aircraft in the Active Reserve from 1946 to 1951. Recalled during the Korean Police action in 1951 and sent to MacDill AFB, Fla. Became a KC-97 pilot in 306th Bomb Wing (SAC). In 1952 was transferred to attend a one year's Pilot Aircraft Observer's Course. Upon completion in May 1953 was awarded additional Aeronautical Ratings of Navigator, Radar Observer and Bombadier. Assigned to Lockbourne AFB, Ohio and was a T-33, RB-45 and RB-47 pilot. Transferred to the 498th Air Force (SAC) in 1956 and was appointed a captain in the Regular Air Force in 1958. Graduated from Air Force Command and Staff College in 1962. During next few years was Exercise and Training Officer on U.S. Commander-in-Chief's Southern Command Staff in the Canal Zone. While there designed and wrote



Col. Harry E. Ford, Jr.

SOP's for the Equador Joint Operation Center in Quito and later served as Assistant Commander, Combat Support Group, at Nakhon Phenom Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand. Next was assigned to the Directorate of Plans on the Air Staff in the Pentagon. When promoted to Colonel, became Chief, Strategic Forces Division in Plans. After three Years in the Pentagon was reassigned to the NATO International Military Staff at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. Duty there was Chief, Nuclear Policy Team. At NATO helped to form and was Vice President of the NATO Aero-Club; was one of two American Pilots checked out by the Belgian authorities and licensed as Instructor Pilots.

After 31 years this was last assignment and retired in 1975 as a Command Pilot with over 5,000 flying hours.

Awards and Decorations include — Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster;

Joint Service Commendation Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Post Military — Senior Foreign Affairs Analyst with US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Retired again in 1978.

WILLIE HOWELL FULLER

Born — August 2, 1919 in Tarboro, North Carolina

Residence — 1225 N.W. 91st Street, Miami, Fla. 33147

Married — Wife, Willie ("Billie") Dunson Fuller; one daughter, Louanna

Education — Attended Tarboro Public Schools 1942 — B.S. Degree in Mechanical Industries, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. 1954 — B.S. Degree in Science, Tuskegee Institute

Military Service — U.S. Air Force 1942-1947, Completed Cadet Pilot Training, Single Engine, Original member of 99th Fighter Squadron, Gunnery and Advance Student, Pilot Instructor, Tuskegee Air Base

During World War II served with 99th Fighter Squadron, European/Mediterranean Theater as a Fighter Pilot. Helped to conquer the Island of Pantellera. Flew 76 combat missions. Awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters. Promoted to Captain U.S. Air Force Reserve after serving fourteen months overseas.

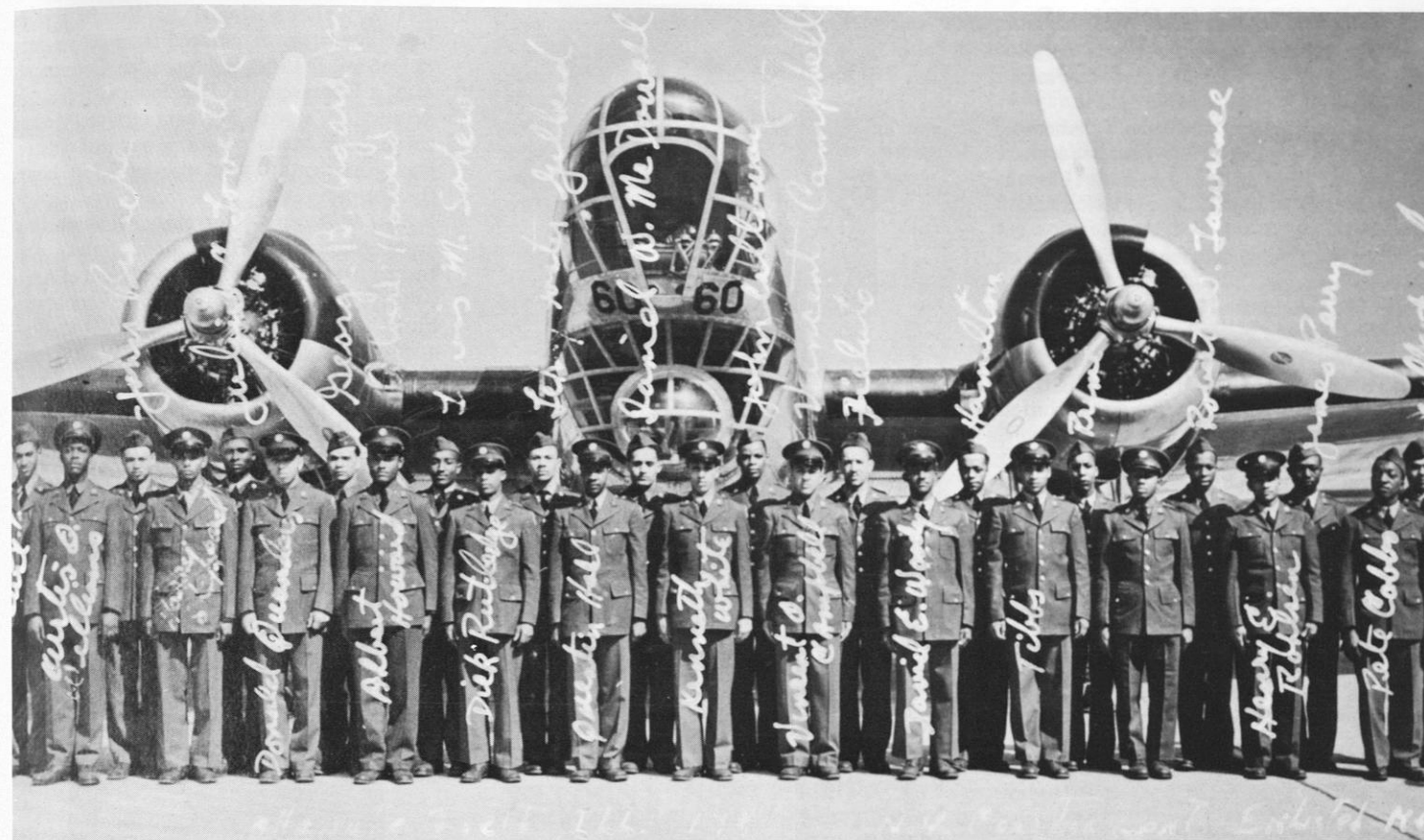
Post-Military — Owner and operator of Taxi Cab Business for 3 years. Taught two classes in Civilian Pilot Training, LaGrange, Ga. Returned to Tuskegee Inst., and completed a course of study for degree in secondary education as a science major. 1954 — attended the National Training School for Professional Scouting, Schiff Scout Reservation, Menden, New Jersey. Assigned as a Professional Scouter, West Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America from 1954-1959.

Accepted a position with South Florida Council, BSA as District Executive serving youth in Dade, Broward and Monroe counties.

I am a member of the Greater Florida Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.



Willie H. Fuller



OSCAR CORTEZ GADSON, JR.

Oscar Cortez Gadson, Jr. was born to Oscar C. Gadson, Sr., and Emma C. Gadson on March 16, 1920 in Lakeland, Fla.

He and his family moved to Tallahassee, Florida in November 1924 where he received his formal education from 1st Grade (Lincoln High School) through college (Florida A & M College).

He is married to Carrienne Flanagan of Atlanta, Georgia.

He has the unusual distinction of having served with three black fighting units during World War II including 920 Infantry Division (Buffalo) and saw active combat in Italy.

He did specialized study at the United States Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Ga., The University of Kansas Medical School, and The University of Tennessee Medical School.



Oscar Cortez Gadson, Jr.

He is on the Adjunct Faculty of Tuskegee Institute, Division of Allied Health and is presently a Clinical Laboratory Scientist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Tuskegee, Alabama in charge of Immunochimistry.

He is listed in Leaders in American Science, Vol. V, 1962, published by Who's Who in American Education, Nashville, Tenn.

ROBERT MARSHALL GLASS —

Captain, US Air Force

Born — December 17, 1920

Deceased — January 24, 1955

Residence — Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Married — Wife — Inez (Slaughter) Glass; Daughters — Constance Marie and Karen Ruth; 6 grandchildren.

Education — Attended public school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Graduated from Crnegie Institute of Technology, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Military service — Joined the service on Janary 28, 1943. He served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a senior pilot with the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, EAME Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation and the



Robert M. Glass

National Defense Service Medal. His last duty organization was at Wright Air Development Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, where he was a project engineer in the Power Plant Laboratories. He was on TDY at the Air Command Staff School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, when he died from acute coronary occlusion at the 3810th USAF Hospital, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Captain Robert Glass's name is inscribed on the Memorial Honor Roll of the Air Force, Air Force Aid Society, Washington, D.C.

LEO R. GRAY — Lt. Colonel USAF Reserve (Hon. Retired)

Born — May 30, 1924 in Boston, Massachusetts

Residence — 2100 Kingshouse Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Widower — Wife was the late Fumie Takamatsu; Divored from Jewell (Grigsby); Daughters — Lynette and Kathryn; Son — Roger; 2 grandchildren

Education — University of Massachusetts, B.Sc. 1950, University of Nebraska, M.A. 1952, University of Maryland 1962-64.

Military Service — Voluntarily drafted into the Army Air Corps in May 1943 to enter aviation cadet training. Graduated from Tuskegee Army Air Force Flying School with class 44-G(SE), in August 1944, as a Second Lieutenant, Single Engine Pilot. After combat training in P-47's at Walterboro AFB, S.C., assigned as a Fighter Pilot to the 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group in March 1945 — flew 15 combat missions in



Leo R. Gray

P-51's while stationed at Ramitelli and Catollica, Italy. Separated from active duty in December 1946, and retired as Commander of a Research and Development Flight in August 1972, with 29 years service. Medals earned: Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster, plus presidential unit citation: 750 hours flying time.

Post Military — Currently, Director, Program Planning Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Formerly: Agricultural Economist, Economic Research Service, USDA; Economic Consultant to USAID in West Africa (Senegal, Mali, and Mauritania); Economist, Newcastle Disease Eradication Task Force, APHIS, Riverside, CA; Secretary, Western Agricultural Economics Research Council; Recording Secretary, Western Association of Western Agricultural Experiment Station Directors; Secretary-Treasurer, Western Agricultural Economics Association; Founder and President of the Forum on Blacks in Agriculture; President, Good Hope East Civic Association, Silver Spring, MD; and Executive Vice President (former Treasurer), East Coast Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.



Col. Edward C. Gleed

EDWARD CRESTON GLEED —

Colonel, U.S. Air Force (ret)

Born — November 5, 1916 in Lawrence, Kansas

Residence — 3500-387 W. Manchester Blv., Inglewood, Ca 90305

Married — Wife, Lucille (Graves); Daughters, Elizabeth, Elaine, Carol; 5 grandchildren

Education — University of Kansas, B.A. Degree-1937; Southwestern Univ. School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree 1976.

Military Service — Career spanned 30

years, including three wars. Enlisted in the U.S. Calvary prior to WWII. One year later entered Aviation Cadet training at Tuskegee, Alabama and was graduated in December 1942 as a Second Lieutenant, Pilot, U.S. Army Air Corps. During WWII participated in European/Mediterranean Theatre as a Fighter Pilot, Squadron Commander, and 332nd Fighter Group Operations Officer.

Credited with three confirmed arial combat "kills" and two "probables." Served two other overseas tours in Japan and India. Command Pilot with nearly 6000 flying hours. Held other positions as Air Base Commander, Wing Operations Officer, Deputy Wing Commander, and Vice Commander, 30th Air Division (Defense.) At the time of retirement in 1970, was serving as System Program Manager and Chief Administrator & Contract Negotiator of government computer programming contracts for two major Air Defense Operational Control Systems.

Post-Military — After travelling for a year, accepted a position as Director of Contracts and Systems with the Greater Los Angeles Anti-Poverty Agency. Left after eighteen months and, following extensive travel, entered Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles. Graduated in 1976 with Juris Doctor Degree, at age 60. Again, semi-retired and engaged in certain selected Special Investigation activities. Currently serving as a Commissioner of City of Inglewood-Los Angeles County Civic Center Authority. Also serving as President, Board of Governors of Briarwood Community Center townhouse complex. President of the Western Region Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. and Chairman of Corporate Solicitations for the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund.



W.W. Green

WILLIAM W. GREEN, JR. — Captain United States Air Force

Born — December 8, 1920 in Greensboro, North Carolina

Died — November 24, 1978 Columbus, Ohio

Married — Wife, former Alethia Holliday; sons, William and Reginald

Military service — Finished public school in Staunton, Virginia. Attended North Carolina A&T College. Entered the Air Force in 1942. Graduated from Tuskegee Flying School in the class of 43G July 27, 1943. A member of the 332nd Fighter Squadron, served in Europe and Japan. Veteran of 123 wartime missions, shot down three German aircraft. Held the Distinguished Flying

Cross, the Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the E.T.O. Ribbon with three battle stars, the Purple Heart, and received the Order of Partisan Star Class III from Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia for blowing up a Nazi ammunition storage dump. Also pass agent and manager of Atlanta Life Insurance Company.



Weldon K. Groves, Sr.

WELDON KENNETH GROVES

One of five children born to Walter and Alice Groves in Edwardsville, Kansas on 22 May 1917.

Attended University of Kansas and received a B.S. from Samuel Houston College in Austin, Texas. Married Ophelia L. (Madison) in Austin, Texas. They have four children and three grandchildren.

Finished Aviation Cadet Training at Tuskegee, Alabama in class of 43 F. Was a Fighter Pilot during World War II in European/Mediterranean Theatre. One confirmed kill and one probable. Two additional tours in Europe and Japan. Retired from Air Force in 1964. Retired from Civil Service as a Weather Forecaster in 1980.

Currently active in a Family Business Enterprise.

DAVID M. HALL — Brigadier General is the deputy chief of staff, comptroller Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Born — June 21, 1928, in Gary, Ind., where he graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1946. He graduated from Howard University, Washington, D.C., with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1951. He earned a master's degree in educational sociology from the Agricultural and Technical State University of North Carolina, Greensboro, in 1966. He is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College, all located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. In 1976 he attended the advanced management

program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He enlisted in the Air Force in August 1951 and received his commission as a second lieutenant in June 1953 through the Air Force Office Candidate School. Early in his career General Hall served in a variety of career fields which included supply, accounting and finance, data processing and as an instructor in the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

In 1958 General Hall cross-trained into the data processing career field while stationed at Oxnard Air Force Base, Calif. He was assigned to Clark Air Base, Philippines, in July 1960 as a data processing officer. He became an assistant professor of aerospace science in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at the Agricultural and Technical State University of North Carolina in June 1962. In August 1966 he returned to the data processing career field concurrent with his assignment to Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, where he also served as comptroller of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing.

General Hall was assigned to the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, Denver, in September 1967. He was chief of the Computer Operations Division in the Directorate of Data Automation until 1969 when he joined a software development division as an analyst-programmer.

In March 1971 he was assigned to Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where he became chief of the Computer Operations Division for Military Airlift Command headquarters and in March 1972 he became the assistant for social actions in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at Scott. General Hall became the deputy base commander for Scott Air Force Base in May 1974 and base commander in February 1975.

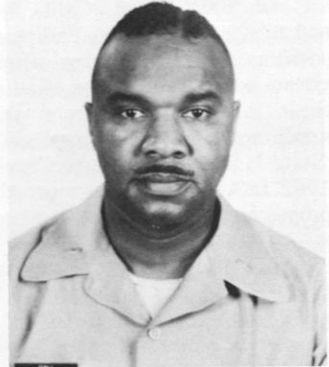


David M. Hall

EDWARD L. HALL — CWO:W4, USAF.

2 January 1942, retired 2 April 1972. Received degree in Automotive and Aircraft Maintenance Engineering from Scranton University. Graduate of Automotive and Aircraft Maintenance Officer Schools. May 1942 thru August 1945 served in Asiatic-Pacific Campaign — Joined 447th Composite Fighter Bomber Group at Lockbourne

AFB, Ohio, 1945-1948. Aircraft Staff Maintenance Officer, Inspector General with USAFE, Weisbaden, Germany, Mats 2 Air Force, McGuire AFB, N.J.; 15th AF SAC, March AFB, California. Air Force Representative at Brussels World Fair, Antwerp, Belgium; Aircraft Maintenance Officer for Pres.-Elect and President J. F. Kennedy's Private and Military Aircraft 1961-1963. Decoration and Awards: Bronze Star, Army Commendation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct, AF Conduct w/2 loops,



Edward L. Hall

American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign w/3 arrow heads and five bronze stars, WWII Victory, National Defense, Korean Service, AF Longevity w/1 silver oak leaf and 2 bronze oak leaf clusters, Philippine Liberation, Philippine Independence, Philippine President Unit Citation, Republic of Korea President Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, AF Small Arms Expert Marksmanship.

VICTOR L. HANCOCK — D.D.S.

Born — January 11, 1926, St. Louis Missouri

Residence — 1727 Shepherd Street, Washington, D.C. 20011

Married — Wife, Elaine (Bridgette), 5 children, 2 grandchildren

Education — Howard University, B.S. 1950; Howard University, Doctor of Dental Surgery, 1960



Victor L. Hancock

Military — Inducted at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri in May 1944 and was assigned to Keesler Field, Mississippi for Army Basic Training. Was tested and qualified for pilot training. Graduated from Cadet Corp, Tuskegee Army Air Field Class 45F as a B25 Pilot in September 1945, one month after V.J. Day. Was discharged from the Army February 1946.

Post Military — Taught civilian flying in 1946 at Lakeside Airport, East St. Louis, Illinois prior to entering Howard University. Was an Assistant Professor at Howard University College of Dentistry for 14 years and am presently in private dental practice in Washington, D.C.

Organizations — East Coast Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; Life Member Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; American Dental Association; District of Columbia Dental Society; Robert T. Freeman Dental Society; Chi Delta Mu — Medical-Dental-Pharmaceutical Fraternity; The President's Club of Howard University; Howard University Dental Alumni Association; Howard University Alumni Association; The Hellians; Missouri Historical Society; St. Louis Club of Washington; the Smithsonian Associates.

GEORGE E. HARDY — Lt. Colonel, U.S. Air Force (ret.)

Born — June 6, 1925 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Residence — 39 Juniper Lane, Framingham, Massachusetts 01701

Married — Wife, Katharine; Children, Josephine, Gerald, Paul, Deborah; 3 grandchildren

Education — Air Force Institute of Technology: BS Electrical Engineering — 1957; MS Systems Engineering — 1954

Military Service — Entered Aviation Cadet Training at Tuskegee, Alabama in 1943 and graduated as a Pilot in September 1944. In March, 1945 was assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron in Italy and flew 21 combat missions. Following return from overseas, served at Tuskegee and Lockbourne AFB, Ohio until discharged in November 1946. Recalled to active duty at Lockbourne AFB in June 1948. In October 1949 was assigned as Airborne Electronics Maintenance Officer in the 19th Bombardment Wing on Guam. In 1950 flew 45 combat missions over Korea in B-29 Aircraft. Subsequently served in various Armament Systems Maintenance Squadrons, in the Strategic Air Command and in Japan as Maintenance Officer and Squadron Commander. In 1964 transferred to the Electronic Systems Division at Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts and in 1966 was assigned as Chief of Engineering and Program Manager for Development, Installation and Cutover of the DOD Overseas AUTOVON Communications System, a worldwide direct-dialing telephone system. The initial sites were successfully cutover in 1969. In 1970 was transferred to Vietnam as a Pilot in AC-119K Gunships. Flew 70 com-



George E. Hardy

bat missions and served as Operating Location Commander at Udorn, Thailand and at Danang, Vietnam. Retired from the service in November 1971.

Post-Military — In December 1971 accepted a position in Program Management with GTE Communications Systems Division, Needham Heights, Massachusetts. Secretary of the New England Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.



Benard Harris

BERNARD HARRIS

Born — October 15, 1922; Died August 30, 1980

During the spring of 1944, Bernard Harris began that portion of his life which permanently identified him as a Tuskegee Airman and which he most enjoyed. From April to November 1944, Bernard Harris earned the wings he treasured so much, graduating with the rank of Second Lieutenant at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Upon receiving his wings and commission, November 20, 1944, Bernard was transferred to 477th Bomb Group, 619th Bomb Squadron, Godman Field, Kentucky.

I sincerely believe my father's "life" ended long before his factual death. It ended October 25, 1945 when he was discharged from the United States Army Air Force at Chanute Field, Illinois. It was there that his flying days ended — his "life." It was there he made the decision which he later regretted. He

chose to return to civilian life. There were no civilian aviation opportunities for him. Yet he had made a firm decision.

His life on earth has ended yet his spirit lives and shall forever; forever soaring and leading the way. We, his family, dearly loved and love him; we shall remember.



Lt. Thomas D. Harris, Jr.

THOMAS D. HARRIS — Lieutenant, USAF

Born — February 16, 1925, died in an air crash in the Alaskan Theater August 30, 1951.

Married — Former Faith Holliday of Columbus, Ohio.

Military service — First Lieutenant Harris entered the military service in December 1943 at Keesler Field as a private. He entered Cadet (Bombardier) training in February 1944 at Midland AAF, Texas and was presented his wings and Flight Officer's bars in December 1944. Lieutenant Harris then went on leave prior to reporting to pilot training at Tuskegee AAF, Alabama in January 1945. He graduated and was presented his pilots wings and 2d Lieutenant's bars in September 1945. Since World War II hostilities had ceased, Lieutenant Harris was separated in November 1945. In October 1947 he received a regular Army Appointment of 2d Lieutenant and was recalled to active duty at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. He was then assigned to the 301st Fighter Squadron, 332d Fighter Wing, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio as a Fighter Pilot from December 1947 to June 1949. Lieutenant Harris, in the meanwhile, received a promotion in the regular Air Force to 1st Lieutenant. He was then sent to the 3380th Technical Training Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi for radar training in June 1949. The Course was successfully completed in March 1950 whereupon he was sent overseas to the Alaskan Theater. In Alaska, Lieutenant Harris was assigned as a Ground Electronics Officer to the 625th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron and then later to the 626th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron from July 1950 to August 1951. Lieutenant Harris rendered valuable service to his

country throughout his Air Force Career.

Medals — Lieutenant Harris was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and the American Campaign Medal during the last war.

Name and address of widow is Faith H. Harris, 6443 Harriott Rd. Powell, Ohio 43065.

ANDREW J. HARRISON

Military Service — March 1962-October 1963, Ent AFB, Colo., June 1958-March 1962, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota, April 1957-June 1958, Osan AFB, Korea, October 1949-April 1957, Scott AFB, Illinois, March 1947-October 1949, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, August 1945-March 1947, Germany, Dec. 1943-August 1945, Italy. Also TDY and Special assignments to France, Belgium and Africa, 1941 — 184th Field Artillery, Fort Custer, Michigan with Cadre assignments to Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi



Andrew J. Harrison



Sara L. Harrison

SARA LITTLE HARRISON

Sara Bess Little, an only child of James B. and Emma Rucker Little, was born on December 8, 1917 in Greenville County, South Carolina. I attended grade and high school at Allen Home School in Asheville, North Carolina and graduated in 1936. For two years attended Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, North Carolina. In

1940 received a Bachelor of Science Degree from West Virginia State College, Institute, West Virginia. Later studied in Michigan, Ohio and Missouri.

While living in Lansing, Michigan I joined the Womens Army Auxiliary Corps in 1943, with basic training at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. August of 1943 was assigned to the 860th WAC Post Headquarters Army Air Base, Walla Walla, Washington. This was the First Company of Negro Women in the Army Air Corps. Other assignments were bases in Wendover, Utah, Sioux City, Iowa; Chaplains Assistant School — San Antonio Aviation Center (SAAC), Texas. One June 30, 1945 transferred to "A" Squadron (WAC) 118 AAF Base Unit Godman Field, Kentucky — at Fort Knox. Moved in 1946 to Squadron "W" 332nd Airdrome Group Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio.

On October 12, 1947 I was married to Master Sergeant Andrew J. Harrison at Lockbourne. Was separated from service June 30, 1948 as a Sergeant at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio.

VERNON VINCENT HAYWOOD

— Colonel USAF (Ret)
Born — October 24, 1920, Raleigh, N.C.
Married — Wife, Alma (Cobb); Son, Vernon Vincent Haywood Jr.
Education — Hampton Institute, 1938-1942; BGE. Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha; BS. Univ. of Arizona

Military Service — Entered Aviation Cadet Program, Tuskegee AAF August 1942. Graduated a Second Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps April 1943 (Class 43D). During WWII served with the 332d Fighter Group, 302d Fighter Squadron as Flight Commander, Operations Officer and Commander, 70 combat missions, 356 combat hours. Returned to Tuskegee AAF in 1945 as Ass't Director Instrument Training School with subsequent assignments as Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. In 1949, entered Jet Pilot Training Instructor Program, Williams AFB, Ariz. holding positions as Assistant Section Commander and Section Commander, 3525th Pilot Training Wing.

Additional Overseas Tours — Japan, with the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing at Chitose, Johnson and Yokota air bases; Clark AFB P.I., Hq. 13th AF; Saigon Vietnam, Headquarters MACV.

Other Assignments — Kirtland AFB NM, Director of Operations and Training 34th Air Division; Stewart AFB N.Y. Director of Safety, 64th Air Division; Davis Monahan AFB, Ariz., Deputy Director for Operations, 4453rd Tactical Training Wing and Special Assistant to the Commander, Military Aircraft Storage and Disposition Center. Retired October 1971 with 29 years military service, command pilot with more than 6000 hours flown mostly in fighters.

Post Military Activities — University of Arizona graduate, 1975, BS, Public Manage-

ment Public Administration; Charter Member and former member Board of Directors, Tuskegee Airmen Inc.



Vernon V. Haywood

COLONEL GEORGE A. HENRY, JR.

Was born in Carbondale, Illinois. He grew up in St. Louis, Missouri where he graduated from Sumner High School in 1951. Colonel Henry attended Southern Illinois University until he enlisted in the Air Force in 1954. After serving a period as an electronic equipment repair trainee, he entered the Aviation Cadet Program and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant with an Aircraft Observer rating. He has served in a variety of flying and organizational positions with fighter, tactical airlift and reconnaissance aircraft. Of his nearly 10,000 flying hours, approximately 2,000 hours were in combat, flying 314 missions of which 106 were over North Vietnam.

Colonel Henry was Professor of Aerospace Studies at Tennessee State University, and also served seven years in Social Actions, developing and directing Equal Opportunity, Human Relations Education and Drug/Alcohol Abuse Education and Rehabilitation Programs at base and Major Air Command levels. During this period, he directed programs selected as most outstanding base level in Europe, twice selected as most outstanding Major Air Command level and once runner-up. He has earned a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Ball State University, and has completed Squadron Officers



George A. Henry

School, Air Command and Staff College, and the National Security Management Course.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with 17 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two "V"s and three Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Readiness Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal with five bronze stars, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm.

Colonel Henry is currently Principal Advisor, Air Force Discharge Review Board, Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council.

HENRY P. "HANK" HERVEY

Born — September 3, 1922 New Orleans, LA

Residence — 4940 East End Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60615

Education — Northwestern University, B.S. Accounting

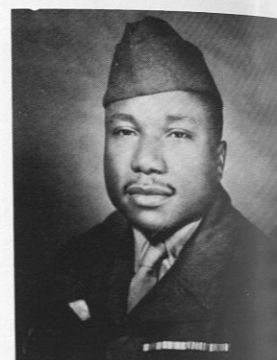


Henry P. Hervey

Military Service — Completed primary training CPT program at Coffey School of Aeronautics, Harlem Airport, Chicago, Illinois 1941. Entered Aviation cadet training at Tuskegee Army Air Field in March, 1943 — Class 43K. Graduated as Second Lieutenant, Pilot, Twin-Engine, on December 5, 1943. Completed B-25 transition school, Mather Field, California March 1944, assigned to 477th Bombardment Group (M) at Selfridge Field, Michigan. Assigned 616th Bomb Squadron at Godman Field, Kentucky. Discharged from active duty in October, 1945. Served in USAF Reserve as administrative staff officer until retirement as Lieutenant Colonel in 1970.

Post Military Service — Vice President-Managing Officer of Service Federal Savings and Loan Association from 1950 to 1964. Appointed Chairman of Organizing Committee of the Independence Bank of Chicago in 1964. Served as President until 1969. Was Consultant to the National Bankers Association. Joined Chicago Metropolitan Mutual Assurance Company in 1976 and currently

serves as Vice President-Assistant Secretary. In 1945 was a Charter Member of the Chicago "DoDo" Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Elected as National Treasurer in 1977. Has one daughter, Dianne Marie, residing in Boston, Massachusetts.



William Hester

WILLIAM HESTER — Master Sergeant Army Air Force

Born — November 11, 1918 Moultrie, Georgia

Residence — 116 Second Ave., So. Toms River, N.J. 08757

Married — Wife, former Joyce Amos

Education — Attended Toms River Public Schools

Military Service — Drafted into the U.S. Army under the Selective Service Act on April 9, 1941. After completing induction processing at Fort Dix, N.J., was assigned to the 99th Pursuit Squadron at Chanute Field, Illinois.

Next assignment was to the Military Police at Tuskegee Army Air Base from November 1941 to August 1944. On the move again went to Indiantown Gap, Pa., where as a First Sergeant escorted 213 enlisted men and 6 officers to Okinawa. On January 21, 1946, was separated from the Service at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Post Military — Appointed as member of Berkeley Township, N.J., Police Department with rank of patrolman on January 23, 1953. Advanced to rank of Sergeant, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant after serving 26 years. Retirement date: April 1, 1979.

GEORGE W. HICKMAN, JR.

Born — August 6, 1924, St. Louis, Missouri.

Residence — 1423 25th Ave. East, Seattle, WA 98112, Phone: (206) 325-9466

Married — Doris Baptist (Crawford). Children: Regina, Sherie, Vincent, and Shauneil. Mother: Corean Cecilia (Jordan) Hickman, Sister: Audrene Selma (Hickman) Boswell.

Education — Bradley University, Peoria, IL — B.S. 1949. Post Graduate: University of Illinois, and University Washington.

Military Service — Drafted AVN Cadet



George W. Hickman

July 1943; Basic training six weeks Keesler Field; Arrived Tuskegee August '43; Four months college training detachment (Class 441, was Cadet Captain); washed out lower basic, April '44; Graduated — Aircraft and Engine Mechanic — TTAf October '44 (1st in the class); Assigned as flight chief and instrument specialist, Craig Field, Selma, AL; Discharged February 16, 1946.

Post Military — Joined Reserves and Air Force Association '46. Employment: Civilian Technical Training Instructor; Chanute AFB, IL '49-'51. Acquired private pilots license, 1950. (One forced landing — greased); Transferred from Chanute to Amarillo AFB, TX January '52. Became Senior (Principal) Instructor and Educational Specialist. Recruited by Boeing in July '55 as Technical Training Instructor (B-52, Hounddog, and Minuteman) '55 to '65. Thereafter: Supervisor '65 to '76, Manager '76-'80, Senior Manager '80-'81, Administrator '81-present.

Civic Affairs — Baritone (Numerous choirs/Glee Clubs/Groups) '39-present; Was student director, Bradley University Choir '48 and '49. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Pledge '47-'49. Schrollers president, under graduate and alumni Polemarch (President) '49 and '62-'63; Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus '60. Elected: Group Health Dental Cooperative Board of Directors (12 years), Chairman of Finance Committee; President of St. Joseph School Board '70-'72, Chairman of Hazelwood Neighbors Block Watch '74-'79; Councilman/Treasurer of Air Force Association '70-present; Appointed: Seattle Board of Directors — Catholic Archdiocese '72-'79; Board of Directors, Martin Luther King Day Care Center '75-'79; Coached Catholic Youth Organization basketball, grades 4 thru 8, '70-'75 (City Champions '74); Volunteer, Washington State Special Olympics '76-present; Selected: Who's Who in the West '82; Member Tuskegee Airman Inc. — Sam Bruce Chapter, Seattle, WA.

Personal Goal — Stay abreast of the state-of-the-art, cope with challenges, fight for rights, share, and love.

JOHN HILL — (B. 1918 D. 1959, Tuckahoe, New York).



John Hill

N.Y. Boys Direct 332nd Musicians By Cpl. Johnny Johnson

Somewhere in Italy — the 332nd Fighter Group's Swing Band, which has been playing all over Italy for different outfits, recently performed for the Commanding General of the 15th Fighter Command of which the 332nd, commanded by Col. B.O. Davis, Jr., is a member.

Johnny Hill, a dental technician and alto sax player, is front man for the aggregation. S/Sgt Richard Blevins, Detroit, is vocalist and S/Sgt Guy Reid, Massachusetts, manager. Other members are:

Rhythm Section: Cpl. Carl Lee, bass viol and director, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Brooklyn Sultans); Sgt Willie Lands, drums, St. Charles, LA (Tony Robin's Band). S/Sgt James Jackson, piano, Nashville, Tenn.; PFC Arthur N. Clark, guitar, Cannonsburg, PA.

Brass Section, Sgt. Henry L. Moore, 1st trumpet, Newark, NJ; Calvin Dacus, 2nd trumpet, Des Moines, IA. (Victory Quartet); Frank Beckman, trombone, Gary, Ind.; PFC Herbert Hardesty, 3rd trumpet, New Orleans (Vamoore's Swing Band).

Reed Section, Sgts. Levi Thornhill, Lynchburg, VA; tenor sax (Coy Hobson's Band); Arlington Williams, NYC, tenor sax (NYCC); Dwight Plummer, Los Angeles, alto sax (Harlem Gents); Morton Willis, Houston, Tex., alto sax.

Note: It is my opinion that Arlington Williams, NYC, tenor sax (NYCC = New York City College)

Referencing Do Do's Chapter's "Black Airman 1941-1945" Hill was assigned to the detachment medical department, Eugene A. Sills, Second Lieutenant, M.A.C. commanding.

For the history buffs: European music was greatly influenced by WW-I's Black American serving overseas.

LOUIS DRIVER HILL — Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Born — July 12, 1916 in Centerville, Alabama

Residence — 4245 Don Jose Drive, Los Angeles, California 90008

Married — Eera (Jett); Daughter, Myrna Erline

Alabama State University — B.S. Degree — 1938

Additional Educational Preparation —

University of Hawaii — 1945, Ohio State University — 1948, University of Philippines — 1964, Advanced Officers School (9 mos.) — 1949, Command and Staff School, The Air University — 1955, Air War College, The Air University — 1962

Military Service — Career spanned 30 years, including three wars. Drafted in October, 1942. After completion of the induction processing in Fort Benning, Ga., assigned to Camp Claybourne, La. for three months. Promoted to Corporal (T-5 grade). Selected and attended Officer's Candidate School three months later (Jan., 1943). Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, April 2, 1943. Transferred 16 times due to non-conformist to the segregated services. Arrived on the 16th transfer at Tuskegee Army on Nov., 1948. Assigned as Officer in charge — Cadet Classification — Psychological Section — 4 months. Assigned as Supply Officer — Base Hospital for 2 months and then was transferred to Camp Springs, Washington D.C. (now Andrews Air Force Base). In May, 1944 was assigned to the 57th Service Group and shipped to the Pacific Theater of Operations only 2 weeks later. Served on several islands. Assigned to Hicken Air Force Base in Oct., 1945. Lacking adequate separation authorization points, I remained at Hickam Air Force Base and became the only black officer in the Air Forces Pacific Ocean Area. Literally, complying with the War Department Directive, which states "Where possible Negro troops will be commanded by Negro officers," the Commanding General appointed me Commander of all Negro outfits at Hicken at the end of the war — (Engineering Squadron, Chemical Smoke Company, Quarter Master Truck Company, Air Base Security Squadron and etc.). I inactivated these units and activated the 10th Air Ammunition Squadron and served as Commander until 1947. I rejoined the Tuskegee Airmen at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio in Oct., 1947. I served under Lieutenant General (then Colonel) B.O. Davis Cmdr. 332nd Fighter Wing as: 1. Staff Services Officer; 2. Commander of the 332nd Food Service Squadron; 3. Assistant Group Director of Materials 332nd Air Base Group. Was selected in 1949 to attend Advance Officer's Training course at the Army Training Center at Camp Lee, Va. (9 months). The Air Force was now integrated, so upon graduation, I was assigned to Headquarters 15th Air Force (SAC) March Air Force Base in California in March, 1950. Served as Staff Chief of Material Services for 15th Air Force (8 bases) until 1954. Attended the Air Force Command and Staff School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. Returned to the 15th Air Force after graduation. Shipped to 3918th Air Base Group (SAC) at RAF Station Upper Heyford Oxon, England in Jan., 1955, as Director of Materials and Commander of the 3918th Maintenance and Supply Group. Reassigned to Headquarters 15th Air Force in Aug., 1957. In Sept., 1957, assigned to 92nd Bomb Wing (SAC) Fair-

child Air Force Base, Washington. Here served as: 1. Wing Supply Officer; 2. Commander 92nd Supply Squadron; 3. Base Supply Officer and Chief of Supply; 4. Wing/Base Director of Material 92nd Bomb Wing (SAC). In Aug., 1963 was transferred to Headquarters 13th Air Force at Clark Air Base, in the Philippine Islands. Appointed Director of Supply and Services at this Headquarters with 15 bases in 7 countries including Vietnam and Thailand. In March, 1966 was assigned to Headquarter-ADC (Aero Space Defense Command) in Colorado Springs, Colo. as Command Director of Supply and Services (10 bases and 300 radar sites, including Cheyenne Mountain Complex (NORAD). Retired on June 1, 1971.



Bill Hollman

DR. MILTON MOSES HOPKINS, JR.

Born — September 9, 1920, Houston, Texas

Marital Status — Married; wife Perea (McCane); son, Frederick; daughters, Gail, Christina; 2 grandchildren

Military Status — Lt. Colonel, USAF (Retired). Retired 31 January 1965, after 22½ years of service (July 1942 to Jan. 1965)

Education — College: Ed. D., Career Education; Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, May 1980. C.A.G.S., Earth Science/Geography; Boston State College, Boston, Massachusetts, June 1976. M.S., Engineering Management; Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, June 1967. Graduate studies in Electronic Engineering; University of Illinois, June 1958 to August 1959. Graduate of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology (Engineering Sciences), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, 1950. Professional Certificate in Meteorology, University of California at Los Angeles, June 1943. B.S., Physics; Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 1942 (Cum Laude). High School: St. Nicholas Academy, Houston, Texas, May 1937.

Experience — September 1970 to date Science Teacher, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

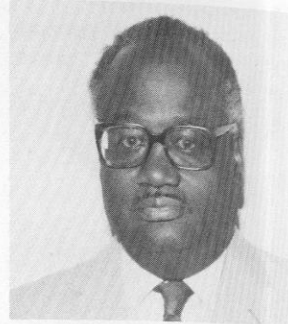
December 1966 to November 1968: Senior Consulting Engineer, Systems Engineering Department, Space Systems Division, Avco Corporation, Lowell Industrices Park, Lowell, Massachusetts.

February 1965 to December 1966: Project Scientist, Allied Research Associated, Inc., Virginia Road, Concord, Massachusetts.

June 1963 to January 1965: Acting and Deputy System Program Director, 496L Systems Division (Air Force Systems Command), Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass.

September 1959 to June 1963: System Staff Officer, 496L System Program Office (SPACETRACK), Electronic Systems Divisions (Air Force Systems Command), Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass.

July 1955 to June 1958: Research and Development Staff Officer, Air Force Missile Development Center, (Air Research and



Charles H. Hunter

Development Command), Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico.

March 1953 to July 1955: Weather Staff Officer; 8th Weather Gp., Scott AFB, Ill.

September 1950 to February 1953: Weather Staff Officer; 18 Weather Sq., Wiesbaden, Germany.

July 1948 to August 1950: Student; United States Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson, AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

October 1946 to July 1948: Weather Forecaster; Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio. October 1945 to October 1946 Weather Forecaster; Tuskegee AFB, Tuskegee, Alabama.

July 1943 to August 1945: Weather Forecaster and Staff Weather Officer; 100th Ftr. Sq., 332nd Ftr. Gp.

June 1943 to July 1943: Weather Forecaster; Tuskegee AAF, Tuskegee, Alabama.

July 1942 to June 1943: Student; University of California at Los Angeles, California. Meteorology.

CHARLES HATCH HUNTER, M.D.

Born — December 18, 1916. Washington, D.C.

Residence — 6000 Oregon Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Married — Wife, Gertrude Teixeira Hunter, M.D.; son, James; daughters, Antoinette, Jacquelyn, Barbara, Charlotte, Cheryl

Education — Dunbar High School, Washington, D.C. — 1933; Howard University — B.S. 1937, M.S. Physics, 1939, M.D., 1950

Military Service — Commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf. O.R.C. 1938. Active duty — Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., March — June 1942; Platoon Commander, 368th Inf., 93rd Div., Ft. Huachuca, Arizona — July — November 1942; USAAF School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Fla. — December, 1942; 99th Ftr. Sqdn., TAAF — Jan. — Feb. 1943; 332nd Ftr. Gp. Selfridge Field, Mich. — March — April 1943; Pilot training in Officer Grade, TAAF, Class 44A — May 1943 — January 1944; B-25 Transition School, Mather Field, Cal. — Jan. — March 1944; 477th Bomb Gp. (M) March 1944 — October 1945. Flying hours 1800 hrs. Discharged to USAF Reserve Jan. 1946.

Post-Military — Physician (radiologist) with Veterans Administration Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

WESLEY D. HURT — Major, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Born — May 22, 1920 Phila., PA
Residence — 2416 N. 56th Street, Phila., PA

Married — Wife, Evelyn, (Finney); Son, Wesley Jr., 3 Granddaughters Naja, Njata and Yasmeen

Education — Attended Phila. Public School, Dobbie Vocational School (Chemistry). St. Joseph's College (Chemistry)

Military Service — Drafted into the Army Air Corps. Basic Training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Assigned to Langley Field, VA in the Signal Corps. Attended school at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Applied for Aviation Cadet Training at Langley Field and sent to Kessler Field, Miss. Graduated from Single Engine Class 45E at Tuskegee, Alabama as a Second Lieutenant. Survived a plane crash and six months hospitalization and assigned to Lockbourne, Ohio after discharge from hospital.



Wesley D. Hurt

Served as Assistant Club Officer at Lockbourne. Discharged December, 1946 from Lockbourne Army Air Base. Assigned to the active Reserves in March, 1947 at Reading, PA. This group included such airmen as Sam Curtis, Harry Ford, George Taylor, Donald Thompson, Scoop Harris and George Haley. This was quite a group and it took place before integration was official, by more than two years. Was recalled for Korea and for Cuba while serving in the Reserves. Held various positions in the Reserves, such as Flight Leader, Assist operation's officer, instructor pilot, instrument check pilot stand board check pilot. Unit assignment was the 512th T.C. wing, 326th T.C. Sqdn. Willow

Grove Naval Air Station, Willow Grove, PA. Retired January 1969.

Civilian Status — Have been affiliated with same company for 41 years, American Hospital and Supply Corporation, as a production specialist, producing biological dyes and stains. Vice President of the Philadelphia Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.



Hayden C. Johnson

ALEXANDER JEFFERSON — Lieutenant Colonel, USAF Res. (Ret)

Born — November 15, 1921, Detroit, Michigan.

Residence — 18126 Brinker, Detroit, Michigan 48234.

Married — Wife, former Adella McDonald, deceased; daughter, Alexis.

Education — Clark College, B.S. Degree 1942, Howard University, Wayne University, M.A.

Military Service — Entered Aviation

Cadet Training at Tuskegee, Alabama and graduated in January 1944 as a Second Lieutenant, Pilot, U.S. Army Air Corps. During World War II, served as Fighter Pilot, 301st Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, flew 28 missions, shot down by ground fire, Southern France, August 12, 1944. Interned as a German Prisoner of War for nine months; Stalag Luft III, 80 miles east of Berlin and Stalag VII-A, Mooseburg, 20 miles north of Dachau. Assigned back to Tuskegee Army Air Field as an instrument instructor. Discharged from Armed Services 17 January 1946. Transferred to the Reserve Forces in 1950 and after holding positions including Education and Training Staff Officer, retired July 1969.

Post Military — Became an Elementary Science Teacher in the City of Detroit in 1948 and retired in 1979, having served the last ten years as an Assistant Principal. Currently serving on voluntary basis as Admissions Counselor for United States Air Force Academy/United States Air Force ROTC. One of the Charter members of the Detroit Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. and president of the chapter during the years 1974-76.

In March 1941, Dr. Maurice E. Johnson, Retired Colonel, was called to active duty and sent to Montgomery, Alabama for training to become the first Air Corps Flight Surgeon in the segregated 99th Fighter Squadron.

In June 1941, upon the recommendation of his brother, Attorney Hayden C. Johnson was called to active duty, sent to Tuskegee, Alabama and then assigned to the 99th as Adjutant and in December 1941 organized the



Colonel Louis D. Hill, is shown receiving a citation from Lieutenant General C.B. Westover, Deputy Commander, Headquarters Air Defense Command, for meritorious service as Deputy Commander for Supply in the 6200th Materiel Wing, Clark AB, Philippine Islands.

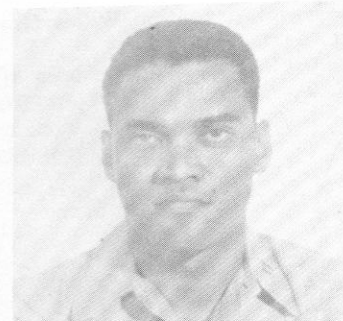


eleventh ground units required to support the pilots. Attorney Hayden C. Johnson commanded this unit until September 1943.

In addition to the regular duties to the 99th, Captain Hayden C. Johnson was assigned to over a dozen officer positions with Post Headquarters wherever an officer was needed until one could be obtained.

Our field, Tuskegee Air Base, was the only place in the country where the school and a technical outfit were being organized simultaneously.

Respectfully submitted, Hayden C. Johnson



T.W. Johnson

WILLIAM ALLEN JOHNSTON, JR. — Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Corps

Born — December 18, 1925 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Residence — 242 N. Prospect St. — Oberlin, OH 44074

Married — Wife, former Rosa N. Fielder; Son, William A. III, graduate of the University of Pittsburgh; Daughter, Holly L., graduate of the University of Cincinnati

Education — Duquesne University — 1948; Allegheny Technical Institute — (Radio and Television) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Military Service — Enlisted into the U.S. Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet at the age of 17 (November, 1943). Entered Active Duty February, 1944. Assigned to the Aviation Cadet Trainee Program in September, 1944 at Tuskegee, Alabama and was graduated in June 1945 as a Second Lieutenant, Pilot, U.S. Army Air Corps. Discharged February, 1946.

Post Military — Attended Duquesne University, Allegheny Technical Institute, 1951. Employed by Radio Corporation of America 1953-1958, employed by Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Controller, 1958. Promoted to Team Supervisor 1971 — still active in flying with over 20,000 hours with a flight instructors rating (multi-engine, instrument, seaplane). Appointed by the FAA as an Accident Prevention Counselor — Amateur Radio Operator — Past Chairman and present member of the Trustee Board of Mt. Zion Baptist Church — Past President Oberlin Kiwanis Club — Past Vice President Youth Services (Drug Program), currently Chairman of the Oberlin Civil Service Commission — member of the Board of Directors Tuskegee Airmen, Ohio Chapter.



William A. Johnston

ANDREW J. KEYES

Born — October 18, 1918 in Newark, N.J.
Residence — 178 Eyland Avenue, Succasunna, N.J. 07876

Married — Wife, Ursula; daughter, Gwendolyn (12) and son, Andy Jr. (9); two adult children by former marriage, Deborah and Carlton

Education — B.S.M.E. from Newark College of Engineering (now N.J.I.T.) in 1950 and three specialized government sponsored courses at Fort Lee, Va.; Albuquerque, N.M., and Duquay Proving Ground, Utah

Military Service — Entered service in July 1944. After basic training in Biloxi, Miss. was sent to Tuskegee for pilot training in Sept. 1944 and assigned to Class 45G. Completed 38 solo hours in PT-17 but failed check ride in AT-6 in June 1945. Assigned as personnel consultant until November 1945. Became control tower operator at Tuskegee and several months later became sergeant in charge. Remained at this position until discharged in July 1946.

Post Military — Returned to former position as draftsman in New York Naval Shipyard. Went to college at night and obtained B.S. in 1956. Transferred to Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N.J. in 1957 and in 1968 to a project manager's office at same site. Retired in January 1981 after 39 years, 10 months of government service. Currently active as member of Greater New York Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Roxbury Township Board of Education and Board of Director of Morris County School Boards Assoc.



Andrew J. Keyes

HALDANE KING — L/Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret)

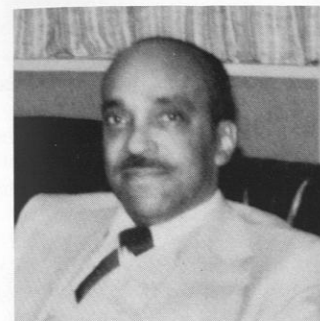
Born — November 8, 1921 in Brooklyn, New York

Residence — 129 Randle Drive, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034

Married — Wife, Eugenia (Barr); Sons, Haldane, Stephen, Bruce; Daughter, Janis; Grandchildren, Haldane C., Veronica, Leah

Education — Long Island University, Business Administration, graduate; Command and Staff College, U.S. Air Force; Advanced Auditor Accountant School; Systems Design and Analysis School (Electronic Data Processing); Executive Data Automation School, IBM; American Management Course in Management Style, A.M.A.; Class 43J Tuskegee

Military Service — August 1967 to August 1969 — United States Air Force



Haldane King

Pentagon Chief, General Support Branch, Assistant Chief of Staff Comptroller, August 1964 to August 1967 — United States Air Force in Europe, Chief, Plans Office, Assistant Chief of Staff Comptroller — Chief, Standardization Branch, Assistant Chief of Staff Comptroller; Command Representative to German Defense Ministry on cross-servicing support functions, August 1961 to August 1964 — Assistant Comptroller, Mather Air Force Base, California, August 1957 to August 1961 — Comptroller, International NATO Headquarters, Germany, May 1954 to August 1957 — Pilot, 42nd Bomb Wing (H) SAC, May 1951 to May 1954 — Pilot, Comptroller — USAF, January 1942 to August 1945 — Student Pilot/Flight Commander 619th B.S. 477 Bomb Op. General Military Record: United States Air Force — Pilot, 28 years. The assignments listed above interspersed with line pilot responsibilities in combat units, including single, twin and multi-engine command experience.

Post Military — March 1974 to Present — Delaware River Port Authority, Deputy Executive Director responsible to the Executive Director for all matters relating to Personnel Management, Audit, Public Relations, Administrative Services, and promotion of commerce through the Ports of Philadelphia. Served as Vice President for Personnel and Administration of the Port Authority Transit Corporation. February 1971 to October 1973 — Mercy-Douglass Hospital, Executive Director responsible for entire hospital program in an acute medical facility of 232 beds and ancillary clinic activities. August 1969 to February 1971 — ARA Services, Inc., Director of Operation Services

Individual Achievements — Certificate of Merit; Air Force Commendation with Oak Leaf; First Class of Negro Bomber Pilots in Air Force*; Honorable Mention, All-American Basketball; Charter Member to European Chapter of Military Comptroller Association; Authored a number of articles on military subjects for military publications; Regular Officer in U.S. Air Force; Military Letters of Commendation and Appreciation.

Civic Organizations — Director, Executive Committee, Camden County Red Cross; Director, Camden County United Fund; Maritime Society; American Association of Port Authorities; North American Ports

Authorities; Delaware River Ports Council; Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce; Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; South Jersey Chamber of Commerce; New Jersey Chamber of Commerce; Delaware Valley Council; Tuskegee Airmen; International Bridge Tunnel & Turnpike Association; Boy Scouts of America; Air Force Association; The Retired Officers' Association; Philadelphia Regional Introduction for Minorities to Engineering.

GEORGE LEVI KNOX — Lt. Col. USAF (Deceased)

Born — December 23, 1916 — Indianapolis, Indiana — Died November 4, 1964

Widow — Yvonne Wright Knox — Children — George — John — Addie — Craig — 4 grandchildren

Education — Fisk University — 1941 — Further Study University of Pittsburgh — Hofstra University

Military Service — Entered Aviation Cadet training at Tuskegee, Alabama in 1941 was commissioned as a 2d Lt. in May 1942. Was transferred to Selfridge Field Michigan, also Oscoda AFB in Michigan. In 1948 was Wing Air Inspector and AB Gp Deputy Comdr. Headquarters Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. Director of Audits/Comptroller, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. In 1954 he was stationed at Mitchell AFB as the Auditor General Coordinating Officer. He was Auditor General/Comptroller at HqComd USAF, New York, New York. In 1958 he was transferred to Far East District — Tokyo, Japan as Auditor General. After that tour of duty he was transferred to Travis AFB in California in the Auditor General's Office. He was a Command Pilot. In 1962 he was PAS Aerospace Studies at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. He died in 1964.



George L. Knox

ROY E. LaGRONE

Born — February 1, 1925 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Residence — 151 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213

Married — Wife, former Ester Simpura; Daughters, Marilyn and Tania; 1 grandson (Azul)

Education — Graduated Merrill High School. Attended Tuskegee Institute, Ala., University of Florence, Florence, Italy. Graduated in 1949 from Pratt Institute, Degree in Commercial Art and Illustration.

Military Service — Senior Army R.O.T.C. Tuskegee Institute. (Rank 1st Sgt.) Finished CPTD — Civilian Pilot Training Program — Tuskegee Institute, 1942. Drafted into the Army Air Corps as a Sergeant, Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas. Assigned to Chico Army Air Corps Flying School, Chico, California.



Roy E. LaGrone

Upon completing training at Chico, assigned to Army Air Corps Administration School, Fort Logan, Colorado. Graduated March 1943, and assigned to Tuskegee Army Flying School at Tuskegee, Alabama.

Special Services 318th Air base Squadron. 1945 Commissioned Flight Officer. January 1945 transferred to Allied Military Headquarters, Caeserta, Italy. Discharged from the Army Air Corps, January 1946.

Post Military — In 1958 I was appointed to the Department of the Air Force Art Program (rank Colonel). Under this Air Force Art Program as a professional artist, I am privileged to travel to Air Force installations around the world, to document my impressions of Air Force activities on canvas.

These paintings have a priceless value, both historical and educational. During these assignments, I have also had the opportunity to fly some of the Air Force's "hottest" aircraft from the F-104's, F-100's to the T-38 and F-15.

My life-long project as of now is to paint for the Air Force Art Program, those Black pilots contributing past and present.

I am currently employed as Art Director of the Media Resources Graphic Art Section, University of Medicine and Dentistry Rutgers University. Concurrently, I am 2nd Vice President, New York Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

HERMAN "ACE" LAWSON — Major, U.S. Air Force (Retired)

Born — December 25, 1920 in Fowler, CA
Resident — 1636 Roanoke Avenue, Sacra-

mento, CA 95838

Married — Wife, Pearl Lee (Johnson); Daughters, Betty Davis, Patricia Sessoms, Gloria Lawson, Yvonne Warren, Tracey Lawson, Thomas Lawson, 10 grandchildren

Education — Fresno State University, University of the Pacific, Sacramento State University, Chapman College, American River College — Social Science

Military Service — After receiving Private Pilot's License 1941 at Fresno State entered U.S. Army Corps as an Aviation Cadet in February 1942. Trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field (Class 421) and at Tuskegee Institute (Primary), Alabama. Graduated October 9, 1942 as a Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Corps and also married his present wife the same day. Trained at Tuskegee A.A.F., Selfridge Field, and at Oscoda, Michigan. Assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron in Africa, June 1943, Commander Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., and later — Major George "Spanky" Roberts, Captain Irwin Lawrence, and Captain Leon Roberts. Flew 133 missions in P-40's, P-47's, and P-51's dive bombing, straffing, bomber escort and combat against the German Luft waffe. Was Flight Leader, B Flight, 99th Flt Squad, 332nd Fighter Group (1st Lieutenant). Earned combat award honors for action over Greece, Germany, France, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Italy, Yugoslavia, Romania and other German held countries. As Leader never lost a pilot (Flight) member to the enemy while in action. Very proud of that! Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medals, Commendation Medal, Unit Citation Medal, Award of Valor and Campaign Medals. Survived two crashes in P-40's, land and the Mediterranean Sea, due to engine failure. No injuries. Saved by the Navy. Returned to Tuskegee A.A.F. December 1944 after almost 18 months overseas air fighting — 1st Lt. After serving as Engineering Officer for maintenance of Primary Training aircraft (PT-13) left the Air Force December 1946. After 10 months as civilian enlisted as Staff Sergeant at Mather AF Base, CA, September 1947 for 5 years as Photo Chief. Then 11 years with USAFSS. After 22 years of active duty as Aviation Cadet Pilot (1130 hrs.), Officer, and Senior Master Sergeant, became Major USAF Retired.



Herman (Ace) Lawson

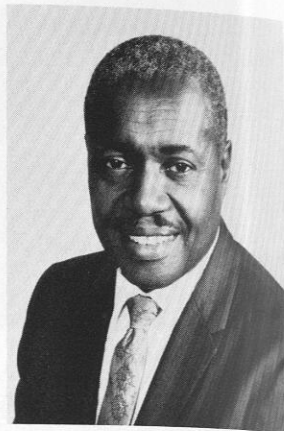
Prior Military — Earned name "Ace" while football player at Marysville High School, CA, 1934-35. Learned to build and fly real gliders which aided in eventual selection as military pilot. Was one of the first Blacks in Northern California to receive a Private Pilot's License. Entered Fresno State after one year in Civilian Conservation Corps in September 1936. Was Collegiate Light Heavyweight boxing Champion for two years. Participated in football (first Black to play four years at Fresno State), Basketball, Track. Was professional photographer for the college, 1941-42.

Post Military — After retirement from Air Force entered public employment (1963) with California State Employment Department in Sacramento, CA as Minority Employment Representative and Governmental Program Analyst. Was Sacramento City Councilman (1973-75) and member of many public and governmental organizations: American River College President's Disadvantage Students Committee, Sacramento Business Men's Advisory Council, Board Member, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., 1974-78 Western Region. Has received Resolutions from the City of Sacramento, the County, and the State of California for exceptional and distinguished service to this country. Retired after almost 20 years with the State of California on June 30, 1981. Has served as Social Services Committee Chairperson for National TAI Board. Was elected Western Region President August 1981. On January 16, 1982 was installed as President of the Sacramento Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Continues to be concerned with the goals of the organization, mainly to assist our youth by providing means and funds for them to achieve success in civilian or military aerospace endeavors.

PHILIP F. LEE

One of three children, was born to Philip T. Lee and Eliza Hobday on January 27, 1918 in Ware Neck, Gloucester County, Virginia. He graduated from Gloucester Training School in 1935, entered Hampton Institute in 1936 and graduated in 1940 with a Trade Certificate and College Diploma. In 1958, he received the B.S. Degree in Industrial Education from Texas Southern University and has done additional study at Texas A&M.

In 1938-39, Lee was a member of the Hampton Institute Flying Club, one of the forces instrumental in getting the Civilian Pilots' Training Program into five Negro Colleges — Hampton Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Howard University, West Virginia State and A&T College in N.C. Lee was one of twenty Hampton Institute CPT trainees to receive a Private Pilot's License in May 1940 and one of the first ten students selected (from the five colleges) for CPT advance pilot training at Tuskegee Inst., Alabama. These trainees, cited in the August 29, 1940 issue of the *Pittsburgh Courier* as the "Cream of



Philip F. Lee

Crop of Young C.A.A. Pilots . . ." would prove that Negroes could fly and perform acrobatics as proficiently as members of other races.

Lee completed each of the CPT courses — the Private Pilot's, Secondary, Apprentice Instructor's and the Cross Country Flight Instructor's Course in which he rode 150 hours with Daniel "Chappie" James, each receiving a Commercial Pilot's License and Flight Instructor's Rating.

At Tuskegee, Lee taught each of the CPT courses, including the Instrument Course, was Assistant Chief Pilot at Kennedy Field and area examiner for Private Pilot's License, check pilot for the CPT Acrobatic Course, and Instructor for the Flight Instructor's Refresher Courses, including Army Primary. When the CPT Program was phased out in 1943, Lee was assigned to the 66th Army Air Corps Flight Training Detachment (Moton Field) and taught Army Primary Trainees until November 15, 1945.

Lee married the former Theophia Hicks in a formal wedding in Tuskegee Institute's Chapel on May 15, 1943. Theophia became a secretary at Moton Field; is presently the secretary of the East Coast Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. and Asst. to the Budget Director, Howard University Hospital. Lee is a 1981 retiree from the University of the District of Columbia. He has four sons — Philip II, Andre W., Elwyn C., Fredric O., two grandsons and one granddaughter.

SAMUEL GORDON LEFTENANT

Second Lieutenant Samuel Gordon Leftenant, March 16, 1924-April 13, 1946, Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Leftenant, Sr. was one of six of the Leftenant family to become actively involved in the Military during WW II. A native of Amityville, Long Island, New York, he graduated from the Amityville Public School and from the High School in 1942. Like his brothers to follow him in school Sam was a star on the high school wrestling team. Sam held six wrestling championships, three Long Island and three Suffolk County titles. He wrestled in the 103 and 128 pound classes.

Possessed with a pleasing and friendly personality, Sam was always a favorite among those who knew him.

Sam entered the Service in November 1943 and received his training at Tuskegee, Alabama where he received his wings and his commission on September 8, 1944 (Class of 44-H). Upon his completion of combat training at Walterboro, South Carolina, he left for overseas duty in February 1945 to be assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group which was under the command of Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

Lieutenant Leftenant was reported missing in action on April 12, 1945. Sam was piloting a P-51 Mustang Fighter Plane from Ramitelli Air Base, Italy on a bomber escort mission to Sankt Viet, Austria on April 12, 1945. He was involved in a mid-air collision with another plane in flight and parachuted from his disabled plane at about 3:10 PM about five miles north of Klagenfurt, Austria in enemy held territory. Klagenfurt is in southern Austria near the Italian border approximately 10 miles south of Sankt Viet.

On April 13, 1946, the War Department declared that Second Lieutenant Samuel Gordon Leftenant, Air Corps be presumed dead.



Samuel Leftenant

C.D. "LUCKY" LESTER — Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Born — February 8, 1923 Hometown Chicago, Ill.

Residence — 4318 Westover Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016

Married — Wife, Maro (Barnes), 2 Children

Education — Stanford University, B.A. in International Relations

Military Service — Career spanned 28 years. Enlisted in the Army Air Corps while a second year college student in 1943, and graduated from Tuskegee in December of that year. Joined the 332nd Fighter Group, 100 Fighter Sq. the following year. Highlight of WW II service was shooting down 3 ME 109's in one mission in July 1944. Completed 90 some odd missions and destroyed several more aircraft on the ground. Post War service included a tour in Occupied Germany. There transitioned into Jets and in July of 1951 became one of the first pilots to successfully eject from a jet fighter aircraft. Because of

the nature of the emergency it necessitated an ejection at a speed of 500 miles per hour and this was the beginning of the change in ejection theory from the slower Your speed the safer, to faster is better. Other assignments as a Careerist were in Korea, at Howard University as Associate Professor of Air Science (ROTC), Alaska, and numerous Stateside assignments. Participated in "Operations High Flight" (ferrying jet fighters across the North Atlantic to Europe) as a Flight Leader in the mid-fifties. Final assignment was in the Pentagon working in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (McNamara's "Whiz Kids"), there received the Military's highest non-combat award the LEGION OF MERIT in addition holds the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS and the AIR MEDAL (9 oak leaf clusters).

FRANKLIN J. MACON

Birthdate — August 4, 1923, Kansas City, Kansas

Residence — 331 North Spruce Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80905

Marital Status — Divorced

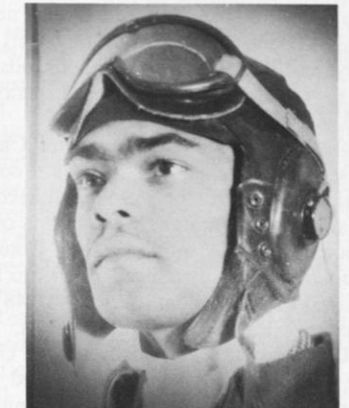
Education — I was educated in the Colorado Springs Public Schools and graduated from Colorado Springs High School in 1942. In 1942, I received Civilian Flight Training and Aircraft Mechanical Training at Pikes Peak Flying Service and at the Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. From the years 1945 through 1969, I have attended numerous flight maintenance courses including: Beechcraft L-23 Maintenance, Bell Helicopter School H-13 and HU-1 Organizational Maintenance, Sikorsky School H-19 and H-34 Organization and Field Maintenance, Lycoming Gas Turbine Engine Course, and Grumann Aircraft Maintenance Engineering. I also attended an Aircraft Weight and Balance Course at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois in 1969.

Military Service — I enlisted during World War II on December 28, 1943. I completed basic training and passed the Aviation Acceptance Examination at Keesler Field, Mississippi. I was transferred to Aviation Cadet College Prep School, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. After prep school, I entered Aviation Flight Cadet Training at Tuskegee Army Airfield. I departed military service April 17, 1946.

Upon separation from military service, I was employed by Riley & Fields Midget Auto Racing Team as both a driver and mechanic in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I also flew with the Dusty Fields Stunt Team.

In August 1950, I was employed by the U.S. Civil Service, Fort Carson, Colorado, in the Transportation Aircraft Field Maintenance Division. I essentially worked as an aircraft mechanic, aircraft inspector, and assistant to the Chief of Maintenance. After 23 years service, I retired from Ft. Carson, Colorado Civil Service in 1972 due to injuries incurred from a helicopter crash.

After leaving Fort Carson, I became part



Franklin J. Macon

owner and president of a precision machinery company called Aero Precision, Inc. The company specialized in the machining of aerospace and electronic assemblies for companies involved in the aerospace program during the 1970's.

With the slowdown of the aerospace program, a new company was formed called Macon Laboratories in 1976. Macon Laboratories provides prototype designs plus research and development support on a consulting basis to national firms. Projects have included research in solar energy and experimental aircraft plus various drafting and design projects. Consulting projects have consisted in the development of a microwave furnace, a solar/electric converter, a computerized load — shedding and energy management system, the design of a density probe, development of an FSR sensor, and the investigation of the 1973 Delta-Boston plane crash.

All of these endeavors were in conjunction with: Research, Analysis, and Development, Inc., Thermatron, Inc., and Rhoades and Associates. Currently, Macon Laboratories is involved in joint research and development with Scott Science and Technology, Inc.

RICHARD D. MACON — Captain, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Born — August 21, 1921 in Birmingham, Alabama

Residence — 1228 St. Aubin Place, Detroit, MI 48207

Married — Wife (then) Lois (Coleman); Daughters, Toni and Phyl, Two (2) Grandchildren. Wife (now) Eleanor

Education — Miles College, B.A. Degree 1942, Indiana University, Master's Degree, (Mathematics) Dissertation needed for Ph.D.

Military Service — Volunteered for U.S. Army Air Corps, December, 1942. Entered Aviation Cadet Training, Keesler Field, Mississippi, (1943) and, then, Tuskegee, Alabama. Graduated February, 1944 as a Second Lieutenant, Pilot. Joined the 99th Fighter Squadron in Italy, summer, 1944. 8/12/44 was one of five pilots shot down during the strafing of German Southern

France radar defense. Suffered broken neck and was prisoner of war at Stalag-Luft 3, initially, and later moved with thousands of others to Nuremberg and Munich. Liberated May, 1945 before end of war.

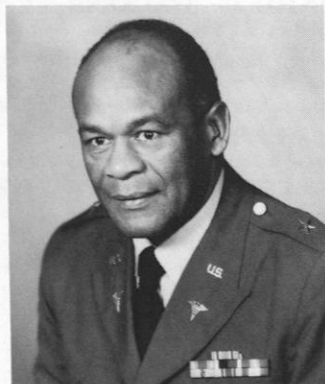
Post Military — Flew again with Chief Anderson at Tuskegee and became a commercial flight instructor (1947). Started a flying school in Birmingham, Alabama over objections from the infamous Bill Conner (Police Chief) and introduced Blacks to the City Airport and freedom to fly (1947-48).

Assistant Professor, Mathematics, at Miles College (1951-54), and Southern University (1954-55). Presently employed by Detroit Public Schools as Personnel Administrator after having been teacher, Department head, Principal, and Special Programs Writer. Help found the first truly operational chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. which generated the first National Convention.

DR. MARION MANN

Former Dean of the Howard University College of Medicine, and currently serving there as a Professor of Pathology, was graduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1940. He received the M.D. Degree at Howard University College of Medicine in 1954 and in 1961 he received the Ph.D. Degree from Georgetown University. He interned at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Staten Island, New York (1954-1955), and served his residency in Pathology at the Georgetown University Medical Center (1956-1960).

After serving one year as an Instructor in Pathology at Georgetown (1960-1961), Dr. Mann returned to Howard University as an Assistant Professor of Pathology in 1961. He was appointed Associate Professor of Pathology in 1967 and held the position until July 1, 1970, when he was promoted to Professor. He served as Dean of the College of Medicine from July 1, 1970 through June 30, 1979.



Dr. Marion Mann

Dr. Mann's military service began as a draftee at Tuskegee Army Air Force Base in February 1942. He attended OCS at Carlisle Barracks, then returned to Tuskegee as 2nd Lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps in December 1942. Later assignments

were at Godman Field, Lockbourne Air Force Base, in Japan, and at Fort Benning. Leaving active duty to attend medical school in 1950, he subsequently spent a total of twenty-eight years in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and of the Army War College. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, Medical Corps, in 1975 and was retired in 1980.

General Mann and his wife, Ruth, have two children: Marion, Jr., who was born at Tuskegee; and Judith, who was born in Yokohama.

VANCE H. MARCHBANKS, JR., M.D.

Retired as a Colonel, USAF, Medical Corps 1 July 1964. Chief Environmental Health Services, and in charge of the medical aspects of the Space Program at Hamilton Standard Division of United Aircraft Corporation, Windsor Locks, Conn., July 1964 to July 1969 (program terminated). Diplomat of the American Board of Preventive Medicine with a subspecialty in Aviation Medicine. Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine and the American College of Physicians. Was one of the original Eleven Flight Surgeons to serve as a Medical Monitor on Project Mercury. Monitored the First Manned Space Flight. Flew three combat missions in B-29's over Korea. Flew on the first airborne alert in B-52's. Received the Second William Warfield Award from Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C. 6 June 1961 in recognition of distinguished achievement and contributions as a former intern and resident. At present in practice of Aerospace Medicine in Hartford, Conn. Medical license in: Virginia, District of Columbia, California and Connecticut.

10 Sept. 1960 to Jul. 1964 — Hospital Commander and Division Surgeon, 831st Air Division, George Air Force Base, Calif. 2) Aug. 56 to Sept. 60 — Hospital Commander and Division Surgeon, 45th Air Division, Loring AFB, Maine. 3) 28 Jun. 1955 to 1 Jul. 56 — Division Surgeon, 313 Air Div. Okinawa. 4) 16 Jan. 54 to 28 Jun. 55 — Dir. Prof. Servs., 6110th AF Hosp. Japan. 5) 10 Jul. 51 to 10 Dec. 53 and 26 Mar. 46 to 15 Sep. 49 — Commander AF Hosp. and Div. Surgeon 801st Air Div., and 332d Ftr Gp, Lockbourne ARF, Ohio. 6) 15 Sep. 49 to 10 Jul. 51 — Flight Surgeon and Deputy Hospital Commander, March AFB, Calif. 7) 18 Jul. 45 to Mar. 46 — Base Surgeon, Godman Fld., Ky. 8) Nov. 43 to May 45 Wg. Surgeon 332d Ftr Gp, Italy. 9) Ju. 42-Sep. 43 — Det Surgeon 66th Trg Det. Tuskegee, Ala. 10) Sept. 41 to Jun. 42 — Ward Officer Sta Hosp., Ft. Bragg, N.C. 11) Apr. 41 to Sep. 41 — Bn Surg., FARTC, Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Graduate: Howard University, Wash. D.C. M.D. 1937, Undergraduate: University of Arizona, BS 12 June 1931. Other: Internship Freedmen's Hospital Wash., D.C. 1937-

38; Assnt. Resident Medicine, Freedmen's Hosp. 1938-39; VA Tuskegee, Ala. Medicine 40-41; School of Avn. Med. 1942; Neuropsychiatric Course AMC, DC, 42; Med Aspects of Atomic explosions, AMC, DC; US Pub Health School 1950; Hosp. Commanders Course AU 1953; Field Officers (AU) Extension Course 54; F1 Surg. Refresher Course 56; Spe Weapons Cour. Sandia AFB, NM; Mass Casualty Course AMC, DC58; Med. Asp. Space Oper. (NASA) 60-62.

Membership in Professional Associations — Member of the American Board of Preventive Medicine (1954); Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine; Fellow of the American College of Physicians; Associate Fellow Aerospace Medical Association; Civil Aviation Medical Association; Nat. Med. Assn.

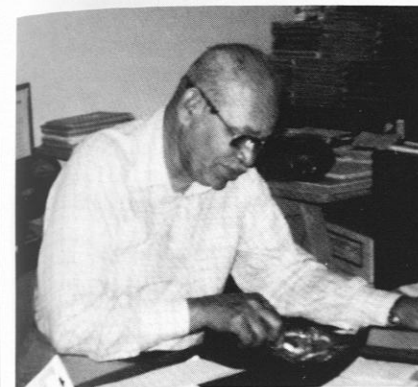


Vance H. Marchbanks Jr., M.D.

Professional Contributions — 10 "KC-135 Noise Study," Noise Control, Vol. 4, No. 3, May 1958. 2) "Effect of Flying Stress on Urinary 17-OHCS Levels," Journal Avn. Med, Vol. 29, pp 676-682, Sep. 1958. 3) "Flying Stress & Urinary 17OHCS Levels during 24 Hr. Missions," Aerospace Med., Vol. 31, pp 639-643, Aug. 1960. 4) "Progressive Bacterial Synergistic Symbiotic Gangrene," Ama J OB & Gyn, Vo. 83, #1, pp 54-57. 5) "Stress Responses of Pilots Flying 6 hr. Overwater Missions in F-100 and F104 Aircraft," Tec Documentary Rpt. No. SAM-TDR, Proj. #7758, Task #59579, SAM, USAF, and Aerospace Med., Vol. 34, #1, Jan. 63m pp 15-18.

Commendations and Citations — Bronze Star, 1945, Army Commendation Medal 1950, AF Commendation Ribbon, 1956; AF Commendation Medal 1958, 1960. Second Alonzo Wm. Warfield Award Freedmen's Hosp., Wash., D.C. 7 Jun. 1961. Outstanding Achievement Award Tuskegee Airmen Inc. Aug. 1981. Foreign Languages: Fair comprehensive knowledge of Japanese.

Personal Data — Date of Birth: 12 Jan. 1905, Wt. 145 lbs., Ht. 67½ ins., Physical Limitations: none, Marital Status: Married to Lois Gilkey, Children: Roslyn Jeanne Robinson, married to John R. Robinson, Lt. Col. US Army, Joy Marie Boddie, married to Arthur W. Boddie, MD



Oral S. McClellan Jr.

ORAL S. MCCLELLAN, JR.

Born — Sept. 15, 1921, Chicago, Illinois Address — P.O. Box 3471, San Francisco, Calif. 94119

Married — Wife, former Audraetta Watson; sons, Oral S. III, Rudi Armando; daughter, Ann Madeline and three grandchildren.

Education — Nicholas Senn H.S., Chicago, Ill.; Chicago Technical College, Chicago, Ill.; A.S.T.P. (Army Specialized Training Program — Engineering) DePaul University, Chicago, Ill., Heald College, San Francisco, Calif.

Military Service — Enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill. April 15, 1941. Attended Air Corps AM School Chanute Field, Ill. 99th Pursuit Squadron. Assigned to 318th Air Base Group, Tuskegee Army Air Base, Tuskegee, Ala. Jan., 1942. Assigned to the 1155th Single Engine Fighter Training Squadron, T.A.A.B., Ala. Dec. 1942. Assigned to A.S.T.P. (Engineering) Greensboro, N.C. June 1943. Assigned to Engineering and Operations Base Group (P.L.M.) Minter Field, Bakersfield, Calif. Assigned to 1930th Aviation Engineer Squadron, Eleventh Air Force Command, ADAK and ATTU Islands, Aleutian Islands, Asia-American Theater of Operations Nov., 1944. Separated from Army Air Forces Dec. 1945, Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Entered civilian life to pursue career in Civil Engineering Dec. 5th 1945 and have been active to date in various engineering capacities both with government agencies and private consultants to present date.

NORMAN A. MCDANIEL

Colonel Was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on 27 July 1937, attended county, primary and secondary schools and graduated from Armstrong High School in Cumberland County, North Carolina in May 1955 as class valedictorian.

He attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University from September 1955 to June 1959 and graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. While attending the University, he participated in the AFROTC Program, became

Cadet Group Commander, was awarded the Outstanding Cadet Trophy in 1959, and was a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was commissioned 2/Lt, USAF, in June 1959.

Col. McDaniel began active duty in June 1959, attended Navigator Training at Waco, Texas, Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO) Training at Biloxi, Mississippi, B-52 Combat Crew Training at Castle AFB, California, and performed as an EWO in the B-52G aircraft from June 1961 to June 1964. He then performed as a Subsystems Manager in the F-111 System Program Office until January 1966.

He was assigned to Takhli Air Base, Thailand, in January 1966, flew 51 combat missions over North Vietnam as an EB-66C EWO and was shot down and captured on July 20, 1966. He remained a prisoner until released on February 12, 1973. Subsequent to release, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia and AFIT sponsored graduate training which resulted in an M.S. in Systems Management.

From June 1975 to July 1978, Col. McDaniel was assigned to HQ Air Force Systems Command where he performed as a Systems Staff Officer for Aircrew Simulator development and acquisition, and as Chief of the Support Equipment Division in DCS/Systems. Then he attended the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island and graduated in June 1979. After graduation, Col. McDaniel was assigned to HQ USAF as Chief, Congressional Activities for AF/RD until October 1980, at which time he was reassigned as Chief, Management Policy for AF/RD. In August 1981, he assumed his present duties as Commander, AFROTC Detachment 130 and Professor of Aerospace Studies at Howard University.



Col. Norman A. McDaniel

Academically, Col. McDaniel is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and Florida Institute of Technology. Professionally, he is a graduate of the Academic Instructor School, the Squadron Officers' School, the Armed Forces Staff College, the Air War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Defense Systems Management College, and the Naval War College.

He also authored a book titled, *Yet Another*

er Voice (published by Nordon Publications, Inc.), that relates his experiences as a Prisoner of War of the North Vietnamese and his readjustment efforts after repatriation.

Col. McDaniel's decorations and awards include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Combat V Device, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Readiness Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Vietnam Service Medal with 14 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Col. McDaniel is married to the former Jean Carol Breeze, and they now reside in Camp Springs, Maryland. They have two children (Christopher, son age 19, and Crystal, daughter age 16).

CHARLES EDWARD MCGEE

Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

Born — December 7, 1919 in Cleveland, Ohio

Residence — 5231 Lawn Ave., Kansas City, MO 64130

Married — To Frances E. (Nelson), Oct. 17, 1942; daughters — Charlene and Yvonne; son — Ronald; 4 grandchildren.

Education — University of Illinois 1940-42; Air University Command & Staff School 1953; Columbia College (MO), 1978 BA Degree (Dean's List), Business Administration.

Military Service — October 26, 1942 to January 31, 1973. From U.S. Army Enlisted Reserve entered Aviation Cadet training Nov. 17, 1942, Tuskegee Army Air Field, Alabama. Graduated 2nd Lt. and pilot, Army Air Corps, June 30, 1943. Combat training at Selfridge Field, Michigan, and pilot and flight commander in EAME theater, 302nd Fighter Sqdn., 332nd Fighter Group, 136 combat missions, 334 hours, promoted to Captain, credited with one ME-109 aerial victory, awarded 12 Air Medals. Twin engine instructor, TAAF (ATC) 1945 to mid 1946, then Base Operations and Training officer, Lockbourne Air Base, Ohio to Aug. 1948. Completed Aircraft Maintenance Officer technical training, Chanute Field, Illinois and assigned to 301st Air Refueling Wing, (SAC), Smoky Hill AFB, Kansas, August 1949, the first of integrated service assignments. Served at March Field, California and Clark Field, Philippine Islands. Flew P-51 combat tour in Korea, 67th Fighter Bomber Sqdn., 100 missions, 278 hours, awarded DFC, KPUC, other medals and promoted to Major. Returned to Clark Air Base and commanded 44th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 18th FB Wing, flying the P-80 (SE jet). Awarded Bronze Star and AFCM. In 1953 attended AF Command and Staff School, Maxwell Air Base, Ala. Held several Air Defense staff assignments at Air Division and 10th Air Force levels, flew F-89 interceptor and received promotion to Lt. Col. In 1959



Col. (Ret.) Charles E. McGee

became USAF Regular Officer and was assigned in Italy commanding Luigi Balogna Sea Plane Base and 7230th Support Squadron related to NATO deployment of Jupiter missiles. To ZI in 1962 again filling Air Defense staff assignments at Minot AFB, ND and Richard-Gebaur AFB, MO. In 1967, completed tactical reconnaissance and RF-4 flight training and commanded 16th Tac. Recon. Sqdn., Tan Son Nhut Air Base, RSVN. Flew 172 missions, 381 hours, awarded Legion of Merit and other medals. After SEA tour was assigned Air Liaison Officer serving USAEUR and 7th Army in Germany. Promoted to Colonel and completed tour with 50th Tac Fighter Wing as Chief of Maintenance. Flew the F-4C, D and E. Returned to ZI, 1971, as Director of Maintenance Engineering, Air Force Communications Service and served as commander of 1840th Air Base Wing and Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO. Awarded Legion of Merit OLC and retired Jan. 31, 1973. 6,308 total flying hours, and command pilot rating.

Post Military — Entered private industry working as director of real estate and purchasing, ISC Financial Corporation, and Vice-President of Real Estate, Interstate Securities Co. Obtained RE brokers license. In 1977 returned to school completing degree requirements in 1978. Worked as Assistant Director of Administration, Prairie Village, KS and after brief respite, entered present position in 1980, as manager Kansas City, Missouri Downtown Airport.

GEORGE THOMAS MITCHELL

— Sergeant, U.S. Air Force

Born — July 10, 1920

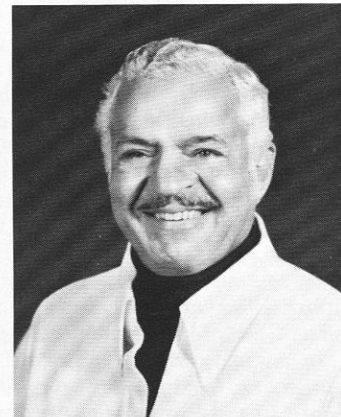
Residence — 1901 50th St., San Diego, CA 92102

Married — Wife, Lillian (Stokes); Daughter, Lorna; Sons, George, Jr., John, Brian.

Military Service — Drafted into Army, 1942 assigned to Combat Engineering Division, Fort Myers, Fla. 1943 assigned to Sqd. B, 2143 AAF, Tuskegee, Alabama. Instructed radio code and blinker code to aviation cadets until discharged from service in April, 1946.

Post Military — After discharge worked in Chicago electronics firm until moving to

Bremerton, Washington. While employed as a radio mechanic at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, studied for and passed the state engineering examination and advanced to Electronics Engineering Field Division Head, Shore Electronics Dept., DOD, Seattle, Washington. 1963 accepted position as head of the Combat Weapons Electronics Division at the 32nd Street Naval Repair Facility San Diego staying there approximately one year. A new job as Chief Electronics Engineer at the Naval Repair Base necessitated a move with the family to Guam. Mariannas Islands. This developed into an overseas stay of 8½ years as a result of a move to Subic Bay, Philippines as Chief Electronic Engineer and Technical Director at the Subic Bay Naval Base with the responsibilities of all Navy ship and shore communications in the Philippines and all Navy and Marine Corps communications in South Vietnam. Retired after 6 years as a GS 14 and returned with family to San Diego.



George T. Mitchell

Retirement was short lived because of subsequent employment as Radio Electronics Officer for Scripps Institution of Oceanography. During the 5 years before retirement from Scripps, participated in many scientific expeditions in Pacific Ocean, parts of the Atlantic and the Amazon River. Presently employed by Exxon as a Radio Electronics Officer on coastal tankers running between Valdez, Alaska and refineries in northern and southern California.

In his spare time, Mitchell operates his amateur radio station as K6ZE and is a prize winning professional photographer.

DEAN B. MOHR — Colonel, USAF, Director of Operations, Northern Communications Area (NCA) with headquarters at Griffiss AFB, New York. NCA is a subcommand of the Air Force Communications Service (AFCS). Its mission includes engineering, installing, maintaining and operating communications-electronics and meteorological facilities at Air Force installations located in the 32 northern states, Canada, Greenland and the Azores. The mission also

includes air traffic control and operation of long-haul intercontinental and on-base communications.

Born — in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22, 1919.

Education — He graduated from Moore High School, Waco, Texas, in 1935 and from Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, in 1940.

Military — After being drafted into the service, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps in July 1942. From July 1943 until January 1946, he was a member of the 332d Fighter Group and served 20 months in Italy.

After receiving training in air electronics from February 1949 to January 1950, he was assigned as an instructor at Keesler AFB and then to the 58th Reconnaissance Squadron at Eilson AFB, Alaska, a position he held for two and one-half years. Colonel Mohr has held various staff positions in Air Force Logistics Command Headquarters, Aerospace Defense Command Headquarters, and Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

From November 1964 to June 1966 Colonel Mohr served in Taipei, Taiwan, as senior advisor to the Nationalist Chinese Government in communications-electronics, operations and management.

Colonel Mohr has also held positions as Chief, Technical Support Division, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, and Director of Communications-Electronics, 15th Air Force, Strategic Air Command.

Before coming to NCA in September 1972, Colonel Mohr was a Communications-Electronics staff planner in the NATO International Military Staff, Brussels, Belgium.

Colonel Mohr's decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Colonel Mohr is married to the former Mary Louise Leonard of Detroit, Michigan. The Mohr's have two children, Dean, Jr., an Air Force pilot, and Diane.

Retired August 1973. Retired Address 2354 N. Indian Hill, Claremont, CA 91711



Dean B. Mohr

HAROLD M. MORRIS

Born — Nov. 2, 1917 in Tacoma, Washington

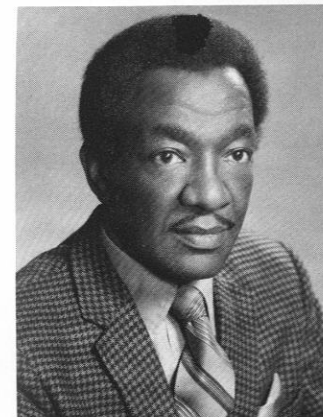
Residence — 5011-54th Ave. South, Seattle, Washington 98118

Married — Jessie (Edwards); Daughters, Jessie J., Patricia Stells; Son, Roger; five grandchildren.

Military Service — Drafted into U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Wash. Sept. 2, 1942. Assigned to the 34th Chemical Decon. Company, Camp Claiborne, La. for basic training. On completion of Basic Training transferred to Army Air Corps and assigned to Tuskegee in April 1943. Graduated in class of 44-D as 2nd Lt. and subsequently assigned to 301st Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group 306th Wing of the 15th Air Force as a replacement pilot in Sept. 1944. Entire overseas duty served in Italy in the European/Mediterranean Theatre. Service record included 35 combat missions flown with one aerial victory or "kill". Mustered out in Sept. 1945, highest rank, 1st Lt.

Post Military — Served ten years with the U.S. Postal Service while simultaneously engaging in Real Estate on a part-time basis. Entered the Real Estate field on a full time basis and operated Harold Morris Realty, Inc. from 1959 through 1965.

Next, served as a Right of Way Agent for the City of Seattle from 1966 until retirement in 1979. Is a member of the International Right of Way Association, Chapter 4, Member of Seattle Central Kiwanis Club, St. Clements Episcopal Church, Seattle, and is currently serving as President of the Sam Bruce Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc.



John W. Mosley

JOHN WILLIAM MOSLEY — L/C USAF (Ret.)

Federal Government Executive; Spec. Asst. Regl. Dir. DHEW Mt. Plains Fed. Reg. Coun.; b Denver; educ. Colo. pub. schs., CSU, DU, Tuskegee Inst., A & T U; BS, MSW; m Edna Wilson 1/12/45; ch Mrs. Edna Lorette Frutrell, John Gregory, Brian Wilson, William Eric; Boys' Work and Yng Adult Dir. Dvr. and KC Mo YMCA's, USAF 21 yrs., Command Pilot HQcen AF Command, HQ

12th AF, Prof. Air Sci. AFROTC Greensboro NC, AF Reserve Det Pasadena, Calif., USAF Offr. Trng. Sch. Lackland AFB, Tex. Oper. Offr. Tech. Trng. Ctr. LAFB, Chf. Instr. Sys. Dev. Lowry AFB Colo., Chf. Trng. Servs. Div. Lowry AFB, Combat Oper. Kor. at Thailand, Oper. Offr. Civ. Air Patrol Lowry AFB, Specl. Asst. James Farmer Asst. Sec. Admin. DHEW; Aurora YM CA, Mile High U Way, U Negro Coll. Fund; mbr. Natl. Assn. Soc. workers, Natl. Educ. Assn., 1st Unit Ch., Urban Lea., NAACP, Metro Dvr. Urban Coalition, Acad. Cert. Soc. Workers; Merit Schshp, CSU, All Conf. Wrestler 4 yrs. CSU, All Conf. All Amer. Recog. CSU, Bronze Star, num mil and civil awards; Who's Who Among Studs Amer. Colls. and Univs.; res. 2019 S. Macon Wy., offc. Fed. Bldg., 1961 Stout St., Dvr.

CECIL DEWEY NELSON, JR. — Sgt.

Born — May 24, 1920, Champaign, Ill.

Residence — 10031 Elliot Ave. So., Bloomington, MN 55420

Married — Wife, Alice Ann, 2 children, Cecil III, Nancy. (Brother of (Sgt.) Earnest F. Nelson and nephew of (Col.) Chas. E. McGee, and (Lt.) Leonard Nelson, TAAFITES.

Education — University of Ill., BFA, 1948, University of Minnesota, Faculty

Military — Enlisted Chanute Fld., US Army Cadet Corps, 1941, and following Soph. yr. at U of I, joined US Coast & Geodetic Survey, Balt. MD, Ofc. of War Info., Wash. DC, 1941-42. Inducted Bolling Fld., DC, class of 43D, at Tuskegee. Completed Primary and Basic Trng., was eliminated Ft. Tr., and became an enlisted man, rank, Sgt. TAAF. Duties, Public Relations, and Camp Newspaper Services, later Special Services under Maj. Fred Minnis. Art Director, Cartoonist, Creator of PVT. TAAFU, a widely read field cartoon dealing with the growing pains and gripes of the new all black squadron living under segregation and Army SNAAFU. (Strip had the blessing and protection of Col. Parrish and Col. Davis, which made life more bearable for field enlisted men. It and THE HAWKS CRY won the STARS & STRIPES and Milton Cannif Award as morale builders.) Nelson was member all black G.I. show, ROGER, as Art Dir. and Female Impersonator. In 1945, loaned to Combat Engineers, Mc Dill Fld., Fla. Taught drafting and surveying to combat troops embarking for Pacific Theater. Ret Tuskegee Rehabilitation Center, then to Ft. Sheridan, Ill. Honorable discharge with special citations and commendations from Gen. Staff Public Relations, DC, 1946.

Civilian Career — Art Director, 35 yrs., 1946, Norfolk Journal & Guide Artist, Cartoonist. 1948, Multi Ads Inc., Peoria, Ill. 1952, Slater Rost Studios, Milwaukee, WS, 1955, Owner, Cecil Nelson Studios. 1965, AD, Krupp Studios, Minneapolis, MN. 1976,



Cecil D. Nelson, Jr.

Artist-Faculty Member, Communications Specialist, University of Minnesota.

Honors — Bronze Tablet University Honors, Univ. of Ill., 1948. Freedom Train Librarian Mural Commission, (Commendations Pres. Harry Truman) 1950 Nat. Art Directors awards, 1952 thru 1965. Atlanta Univ. Negro Painting Award(s), '43, '45, '47, '48, '49. Afro American Cultural Center Service, 1976 Outstanding Service Award, City of Bloomington, MN. 1977, and recently, recipient of 10 Outstanding Graduates Award, 1980, University of Illinois. Member Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. National Communicators in Education, ACE, National Superior Awards 1980 and 1981. Designer Northgate Roll Arena, Mpls., 1981. WRITER, CO-PUBLISHER Negro Minneapolis Profile (1969)

LINCOLN WARDELL NELSON

— AO-56152, 1st Lt. United States Air Force — pilot (1919-1948)

Married — the former Rose Marie Biffle; one son, Lt. Commander Ronald Duane Nelson, United States Naval Reserve

Born — in Jackson, Mississippi, February 13, 1919. The family moved to Phoenix, Arizona where he graduated from Phoenix Union High School. He later attended San Diego City College majoring in drafting. He joined the San Diego Forrestry Service where he became interested in construction and later worked as foreman for the Hassen and Griffin Construction Co.

Enlisted in the Army 24 April 1943, Los Angeles, Calif. and later entered Tuskegee as an aviation cadet, Section H2143d AAF Base Unit. He received his appointment as 2nd Lt. A.US in Nov. 1944 as a fighter (single engine) pilot. He later received commission as a first lieutenant U.S.A.F. (Regular Army of the United States).

He was a member of the 477th Composite Group, 99th Fighter Squadron, Godman Field, Kentucky. He was stationed in 1945 at Walterboro, South Carolina. In March 1946 the 477th moved to Lockbourne Field, Columbus, Ohio. When the 477th was deactivated and the 332nd Fighter Group reactivated



They are, from left to right, sitting: 2nd Lt. Halbert L. Alexander, Georgetown, Ill.; F/O Calvin G. Moret, New Orleans, La.; 2nd Lt. Garfield Jenkins, Chicago, Ill.; and 2nd Lt. Eugene G. Theodore, Trinidad, B. W. I. Standing: 2nd Lt. William R. Alston, Huntington, W. Va.; F/O John J. Bell, Jersey City, N.J.; 2nd Lt. Ralph D. Wilkins, Hendersonville, N.C.; F/O Vernon Hopson, Gidding, Texas; F/O Reginald Waddell, Chicago, Ill.; 2nd Lt. Willis E. Moore, Chicago, Ill.; 2nd Lt. Andrew Johnson, Greensboro, N.C.; and 2nd Lt. Louis W. Johnson, San Antonio, Texas. Standing: 2nd Lt. Irvin O. Brewin, Chicago, Ill.; 2nd Lt. Thomas Gladden, Washington, D.C.; 2nd Lt. Lincoln W. Nelson, San Diego, Calif.; F/O Leonard O. Vaughan, Brooklyn, N.Y.; 2nd Lt. Alvin J. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; 2nd Lt. William M. Washington, Chicago; F/O Julius W. Calloway, Louisville, Ky.; 2nd Lt. Russell W. Carpenter, Plainfield, N.J.; and F/O Tamenund J. Dickerson, Detroit, Mich.

tivated, Lt. Nelson served as a member of the 99th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio.

He died in the crash of his P47 the 29th March 1948 in the town of Somerset, Perry County, Ohio.



Melvin M. Nelson

MELVIN M. NELSON, SR.

The Class of 43-H
We will meet the challenge

That was thrown across the sea
We men of 43-H
And though the perils come
We will exult in bravery
We men of 43-H

So let the zero's soar and let the Stukas roar
We'll blast 'em from the skies
And hang around for more.

And when the peace does come
We will head our ships for home
We men of 43-H

Class song of 43-H (Cadet Class) composed by Melvin M. Nelson

THEODORE J. NICKENS

Born — June 5, 1924

Residence — 1420 'N' Street NW #805, Washington, D.C. 2005. Divorced. Four children. Daryl, Javis, Linde, and Gail.

Education — Teachers College, Washington, D.C. Majored in Mathematics and Chemistry. One time honor student.

Military Service — Entered service in March 1943. Pilot Trainee (44E). Basic at Tuskegee. Discharged February 1944.

Other Military Experience — Military Police; U.S.A.F. Recruiting.

Occupation — U.S. Army Development and Readiness Command.

Status Today — Retired.

My Tuskegee Experience "Gosh Those Were the Days"

It was from March 1943 to February 1944. I remember getting the 'Wild Blue Yonder Fever.' I was a Piper Cub Preflight Trainee. One of the 'YO-YO Kids'. Ed. Gibbs was the instructor.

Let me tell you how I got into the service at Tuskegee. I was a college student in Washington D.C.: a National honor student. Tested in top ten. My lottery number was due to be called and I DID NOT WANT TO BE INDUCTED. So — I went to the recruiting station to volunteer for the United States Air Corps Training.

"Oh no" you can't volunteer. Your number is due. Go home and wait for your 'Greetings Letter', then report to the induction station". I was told by the receptionist. I was hurt.

Washington D.C. Selective Service Board was 20th block of 15th Street NW. (The old Dunbar Hotel.) The Recruiting Station was New York and Pennsylvania Avenues NW. (The old Greyhound Station.)

Buster Hopkins taught E.A.C. (Experimental Aviation Course) in High School. He, a Certified Instructor, was the first to tell me of the new unit of black Air Force Personnel

being financed by the U.S. Government.

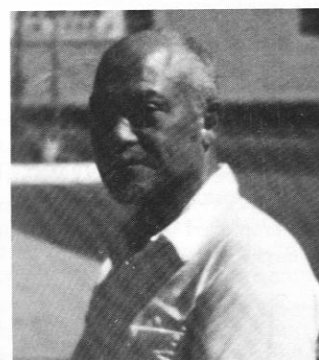
I knew Colonel Harry Atwood, a Professor that taught Military Science in school. I confronted him with my problem, telling him that I was very much interested in the Army Air Corps Training program. Colonel Atwood knew Colonel "C.C." Johnson, a black retired military colonel who was one of the directors of the selective service system. Col. Atwood telephoned Col. Johnson and explained the situation. Colonel Johnson telephoned the recruiting station and informed the receptionist that my volunteering for selective duty took precedent over the forthcoming induction notice. This was affective. When I returned to the recruiting station I was allowed to fill out the proper forms to volunteer for the U.S. Air Corps Training. The completed forms were given to the Receptionist with an affective "Thank you Ma'am"!

Chief Anderson was in command at Tuskegee. Primary, basic, and advanced training were accomplished using Moton field. Mirtle Beach was used for transition training for overseas and Godman Field was used for bomber training in Kentucky. Sulfried Field in Michigan was used to train pursuit pilots, single engine experience.

Military training at Tuskegee was nine months; three months primary, three intermediate, and three advanced training. Pilots were known to be the 'Nine month wonders'.

C.T.D. I was College Training Detachment. I had five months and ten hours of flying. I didn't make it . . . missed on the twelfth hour a forced landing.

44F was the largest primary class to go into basic training at TAAF. I would bet that the wash outs at Tuskegee was sixty percent or more if compared to the quota of wash outs at Randolph Field where the white fellows were trained. I am sure the criteria for failure was not as strict as Randolph Field as at Tuskegee.



Theodore J. Nickens

I remained in service as Military Police. Later served in U.S.A.F. Recruiting Service.

In 1944 when I was home on furlough after having an appendectomy, I was honored in school. I wore my uniform, sat on stage, said a few words to the assembly. I felt great.

I disliked the physical fitness part where once a month we would run 'Cross country', up and down the back hills wearing a gas

mask. 2½ miles out, 2½ miles back.

My greatest accomplishment was losing the weight to get into Tuskegee. It was rough but I lost 5 pounds in 10 days, reported back physically fit at 160 lbs.

GOSH THOSE WERE THE DAYS!



Ramon C. Noches

RAMON CRESPIN NOCHES — Lt. Colonel, U.S. Air Force

Born — January 5, 1941 in Lawrence, Kansas

Residence — 637 Willow Oaks Blvd., Hampton, Va. 23669

Married — Wife, former Nancy J. Todd: Daughters, Lucinda, Rose

Education — Washburn University of Topeka 1963, BA Degree; University of Arkansas, MS Degree 1973; Air Force Squadron Officer School, 1968; Air Command and Staff College 1978; National Defense University, 1981

Military Service — Commissioned Second Lieutenant United States Air Force August 5, 1963 after completing AFROTC program at Washburn University. He was assigned to the 449th Bomb Wing, Kincheloe AFB, Michigan as an Administrative Officer and Squadron Section commander until November 1965. Transferred to Andersen AFB, Guam in December 1967, Ramon was assigned to the 3960th Transportation Squadron as an executive officer to the Commander. In December 1967, he was assigned to Headquarters Second Air Force, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, as Chief Classified Documents Branch, Directorate of Administration and as Awards and Decoration Officer for the Commander. In October 1970 Ramon was assigned to Air Force Advisory Team Six as an advisor to the Secretariat Section Vietnamese Air Force Logistics Command. Following his Southeast Asia assignment, Ramon was transferred to the 322nd Tactical Airlift Wing, Rhein Main AB, Germany in October 1971. In this assignment, he held several administrative positions including Executive Officer to the Wing Commander. Ramon was selected to head the Air Force Administrative Training program in April 1975. During this assignment, he directed the reorganization of both resident and non resident Administrative training. In April 1978, Ramon was appointed

to the Air Force Reserve Officers Training program as an instructor. He assumed the position of Professor of Aerospace Studies in 1979. Colonel Noches is now assigned to Headquarters Tactical Air Command in the Directorate of Administration. He is the son of Ramon Frances Noches (Tuskegee class of 1944D) and the former Rose A. Newman of Lawrence, Kansas). His father was killed in a B-25 accident at Gunter Field, Alabama in June 1945.

JOHN A. NORRIS

Chief Master Sergeant, USAF, is an Air Force Social Actions Superintendent assigned to the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute. A veteran of 25 years of active service, he began his career following basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, as a physical conditioning and athletics instructor. He served in this capacity at Tyndall AFB, Florida; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Rhein Main AB, Germany; Lackland AFB, Texas; Cam Rahn Bay AB, Vietnam and Clark AB, Philippines. In addition to his military duties during this period, he established an enviable record of community service. Along with five other airmen, he designed and built Hickam Harbor — one of the Air Force's first small craft sailing facilities. He has served as athletic director for a Salvation Army Boys Home which provided recreational activities for homeless youth. Chief Norris was the American representative to the German Badminton Federation and runner-up in the State of Hessen Badminton Championship; while also serving as a group leader for the Frankfurt/Berlin Orphanage, providing guidance and support for orphans. He continued this service to youth as a counselor for Campus Life and Youth for Christ in San Antonio, Texas, and founded the East Terrace Power and Light Company's Christian Boys Club.

At Clark AB, Philippines, he helped establish the Equal Opportunity and Treatment Office and was one of its first complaints technicians. He founded the Afro Culture Workshop and was elected its first president. The workshop soon became instrumental in maintaining racial harmony and sponsoring cultural events. At Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina, he established the Community



John A. Norris

Action Committee to address economic and social issues of the local minority community and the underprivileged. He was appointed to the South Carolina Drug Team by the Governor of the state to bring drug education and awareness programs to Myrtle Beach and Georgetown. Again, he founded another Afro Culture Workshop in this area and designed and directed the Summer Youth Program at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, providing full-time educational experiences for 300 underprivileged children.

As a trained Social Action Specialist, he was assigned to Tactical Air Command Headquarters where he was tasked to establish a minority culture forum at each of the command's bases. He devised a Data and Analysis System to provide each base commander with up-to-date socio-economic factors in the social actions area. Success of his system led to an assignment with the Air Force Inspector General Team to formulate a worldwide Equal Opportunity and Treatment (EOT) complaint inspection system and review the total Air Force EOT program. The Hampton Roads Jaycees voted him the Outstanding Youth Leader of Hampton for 1975-76. In 1976-77, Chief Norris served as EOT NCO at Osan AB, Korea and was the personal representative of the 314th Air Division Commander at all major human relations conferences. In 1977 he returned to Clark AB, Philippines as Social Actions Superintendent and in 1981 was assigned as First Sergeant with advisory duties to the Commander, Third Combat Support Group. Chief Norris was selected as one of the Air Force's twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year in 1980. He was recently assigned to the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute at Patrick AFB, Florida.

Chief Norris has been awarded the Outstanding Airmen of the Year Ribbon with Bronze Star, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon, USAF Senior NCO Academy Graduate Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

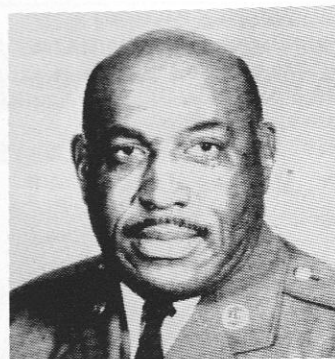
Chief Norris is married to the former Ayra M. Manansalla and has two children. He is a member of the East Coast Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

IRA J. O'NEAL JR. — Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force

Born — June 21, 1918 in Phoenix Arizona
Residence — 4640 Easy Place, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20019

Married — Wife, former Lourecka Bolling; Daughter, June; 3 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild.

Education — Attended Phoenix public school, Phoenix Junior College, and Arizona State University at Tempe, Arizona.



Ira J. O'Neal, Jr.

Majored in physical education.

Military Service — Drafted into the Army Air Corps from Phoenix on July 7, 1942. After completing induction processing at Fort McArthur, California, assigned to Roswell Army Air Corps Flying School, Roswell, New Mexico. Upon completing two weeks training at Roswell, promoted from Acting Sergeant, and assigned First Sergeant of Squadron "F". September 8, 1943 assigned to Officers Candidate School, Miami Beach, Class 44-A. Commissioned Second Lieutenant, January 8, 1944, and assigned to Tuskegee Army Flying School at Tuskegee, Alabama, better known as "Chew Haw", as Physical Training Instructor and Provost Marshal. March 12, 1946, transferred to Lockbourne Air Force Base (332nd), outside of Columbus, Ohio, as Base Provost Marshal. Provost Marshal until discharged from the Armed Services on October 30th, 1948. Enlisted as Staff Sergeant, on February 16, 1949. At Bolling Air Force Base, and assigned to Westover Air Force Base, (M.A.T.S.) Springfield, Massachusetts. Stayed at Westover, working with the Berlin Airlift until November 1950. At this time assigned to Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. as supervisor of the Base Sports Program. January 10, 1959, transferred to Kimpo Air Base (K-14) Korea with many different duty assignments. March 12, 1960, transferred to Maguire Air Force Base (M.A.C.) New Jersey, as Recreation Supervisor. During mid-March 1962 transferred to Southern Allied Forces (NATO) Europe with duty station at Naples, Italy. After three years of duty in Italy, transferred to Maxwell Air Force Base, on July 4th 1965, as Supervisor of Sports and Recreation. On the move again after a short tour of duty, again assigned to duty in Korea, this time assigned to the First Fighter Wing of the Korean Air Force in Kaung Ju, Korea. After this assignment transferred to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, retired on October 1, 1970, after 28 years of active duty. Placed on Active Reserve Duty until August 30, 1972. Retired with 30 years of service.

RALPH PHILLIP ORDUNA — 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force

Born — August 17, 1920 in Omaha, Nebraska

Residence — 6840½ S. Perry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60621

Education — Attended West Side Grammar School and South High School in Omaha.

Parentage — Three sons, three daughters and eighteen grandchildren.

Military Service — Aeronautics has been my life long interest. From building model aircraft to the actual production and flying of aircraft has dominated my life. Employment at the Martin Aircraft Factory in Fort Crook, Nebraska, led to a supervisory position in final assembly. Volunteering for aviation cadet training in 1942, I was accepted and assigned to report May, 1943, to Tuskegee Army Air Base — Class 44A. Due to illness, graduation was delayed. Subsequently, I graduated with Class 44E and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant. P-40 War Hawk transition was completed at Tuskegee Army Air Base. Our class was sent to Walterboro, South Carolina, for transition in the P-47 Thunderbolt. Then, in November, 1944, it was on to Newport News — Virginia — Port of Embarkation. Assigned to the wrong ship, we were routed through Oran, Africa, and then Marseilles, France enroute to Ramitelli, Italy. The stay in France was two weeks during the Battle of the Bulge. Arriving at Ramatelli, Italy, in January of 1945, I was a replacement pilot in the 301st Fighter Squadron — 332nd Fighter Group — 15th Air Force, European/Mediterranean Theater. Active participation consisted of escort for heavy (B-24) Bombers — F-5 (P-38) and British Mosquito Photo Reconnaissance Aircraft and strafing of ground traffic and personnel. The P-51 Mustang Fighter Plane was employed during this period. A total of 18 missions were accomplished during three months of activity. My plane was hit by flak on one strafing mission. On a recon mission to Southern France via the Alps, was engaged by a German Focke-Wolf — 190 Fighter Aircraft. No contact was made. I was awarded Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters. I was hospitalized during V-E Day and returned stateside via hospital ship U.S.S. West Point. Discharged at Fort Logan, Colorado October 5, 1945. Attained commercial pilot's license under G.I. Bill of Rights from Lang's Flying Service in Omaha, Nebraska. Currently employed at Nabisco in Chicago with 28 years tenure.



Ralph P. Orduna

AUGUSTUS L. PALMER

Born — October 8, 1923, in Newport News, Virginia

Residence — 2800 Ellicott Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008

Married — Wife, Mercedes W. (Harwick), Savannah, GA; Children: Augustus, Jr., Rodney, Anne, Mercedes Renee and Robert, 1 grandchild

Formal Training — Graduated 1941 — Huntington High School Newport News, Virginia, B.S. 1947 — Accounting and Economics, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, M.B.A. 1956 — Accounting and Economics, New York University, New York City, New York, Business Management Workshop — Summers, 1954 and 1955, University of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, Special Study — Program Health System Management, Harvard University 1978



Augustus L. Palmer

Military Service — U.S. Air Force — December 1943 to February 1946. Graduated Cadet Corps, Class '45-F, Tuskegee Army Air Field as 2nd Lt. Pilot, August 1945
Special Recognition — Alumni Award, Hampton Institute, 1967

Upon discharge from the Army Air Force, he returned to complete his College training at Hampton Institute, after which he was employed for a period of 1947-1956, moving rapidly from Budget Clerk to Chief Accountant/Assistant Business Manager. During the period of employment at Hampton Institute, he served as Secretary to the Board of Directors. In addition to the full-time employment at Hampton Institute, he performed as Chief Accountant and Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Cooperative Association. He moved to Houston, Texas in 1956 to become Business Manager and later Vice President for Fiscal Affairs of Texas Southern University. In addition to the University work in Houston, he was President of the Texas Southern Finance Corporation, a member of the Board of Directors of Standard Savings & Loan Association, and a member of the Board of Directors of Riverside Hospital.

After 14 years in Houston, Texas, he

accepted the position as Vice President for Resources Management at Washington Technical Institute in Washington, D.C. In September 1971, he accepted appointment at Howard University as Financial Director of Howard University Hospital and Assistant Treasurer of the University.

In his work as a University Executive, he has been associated with numerous Professional Organizations, serving as President and Treasurer and in other responsible roles in such organizations as the American Association of College and Business Offices, Central Association of College and Business Offices, Southern Association of College and Business Offices, National Association of College and Business Offices and the Hospital Financial Managers Association. He has also been active in Civic, Church and Alumni Organizations. He presently serves as Chairman of the Budget Committee of the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society. He is a member of the Vestry St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C., Treasurer of the Washington Chapter of the Alumni Association, Vice President and Treasurer of Children's First Incorporated, a Consulting Firm in Washington, D.C.

WALTER J. A. PALMER — First Lieut. (Ret.)

Born — August 22, 1921 New York, New York

Residence — 1725 Foxhill Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

Married — Wife Rosalind (Purcell); four living children: Janice, Walter, Jr., Darren, Robert; 7 grandchildren

Education — Attended Haaren High School; St. John's University

Graduated from Aviation Cadet Training on June 30, 1943, as a Second Lieutenant, Pilot, U.S. Army Air Corps. Was married the same day. While at gunnery training near Oscoda, Michigan became the first black pilot to be court-martialed for "buzzing" a football game in Detroit. After going overseas, notwithstanding the court-martial trial which was still fresh in the minds of the superior officers, was promoted to flight leader and was credited with one "kill" and one "probable".



Walter A. Palmer

After completing his missions and on his way back to Tuskegee, an auto accident left him without sight in his left eye, so he asked to meet the Retirement Board and has been retired since July 8, 1945. Probably one of, if not the oldest retiree — in point of time — in the whole "Spookewaffe".

After the service, since he would not take the N.Y.C. policeman's job he had qualified for before entering the service, he worked at other civil service jobs and in private industry until his voluntary retirement recently. When their children were school-aged they lived for a number of years in Guadalajara, Mexico, to give their children the benefit of another culture. Currently he and his lovely wife travel as the mood hits them.



Noel F. Parrish

NOEL F. PARRISH — Brig. Gen. U.S. Air Force (ret)

Born — Nov. 11 in Lexington, Kentucky, 1909.

Residence — 4701 Kenmore Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304

Education — Rice University, B.A. Degree, 1928; M.A. 1966; Ph.D. 1968.

Military Service — Enlisted, 11th Cavalry (horse), 1930. Flying Cadet, 1931. 3rd Attack Group (Lt., reserve), 1932. Enlisted Pilot (pvt.) 1st Transport Squadron, 1933. Again, 3rd Atk. Gp. (Lt., regular), 1935. Flying Instructor, (Randolph), 1937. Commandant, Air Corps pilot training school, Chicago-Glenview, 1939. Director of Training, then Commander, Tuskegee Army Air Field for developing select combat pilots and other aeronautical specialists, 1941. Air Command and Staff College, 1946. Air War College, 1947. Deputy Secretary of the new Air Force Staff (Pentagon), 1948. Special Assistant to Air Force Chiefs of Staff, (Vandenberg and Twining), 1949. Air Deputy, NATO Defense College, Paris, (very pleasant) 1954. Air Deputy, Military Assistance program for NATO and CENTO nations, U.S. European Command, 1956. "Assistant for Coordination" of Air Force plans and programs (Pentagon) 1958. Director, Aerospace Studies Institute, Air University (Maxwell AFB, Ala.) 1961. Retired there, Sept. 1964, and immediately back to college after 34 yrs. of military mobility. Obviously,

despite increasing specialization, it is possible beside 11 years in south Alabama and 9 years in the Pentagon to enjoy more than a dozen years of varied military activity.

Post-Military — Military History Professor, Trinity U, San Antonio, 1969. Visiting Professor at Air War College, 1976; returned to Trinity for a final semester in 1978, retiring again at Christmas. Settled for a 3rd time near the magnetic Pentagon, unnecessarily, to indulge in heavy reading, light writing, plus frequent contacts with Tuskegee Airmen and their worthy successors; along with others who work together toward the excellence required for our nation's improvement and strength.



Robert Lee Peeples

ROBERT LEE PEEPLES — Master Sergeant, United States Air Force (Retired)
Born — October 9, 1928 in Thomson, Georgia

Education — Franklin University of Columbus, Ohio, B.A. Degree Business Admin. 1976, Central Michigan University, MA in Management 1978.

Military Service — At 17 enlisted in the U.S. Army from Thomson, Ga. on Dec. 29, 1945. Completed basic training at Camp Lee, Va. 1946 and assigned over seas to the Quartermaster Camp in France, Germany and Italy. Retired to the States 1947 for separation.

In September 1947 reenlisted and assigned to Fort Jackson, S.C. for Paratrooper Training assignment. Shortly afterward the Air Force became a separate branch and he was transferred to the USAF by order of President Henry Truman. Following a short processing stay at Langley AFB, VA, he was reassigned to the 33rd at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. After assignments to Okinawa 1948, Bankstak AFB 1950 and England 1951, he returned to Lockbourne AFB Dec. 1951. Assigned to the 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (RB-45 Jet Aircraft). Later, the wing received RB-47 Aircraft. Promoted to T/Sgt. Feb. 1954 and received a split promotion to M/sgt Oct. 55 from the late SAC Commander General Lemay. Transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB April 1960 (SAC) and assigned to KC-135 and B-52 Aircraft. In 1963 reassigned to Lockbourne AFB 301st wing. March 1967 transferred overseas to the

Philippines and Viet Nam serving with (TAC) C-130 Aircraft. After this short assignment reassigned to Travis AFB, Calif. for retirement on Nov. 30, 1967 23 years of service.

HENRY BUFORD PERRY — Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.)

Born — January 18, 1920 — Columbia, SC

The youngest of six of the late Rev. Robert N. and Mary A. (Jackson) Perry. Moved to Thomasville, GA — 1924

Residence — 11216 Holly — Kansas City, MO 64114

Married — WIFE, Harlene (Anderson) — DAUGHTER, Lisa

Education — St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, NC — BS degree — PhD in Humanities

Military Service — 28 years volunteer US Army Air Corp. Completed flight training September 1942 Class 42 H. Tuskegee Army Air Field. Second Lieutenant Reserve. Initial squadron of pilots to formulate 332nd Fighter Group Selfridge, MI. Replacement Pilot 99th Fighter Squadron — Licata, Sicily. Sqdn. Ops. office. Credited with 2½ victories 145 combat missions. Total flying hours 5500. Additional overseas assignments. Alaskan Air Command — Fighter pilot and Command ops. staff. Thule Air Base, Greenland Squadron. Commander and Dept. Wing Commander. 13th A.F. Clark Air Base. Phil. Command Staff Ops. officer. Additional career positions — Director of Single Engine Advance. T.A.A.F., Air ROTC Instructor — Tuskegee Institute, Flight Instructor/Director Training and Analysis — Williams Field, AZ. Director Combat Operations Center, Central Air Defense Force, Richards Gabeur A.F.B. MO. Chief of Plans and Programs 25th Air Division. Director of Group Operations/Chief of Weapons Division 1st Air Force, Stuart Air Force Base, NY.



Henry B. Perry

Citations — Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal 6 O.L.C. Air Force Commendation Medal 4 O.L.C. Army Commendation Medal.

After Retirement — Assist Director of Inner City Youth Program — Director of million dollar Urban Transportation Project for Kansas City, MO. Personnel Staff Officer — Black & Veatch Consulting Engineers.



Cecil Peterson

CECIL PETERSON —

Add — Box 44554, L.A., CA 90044.

Born — Feb 21, 1919, Wellsville, N.Y. (reared by Salvation Army and Children's Aid Society, NYC). Teen yrs — WPA employment, Harlem Adult Sch. Marital — Div., son, Cecil, Jr., dau, Melanie Woodward.

Military — (1); Drfted 2-12-42, Ft. Dix, NJ. Basic Tng Tuskegee Army Air Field. Asgd various duties as clerk with 99th, 100th and 301st Fighter Sqdns. Att admin sch at McDill Fld, Tampa, FL. Asgd 332nd Fighter Gp. TAFS. Gp moves to Selfridge Fld, MI. TRFD to 928th Air Base Security Bn. 928th moves to Solomon Islands to relieve Marines on Guadalcanal Jul 43. Requested special audience with Eleanor Roosevelt dur her trip to SW Pacific 17 Sep 43 (see her autobio). 928th moves to Hawaii's Hickam Fld. Orderly rm clerk and reporter for Hickam Highlights newspaper. 928th deactivated into 2 aviation sqdns. Personnel scattered over the Pacific. Asgd to avn sqdn on Guam Is. with similar duties Mar 45. Atom bomb from Marianas ends World War II. Disch 16 Nov 45, Westover Fld, MA.

(2) — Sworn in ORC from civilian status, by auth Cir 330, "by direction of the President" but was disch 28 Jan 49. Complained vehemently to Sec. of Defense. Was recommissioned 23 Feb. 49.

(3) — Ft. Eustis, VA Transportation Sch (OCS). Grad Jun 49. Asgd Seattle Port 18 months 863rd Port Co. Unit to Pusan, Korea Dec 50. Served as Bn Adj and I and E Off. Taught management tng to Off and NCO's. Organ and conducted programs of academic courses near Front, reading, writing, weapons nomenclature and their use to sub-5th gr level EM. Commendation for same by 3 Log Cmnd. Hon disch for 3rd time on 6 June 52 as 1st Lt.

Awards — 6 bronze stars, Meritorious Unit Emblem, Republic of Korea Pres. Unit Cita for campaigns of WW II and Korea and others. Total service 10 years.

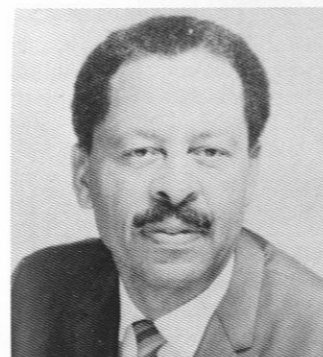
Education — Corres courses while in service through USAFI. HS dip Jamaica, NY. Att Long Island University while a secretary at United Nations. Quit LIU after 2½ yrs. to rejoin US Army 25 Jan 49. LIU summer 52; grad LIU June 54. TV1 Los Angeles, CA Jul 54. Teach credential fr East L.A. Col. Taught jr and sr high school twenty yrs. Author: "Diary of Black G.I., Eleanor Roosevelt Pen Pal," and "Red Tails, 332" (unpublished). Was the subject of and writer of various newspaper and magazine articles.

Civic — Active in local political and community affairs. Pres. NAACP, L.A. Chapt 62-64. Captain faculty bowling team. Organizer Inglewood Philharmonic Symphony Orch (assist). Member NAACP. Member Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Los Angeles Chapter. Feted in 4th of July parade of Negro Veterans in Watts, L.A. for service, research and historical pursuits. Honored with dinner at the Beverly Hilton for civic accomplishments, Admiral Samuel Gravely, U.S. Navy, retired, keynote speaker.

WILLIAM D. PHEARS — L/Col USAF (ret)

Born — September 3, 1917.

Education — He has a master of science degree in engineering. In his native home of Inkster, Michigan he was a self employed construction contractor between 1937 and 1941 when as a senior majoring in Architectural Engineering at the Detroit Institute of Technology, the pressure of deteriorating world conditions motivated him to apply for multi-engine pilot training. After being rejected and after extensive communications



William D. Phears

with the War Department, he was accepted as a cadet to train in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering at Yale University where he graduated a second Lieutenant with orders assigning him to Tuskegee Army Air Field via La Junta AAF, Colorado for flight line training. From Tuskegee he was assigned to Selfridge AAF, Michigan via Inglewood, California for air frame and structure training at North American Aviation, and the Wright Aircraft Engine School, Patterson, New Jersey.

Phears was assigned "Engineering Officer" of the first activated Bomber Squadron

(Chappie James was Asst operations Officer) and received the first B-25 aircraft. Subsequent moves included (in order): Godman Field, Kentucky; Freeman Field, Indiana; back to Godman Field and to Lockbourne AAF, Ohio. Phears attended the Air Force Institute of Technology 1947-1948 and was in Air Tactical School in 1949 when the units were disbanded. His assignment was Wiesbaden, Germany during the Berlin Airlift as Group Material Officer. After the airlift, he wrote and presented to the Command, a production control manual. His next assignment was "Staff and Project Officer" Civil Engineering Headquarters CONAC where he was directly involved in locating, approving, design and construction of reserve facilities throughout the United States. In 1956 he was assigned to Toul Rosiere Air Base, France as Base Civil Engineer and Squadron Commander. In 1969 he became deputy regional civil engineer of the North Atlantic Region. He was retired for physical disability in 1964.

Post Military — Bill Phears was commissioner of Public Works, Town of Hempstead, New York, 1965-1975. During this time he was an adjunct professor at Nassau Community College; a licensed real estate broker; president Uniondale Library Board of Trustees and a partner in a consulting firm. After moving to Cocoa Beach, Florida in 1975, he worked as a part time consultant for Brevard Engineering Company and has performed volunteer assignments with the International Executive Service Corps in Africa and the Caribbean Islands.

JOHN H. "SKY HAWK JOHN-NIE" PORTER — Major (USAF/Ret., Dec.)

Born — June 18, 1924, Washington, D.C. Attended Washington Public Schools, graduating from Benjamin Franklin High School, Rochester, N.Y., 1942. He also attended Eastman School of Music as a voice major. Enlisted in the U.S. Army, 2 March 1943.

Army Specilaty — Aviation Cadet, Tuskegee Army Air Corps, Tuskegee, Alabama. Graduated in the class of 44c, Pilot, Single Engine 1055.

Organization — 99th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, 15th Air Force, 306 AF Wing Mediterranean Theater.

Battles and Campaigns — Mediterranean Theater: Southern France air combat Balkans, Northern France Apennines, Po Valley, Rhineland.

Decorations and Citations — European African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Presidential Unit Citation. Flew 38 combat missions, 262 combat hours (P-51, P-47). Served as instructor pilot at Williams, Randolph and Bryan AF Bases. Base operations duty officer and personnel officer 1607th Air Base Group, Dover.



John H. Porter

Received the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

Organized and was director of choral groups at Dover and Kindley AF Bases.

Hobbies: Building HO gauge interurbans, and music.

He is survived by Lillian B. Porter, Dover, DE. Sons: John F. Porter, USNA 6, CAPT, USAFR, Culver City, CA. Robert A. Porter, Wilmington, DE

MEXION OLIVER PREWITT — Major, U.S. Air Force (retired)

Residence — 1635 Randall Rd., Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387; 1519 Perez St., Orlando, Florida 32807

Married — Wife, former Bertha Washington; daughters, Karen, Leslie, and Janice; 2 grandsons

Education — B.S. degree in Biology and Chemistry, West Virginia State College; B.S. degree in Engineering, Oklahoma University

Military Service — Drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps with service spanned over 29 years, to include three wars. Graduated from pilot training at Tuskegee AAF, Alabama and was assigned to Walterboro AAF, S.C. and then to the 477th Composite Group at Godman Fld., Kentucky as a B-25 pilot. Was separated from service and recalled during the Korean Conflict. Was assigned to several Air Training Command Bases in flying capacities. After a tour as commander of a radar site in the Far East I went to the AF Instrument Pilot Instructor School (IPIS) at Moody AF Base, Ga.



Mexion O. Prewitt

The next several years were spent as an Instrument and Transition Instructor. Tours followed that assigned me to the Aeronautical Systems Division, W-P AFB, Ohio; AF Special Weapon Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.; and the Electronic Systems Division, Hanscom AFB, Mass. My tours in Research and Development was interrupted by a tour in Southeast Asia as an aircraft commander of a C-130. Received numerous awards and decorations during my military career including a "Distinguished Flying Cross" with several Clusters. I am presently employed in an engineering position by Martin Marietta Corp., Orlando, Florida.



Arthur G. Price, Jr.

ARTHUR G. PRICE JR. — was drafted into the service on May 8, 1941 and was sent to Ft. Ogelthorpe, Georgia and thence to Fort Bragg, North Carolina for Basic Training. During Basic Training he was assigned to the Medical Corps and was transferred to Tuskegee Army Air Force Base in September 1941.

Upon arrival at Tuskegee, Pvt. Price was assigned to duty in the Medical Dispensary as his basic assignment. In addition, he served for about a year as the Special Service Coordinator of Activities for the base. During the next year the base hospital was completed and the now PFC Arthur G. Price was assigned to the Registrars for duty where he admitted and discharged patients and prepared Medical Statistical Reports. During this time PFC Price was promoted to Sergeant. After becoming Sergeant, Price applied for and was admitted to Officers Candidate School, Medical Administrative Corps, Fort Barkley, Texas where he matriculated in October 1942 and graduated as 2nd Lt., MAC, January 1943.

Second Lieutenant, Arthur Price's first assignment was as Registrar of the Tuskegee Army Air Base Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama where he returned following his being commissioned. He remained in this post until April 1943 when he was transferred to the Air Installation in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, assigned to the Forty Third Medical Supply Platoon as Supply Officer. After one month he was assigned as Commanding Officer of the Forty Third Medical Supply Platoon. Several months later his Platoon and he were transferred to Oscoda Air Force Base for field and tactical maneuvers. During this period he was sent to Warner Robbins, Georgia, an Air Force Installation where he and his platoon received field training for overseas duty. Upon completion of this training during the summer of 1943 he returned to Oscoda Air Base in Michigan where he remained until January 1944. Just before leaving Warner Robbins, Georgia 2nd Lt. Arthur Price was promoted to 1st Lt., and returned in that rank to Oscoda, Michigan.

In January 1944, Lt. Price was sent to a port of embarkation in Virginia for travel overseas. The travel overseas ended in Taranto, Italy where he was quartered at a British

camp for a short while. After some days the 96th Service Group to which the Forty Third Medical Supply Platoon was assigned as well as the 332nd Fighter Group which he was to service all traveled to Montercovino Airfield just south of Salerno, Italy. The Forty Third Medical Supply Platoon was quartered in a small Italian village called Faiun, Italy and remained here several months furnishing medical supplies and equipment to the 332nd Fighter Group and other Air Force Installations in the area. Later in the year all of these groups and Lt. Price moved to the Termoli Air Field near Termoli, Italy on the Adriatic Coast. The Forty Third Medical Supply Platoon which Lt. Price commanded was quartered in a small village called Serracapriola, Italy. Here, Lt. Price established a Medical Supply Depot which served the outfits in the fifteenth Air Force. He established a Medical Library for the Physicians and Dentists to refresh their skills and issued medicines, medical supplies and equipment to the aforementioned outfits. I was promoted to Captain, Medical Administrative Corps while stationed here. During 1945 all of the groups mentioned above moved further north to Cattolica, Italy, but here no Airfield was already existing so one was created. Lt. Price's platoon was quartered in a nearby Catholic building which was formerly an orphanage. It was while he was stationed here that the final push of Allied Forces forced Germany's surrender. He was now placed in a smaller combined unit as Medical Administrative Officer. We were destined for the Pacific Theatre, but prior to boarding the Japanese surrendered and I was shipped home, arriving at Indiantown Gap, Pa., where I was discharged the latter part of 1945 while my official discharge date was January 22, 1946. I was discharged holding the rank of Captain, Medical Administrative Corps.

Special Activities — While stationed at Serracapriola, Italy I was assigned by the Allied Military Government as Mayor of that area and was commended by the Allied Military Government for the services rendered.

Personal History — Born March 6, 1918 — Nashville, Tenn., Attended elementary, junior high and Hi-School in Nashville, Tenn., Graduated from Pearl Hi School. Attended Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.,

majoring in Economics until 1939. Attended Graduate School University of Chicago — Public Adm. 1950-1951. Presently Single. Attended UCLA, USC and L.A. State 1959 thru 1969 taking refresher Graduate courses in Education, City Planning and Medical Administration.

BERNARD S. PROCTOR —

Personal — Born February 8, 1921 in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Married to the former Phyllis E. McQuiller of Denver, Colorado. One son Karl.

Education — Diploma Darby High School, Darby, Pennsylvania 1937. B.S. in Ed. Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio 1941. M.A. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 1948. Ph.D. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 1950.

Educational Experience — Cheyney State College, Cheyney, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1981 to date. Professor of Industrial Arts and Technology. Cheyney State College, Cheyney, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1971 to August 22, 1981. Vice President for Academic Affairs. Served on the faculty at Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi; Wilberforce University, Ohio; Hampton Institute, Virginia; Central State University, Ohio; and Florida A&M University, Florida.



Bernard S. Proctor

Military — I completed the Advanced Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Wilberforce University, Ohio in 1941 and was commissioned Second Lieutenant on February 21, 1942. On July 1, 1942 the War Department ordered me to report to the Army Air Force Training Command, Chehaw, Alabama. I reported on July 22, 1942 and was assigned to the 99th Pursuit Squadron and served as Mess Officer. Promoted to First Lieutenant on December 12, 1942.

The 99th Fighter Squadron departed from the United States on April 16, 1943 aboard the United States Army Transport S.S. Mariposa. I served as the ship's Mess Officer.

I served as Squadron Adjutant in Sicily and Italy and was promoted to Captain on

May 27, 1944. I was relieved of assignment with the 99th Fighter Squadron, 332d Fighter Group, on August 18, 1945. The rank of Major, Air Corps, was granted on October 23, 1946. I served in the United States Air Force Reserve Corps until honorably discharged on January 5, 1958.

Awards — include nine (9) battle stars, Certificate of Merit, and Unit Citation.



Vernon E. Proctor

VERNON EVERETT PROCTOR

— CWO-4, U.S. Air Force (ret, demised)

Born — July 9, 1919 in Norfolk, Virginia

Married — Wife, E. Hazle (Pennington)

Sons: Ronald, Vernon Jr., and Michael
Daughter: Donna; and four grandchildren

Education — Alabama State College; Sacramento City College; played piano, trombone, baritone horn, bass violin, tuba, drums, and had a working knowledge of all other band instruments.

Military Service — Volunteered for service in the Army in July 1941. Graduated from Army Bandleader's School and was appointed Warrant Officer in 1944. Was discharged from the Army and volunteered for the Air Force in 1946. Was assigned to Lockbourne AFB, Ohio where he became the only Black ever to be appointed bandleader in the AF. Organized a travelling show of musicians, singers and dancers called "Operation Happiness" while in Ohio. For two years the group toured all major AF installations. Assigned to Lackland AFB, Texas in 1949. Operated a school band and organized a permanent party band. Participated in the opening of the first television station in San Antonio. In 1951, recruited and organized the first Women's Air Force Band (WAF); assigned to Kadena AFB, Okinawa in 1952. There he collaborated in composing and arranging a musical composition to commemorate the independence of Okinawa from the Japanese. Assigned to Sampson AFB, 1955 where he composed a musical score commemorating the 150 anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River, "Hudson-Champlain March" which was adopted as the official music to be used at all future celebrations. Served in two wars; was awarded five commendation medals with Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious

service. Except for Russia, China and Australia, entertained troops and participated in community affairs all over the world.

He was not only an exceptional musician who knew his craft, but was a good soldier who did his job well under all circumstances without complaint.

Retired in 1971 and was an assistant instructor at Sacramento City College until a major heart attack forced his retirement in 1979.

EVERETT E. RICHARDSON —

Born — April 27, 1917 in Philadelphia, PA

Residence — 1845 No. Willington Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121

Married — Wife, former Sallie McFarland (Deceased) No children

Education — Philadelphia Public Schools, N.C.A. & T. Univ. — 1935 Chemistry and Biological Sciences.

Military Service — September 1942 — Began Pilot Training as Aviation Cadet at TAAF, Tuskegee, AL, Class 43-F; Graduated AAF Global Aerial Navigation School, Hondo AAF, TX; Graduated Precision Heavy Bombardment School with additional specialized training as Technician in the famous Norden Bomb Sight, Roswell AAF, Roswell, NM; Graduated Instructor's Training School for Flexible Aerial Gunnery, Yuma AAF, Yuma, AZ.; Graduated Officer's Course in Military Camouflage, Headquarters First Air Force, Mitchel Field, NY; Graduated Synthetic Trainer Instructor's Course for the specialized Celestial Navigational Trainer and Link Trainers; Assigned to original 477th Bombardment Group (M), Squadron Leader 616th Squadron; 318th Headquarters Group of 477th Composite Group as Navigational Group Leader with additional duties as member of Aircraft Crash Investigation Board.

Post Military — Following extensive travel, employed by U.S. Postal Service, Philadelphia, PA. Served 8 years as Customer Service Representative for USPS followed by 3 years as Customer Service Asst. Sectional Center Manager for the Delaware Valley Area. Retired USPS JAN. 1979.

Currently — Eastern Regional President and Member of the Board of TUSKEGEE AIRMEN, INC. Political Leader of 32nd Ward, Philadelphia, PA.



E. E. Richardson

GEORGE SPENCER ROBERS

(SPANKY) — Colonel, USAF, Retired

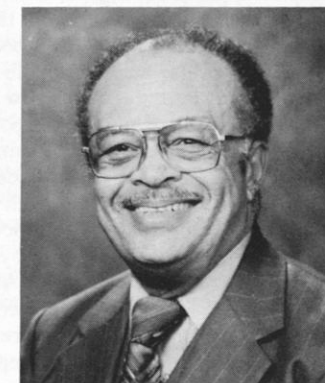
Born — September 24, 1918, London, West Virginia

Residence — Sacramento, California

Married — Edith N (McMillan); Son — George, Jr.; Daughters: Lanelle, Michalyn, Lee; 3 grandchildren

Education — BS West Virginia State College January 1938

Military Service — First Black accepted for US Army pilot training, November, 1940: Enlisted July, 1941. Graduated in first class at Tuskegee Army Air Field, March 1942. Assigned as advanced flying instructor. Assigned as first pilot commander of 99th Fighter Squadron July 1942. Operations officer under B.O. Davis, Jr. Resumed command in combat Fall of 1943. Deputy Commander and Commander of 332nd Fighter Group 1944 to wars end. PAS&T Tuskegee Institute 1945-1950. First Black commander of any integrated Air Force units 1950 (Langley AF Base); Graduated US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he and family lived on Fort as first Blacks in 125 years of Fort history 1950-51. Commander of Suwan AF Base, Korea, 1952. Concurrently Maintenance and Supply Group Commander and Base Director of Material, Chanute AF Base, 1953-60. Director of Material 313th Air Division, Okinawa 1960-63. Director of Support for Ground Radar world wide, Griffiss AFB, NY 1963-65. Director of support for all fighter planes in Vietnam, F 104 program for 18 Allied Nations and Ground Radar, McClellan AF Base, CA 1965-68. Retired 1968 Command Pilot 6000+ hours.



George S. Roberts

Post Military — Officer with Wells Fargo Bank 1968-81. Currently involved with community projects including Sacramento Metropolitan Industry Education Council, many other Civic Boards and Committees.

LEROY ROBERTS, JR. — was born December 11, 1921, at Toccoa, Georgia. He graduated from Toccoa High School and attended the University of Maryland and San Francisco State College.

Following graduation from Aviation Cadet

Class 44E and overseas training at Walterboro, South Carolina, he joined the 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group at Ramitelli, Italy. After 42 missions and the war's end, Roberts was assigned to Godman Field, Kentucky. Thence to Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio, and again to the 100th Fighter Squadron of the then 447th Composite Group.

Upon integration of the Armed Forces, he was transferred to the 41st Squadron of the 35th Fighter Group, 5th Air Force, Johnson Field, Japan.

On June 25, 1950, the North Koreans attacked South Korea and the 35th Fighter Group deployed the 339th, 39th and 40th Squadrons to Korea. Roberts joined the 40th Squadron and as a Flight Commander flew 106 missions against the enemy.

Completion of this tour of duty saw him again transferred to Godman Field, Kentucky, with the 156th Fighter Bomber Squadron of the 123rd Fighter Group.



Leroy Roberts, Jr.

He then trained in Jet Fighter Gunnery at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada; the Jet Instrument Instructors Course at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia; and the Bomb Commanders Course at Sandia Base, New Mexico, where the delivery of nuclear weapons was studied. While taking the Bomb Commanders Course, he was a Flight Commander with the 10th Fighter Squadron of the 50th Fighter Bomber Wing, Clovis, New Mexico. The 50th Fighter Bomber Wing deployed its entire tactical group via the North Atlantic on Fox Able 27 to Hahn Air Base, Germany. This was the first time that an entire Wing with its organic aircraft was so deployed. After this tour of four years in Germany and France, Roberts was then assigned to Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia, as a Supply Officer and thence to Grenier Field, Manchester, New Hampshire, as Base Supply Officer. A later assignment sent him to Hamilton Air Force Base, California, as Assistant Director of Supply and Services. From Hamilton, Roberts went to Thule Air Force Base, Greenland, as Chief of Supply.

Completing this tour, he was assigned to the 25th Air Division, McChord Air Force Base, Washington, where he served as Assistant Director of Material until retirement as a Lt. Colonel on May 1, 1965. Medals earned

include the Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 cluster, World War II Victory Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with 1 cluster, American Campaign Medal with EAME Ribbon, Japan Occupation Medal, German Occupation Medal, and several United Nations medals for the Police Action in Korea.

Roberts resides now at 2301 Narrows Drive with his wife Ann. The two have three daughters, Karen, Susan, Cheryl, and one grandson Christofer David.

Presently, Roberts is employed by the General Services Administration as the Assistant Regional Administrator, Federal Supply Service, Region 10.

ELIZABETH C. HAMPTON ROBINSON — Captain U.S. Air Force

Residence — 2102 S. Burnside Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90016

Elizabeth C. Hampton Robinson, the seventh of nine children, was born to Rev. Charles N. Hampton and Hattie Bryant on August 11, 1911 in Paris, Texas. After the death of her father in February, 1923, her mother moved the family to Los Angeles, California where she graduated from Jefferson High School in 1928. Elizabeth was awarded scholarships from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Southern California Alumni Association and attended U.C.L.A. for two years and graduated from Chapman College with a B.A. degree in Sociology in June 1933.

She was employed immediately by Los Angeles County Welfare Department as a Social Worker and Supervisor until she volunteered for the First W.A.A.C. Officers Training Class. After successfully completing this training she became a 2nd Lieutenant on July 29, 1942. From November 1942 until July 1943 she was stationed at Grand Central Palace in New York City as a Recruiting Officer for New York, New Jersey and Delaware. After five weeks in Ft. Devens, Mass. she commanded the first Black WAC's in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Walla Walla, Washington, Wendover, Utah, and Sioux City, Iowa. Because of her successful experience in commanding her company and training cadre for other Air Force bases she was ordered to Godman Field, Kentucky when Colonel B.O. Davis, Jr. assumed command. Captain Hampton's Company was a Headquarters Company. Due to fact that she was on military leave from Los Angeles County, Captain Hampton returned to her duties as Social Worker. She was awarded a County stipend and with the G.I. Bill benefits she completed her two years of graduate work at U.S.C. in 1½ years. Her specialty was Family and Child Welfare.

After returning to work she was a Child Welfare Supervisor, Head Child Welfare Worker and Program Director III. At the



Elizabeth H. Robinson

time of her retirement from Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services in May of 1971, she was responsible for Child Care Centers, licensing of day and 24 hour foster homes for children for the entire county of Los Angeles. She later worked as a volunteer and as Social Services Consultant for Delta Sigma Theta Pre-School Head Start. She is presently active in Community affairs.

Elizabeth was married to Lt. Charles C. Robinson until his death.

At the time of her retirement, she was the highest ranking woman, regardless of race, in her department.

VERNON L. ROBINSON JR. —

Born — Sept. 25, 1919 in Galveston, Texas. He grew up in Los Angeles.

Education — Graduated from Jordan High School in 1937 and earned an Associates degree in language from Compton College in 1940.

Military — Vernon Robinson enjoyed a distinguished career of 32 years of service to the United States of America. He enlisted in the Army reserve — Signal Corps in 1943 and was trained in San Francisco. Upon completion of radar training, he was assigned to the 417th Radar Squadron and 302 Ft. Sg. at Tuskegee Field. Transferred to the 92nd Service Group overseas, he performed critical maintenance on aircraft radios. Sergeant Robinson was discharged while assigned to the 949th Air Engineering Squadron in Dec.



Vernon L. Robinson, III

1945. His military decorations included the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

In 1948, he joined what was to become the Federal Aviation Agency and was sent to Honolulu, Hawaii as an Electronics Technician. He received his multi-engine pilot's rating from the Hawaiian School of Aeronautics in 1953.

Vernon Robinson received extensive training on several occasions from the FAA training center in Oklahoma City. He was assigned to what is known now as JFK International Airport in New York from 1955-58, Oklahoma City 1958-59, and then to Los Angeles from 1959-59. He became an Inspector in 1969 and eventually had responsibility for Van Nuys, Santa Monica and Ontario airports. He spent several years certifying electronics repair stations and aircraft and power plant mechanics schools and retired in 1974.

Vernon Robinson is an amateur radio operator — call sign WB6CKK. He was also the president of the Los Angeles area Air Force Academy parents' club from 1975-76. He married to the former Stella Lucille Pecot of Franklin, LA and has three children: Vernon L. III, Deborah and Lawrence. His eldest son graduated from the US Air Force Academy, Class of 1977 and received a regular commission in the Air Force.



Cornelius G. Rogers

CORNELIUS G. ROGERS

Born — February 24, 1921 Chicago, Illinois

Military Service — Entered Aviation Cadet Training at Tuskegee Army Air Field in November, 1942 — Class 43G. Graduated as Second Lieutenant, single engine pilot in July 1943. During his training at Selfridge Field, Michigan he and two other P-39 pilots landed in a wheat field near Archbold, Michigan when their gas supply became low. Heavy rains caused the planes to become bemired for four days before take-off was possible. On January 3, 1944 he debarked for Italy and was assigned to the 301st Fighter Squadron, flying P-39s. Promoted to 1st Lt. in Romatel-

li, Italy, he flew P-47s into Southern Germany. On one such mission, he developed engine trouble and bailed out. He was captured by the Germans and escaped from the POW camp in Northern Italy. The Germans recaptured him, made him dig his own grave then shot him. Local citizens pointed out the grave to U.S. Troops who removed his body to an American cemetery.

Lt. Rogers was married to Geraldine Mirian Hervey of Chicago and had a son, Anthony and a brother, Louis.

MARION RAYMOND RODGERS

— Lt. Colonel U.S. Air Force (Ret)

Born — September 23, 1921 in Detroit, Michigan

Residence — 1525 Hollyhock Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Married — Wife, Suzanne (Thomas), daughter Denise, son Thomas, and grandson Ethan.

Education — University of Maryland and Southern Colorado State College.

Military Service — Served with Army Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft prior to reassignment for pilot training to Keesler AB, Tuskegee Institute and Tuskegee AAF (Dec 42 through Jan 44). Commissioned (Class 44-B) and flew 68 combat missions with 99th Fighter Squadron from July 44 to August 45. Commander, 99th Fighter Squadron at Lockbourne AAF, Ohio May 48 to June 49. Communications Officer with 28th Comm Sq at Mitchell Field (July 49-Oct 50), Comm Officer with Air Task Group 3.4 on Eniwetok Island (atomic weapons testing) Nov 50-June 51. Became Staff Comm Officer, Rome Air Development Center, NY Aug 51-Dec 53. Attended Air Command and Staff College from Jan 54 to June 54. Staff C-E Officer,



Marion R. Rodgers

4902nd Air Defense Wing, McGuire AFB, NJ July 54-June 55. Became communications-electronics advisor to the Korean Air Force from July 54-June 55. In Japan assumed duties as radar evaluation officer with 6023rd Radar Evaluation Flight (Aug.

56-June 57). Was Commander, 6023rd Radar Evaluation Squadron in Okinawa equipped with B-29 aircraft (July 58-Aug 59). Became C-E Staff Officer, and eventually Director of Communications-Electronics for the Spokane Air Defense Sector, Larson AFB, WA (Aug 59-June 63). Was Chief, Radar Evaluation Brand, Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, CO for final active duty assignment (July 63-March 65). Became Communications Consultant for Mountain States Telephone Company (June 65-June 66) and program manager with the Apollo Project at Goddard Space Flight Center, MD (July 66-March 67). Returned to Air Force as federal employee in March 67 and is currently serving as Chief, Communications Resources and Requirements Br. with NORAD. Was editor of the Aerospace Defense Command's "Communications-Electronics Digest" from March 67 to Dec 79. Has been producer and coordinator of KKTU's "Involvement" series since September 71 (appears frequently as host). Is a jogging nut logging over 100 miles per month and ran 10,000 meters (6¼ miles) in 45:44 at age 60.

JOHN G. ROUNDTREE, SR.

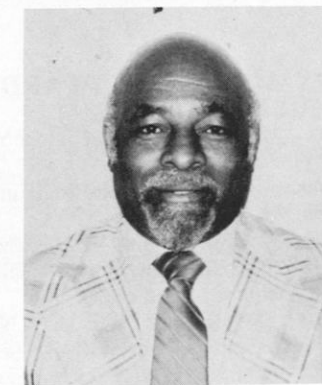
Born — November 1, 1920 in Valdosta, Georgia

Residence — 33950 Ecorse Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Married — Wife, Edith R. (McCoy); Daughter, Kaye Frances Penson (Mrs) Son, John G. II; two grandchildren.

Education — Wayne State University, B.S. Degree — 1961; University of Detroit; Wayne State University, Master of Education Degree — 1967.

Military Service — Graduate of Ecorse High School, Ecorse, Michigan, June, 1938. During Senior year, was appointed by the Alexander Dumas American Legion Post #352 as the representative of the city, school, and post to the first annual Wolverine Boys' State held at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Served two years in the Civilian Conservation Corps as Assistant Educational Advisor and First Sergeant (Senior Leader). These experiences engendered a resolve to learn to fly. Was offered an opportunity to apply for flight training in the



John G. Roundtree

War Training Service Program as a Flight Instructor Trainee.

Application accepted and was directed to report to Tuskegee Institute, Alabama along with thirty-two other Black youths who began training in 1942. Total enrollment of the WTS program was some 14,000 trainees. Completed primary and secondary pilot training at Tuskegee Institute's flight school, better known as "Chee Haw" under the tutelage of Instructors James O. "Jimmy" Plinton and Chief Anderson. Assigned to active duty 22 October, 1943 to 28 August, 1944. Because War Training Service Department had achieved its quota of Black pilots, it offered discharges to those who had not been afforded opportunity to complete training.

Post Military — Served in capacity of Receiving Clerk at Schwyder Brothers Luggage Company; employed for ten years with Detroit Department of Street Railways as Transportation Equipment Operator, Cashier, and Inspector; 1947-1958, attending Wayne State University at the same time.

Appointed teacher in 1959 with the Detroit Board of Education. Promoted to Assistant Principal, 1969, and currently serving in this position. Worked in several capacities with Wayne County Community College from its inception in 1969, serving as Area Coordinator, Facility Coordinator, and assisted in the development, promotion, and recruitment of students. Member of the Area Citizens Advisory Committee from its inception to present. Currently a Facility Coordinator, WC3 Western Regional Center.

Vice President, Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. Charter Board member and former Recording Secretary of the African Art Gallery Committee, now known as the Friends of African Art, an auxiliary of the Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Society. This committee spearheaded drive to install the African Art Gallery in the Art Institute in 1967, following five years of developmental work and acquisitions. Today, it remains a viable working group.

Life member of the N.A.A.C.P., Detroit Branch Member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Detroit Branch Member of Peoples Community Church; past Trustee Board member, Lay worship leader, Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School.

HARRY AUSTIN SHEPPARD —

Colonel, U.S. Air Force, (Retired)
Born — 24 October 1917 — New York City, N.Y.

Residence — 3001 North Nottingham St., Arlington, VA 22207

Married — Wife — Amy D. (Casserly); Son — Harry A. Jr.; Daughters — Gail P.; Linda M.; Arlyn E.; Joanne E.

Schools — Jamaica HS; C.C.N.Y.; Oklahoma University; University of Alaska.

Service — Enlisted U.S. Army Air Corps, Mitchel Field, N.Y. 1 April 1941; student

airplane and engine mechanic, 99th Pursuit Sq. — Chanute Field, Illinois; acft prop. Specialist — Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala. Flying Cadet Oct '42 2nd Lt/Pilot 28 May '43; Qual Ftr Pilot P-40/39 Oct '43 Selfridge Fld Asgd 302nd Ftr Sq. — 1st AF/12th AF/15th AF MTOUSA-ETO Flt Test/Maint Officer; 506 combat hours/123 combat missions; B-25 Instructor Pilot at TAAF, Ala. until Dec '45. 332nd Air Base Gp Base and Transient Maint/Flt Test Officer. (9th AF); 1600th Opns Sq. MATS, Westover Field, Mass. Instr. Pilot C-47-'48-'50; Flt "D" 4th Air Rescur, ARS/MATS Hickam AFB '50-'53 6523rd Test Sq. Air Research/Development Command, Hanscom Fld., Mass. Eniwetok/Bikini Atoll (Nuclear Test Range) Task Force 7.1, ARDC. '53-'57 Edwards AFB, CA. Commander 1925 AACCS Sq. Air Traffic Control, MATS. '57-'59 Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, Flt. Fac. Dir. Alaska Comm Rgn. '59-'62. Tinker AFB, Okla; ATC Analysis Team Chief, Central Comm Rgn AFCS. Elmendorf AFB Alaskan Comm Rgn, Dir Flt Fac 1966-'68 AFCS; Langley AFB, VA. Dir Flt Fac Tac Comm Rgn '68-'70. Hickam AFB Dir Flt Fac Pac Comm Area '70-'72 FAA Hq Wash. D.C. Air Force Liaison Officer, ATC/Air Space Mgmt. Ret'd 30 June 74.



Harry A. Sheppard

Acft Qual. — Stearman PT-17; Vultee BT-13A; North American AT-6; Curtis P-40; Bell P-39; Republic P-47; North American P-51/B-25; Douglas C-47; Curtiss C-4; Grumman-JTF-5; Douglas C-54; Boeing B-17/B-29/B-50/C-97; Convair C-131 Comm Pilot Lic #439658 — Single/Multi-engine Land/Sea; Grumman SA-16 Instrument Rating

Decorations — Include Air Medal w/130LC, Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal.

Specialties — Aviation Consultant/Planner; Researcher/Documentor; Technical Writer.

JAMES A. SHEPPARD — S/SGT. (1945) Crew Chief

D.O.B. — 9-20-24
Graduated in June 1942 from Haaren Aviation High School in New York City, and



J. A. Sheppard

enlisted in the USAAF in October, 1942 and was assigned to Tuskegee AAB. At Tuskegee, served as mechanic crew chief in the 100th Fighter Squadron, then later transferred to the 301st Fighter Squadron, while the 332nd Group was based at Selfridge Field, Michigan.

Remained with the 301st throughout the campaign in Italy. Discharged from USAAF in October, 1945 with the rank of S/SGT. Remained in the USAF RESERVES (active) until 1958. Discharged with the rank of M/SGT., Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Worked as an aircraft and powerplant mechanic with various airlines in N.Y., and as an AIRWORTHINESS AVIATION SAFETY INSPECTOR with the Federal Aviation Administration in New York, New Jersey, Maine, and New Hampshire. Currently serving as the chief of the FAA's Flight Standards Field Office in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Holds the following FAA certificates: PILOT, SEL; AIRCRAFT AND POWERPLANT MECHANIC; SENIOR PARACHUTE RIGGER.

J. Sheppard is married and has three sons.

IDA VAN SMITH — Founder of The Ida Van Smith Flight Clubs, Inc. Instrument Rated Pilot, Single Engine Land, Advanced Ground Instructor

Ida Van Smith was born Ida Vandaliah Larkin, 3/21/17, to Mr. and Mrs. T.D. Larkin in Lumberton, N.C., one of three children. She is the mother of four: Mrs. Jacquelyn Thompson, William, Sy Oliver, and Carlton Smith. Her husband, Edward D. Smith, now deceased, had served in WWII.

Ida Van became a pilot in 1967. Her experience in Tuskegee Institute had to do with taking up youngsters who were learning to fly during the summer under the great "Chief" Charles A. Anderson. Then in 1977, Mrs. Smith was invited into the East Coast Chapter, later transferring to the Greater New York Chapter. Ida Van's final decision to learn to fly was greatly influenced by the Tuskegee Airmen.

In 1978 the Federal Aviation Administration, pleased with the aviation exposure phi-

losophy of Mrs. Smith, funded her program through Capital Services, Inc. for the High Schools: two in New York and one in Newark, N.J. Goddard Space Center also works with The Ida Van Smith Flight Clubs, exposing the youngsters to careers connected with space.

Ida Van Smith earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Shaw University. She received her Master of Science degree from Queens College of the City University of New York, having majored and taught in the fields of History and Special Education. Then in 1967, Mrs. Smith, about to continue her studies into the Doctorial degree, suddenly gave way to her long-time desire to fly. Not only did she get her license to fly; she also began to expose children to aviation. As she learned more about aviation so did the youngsters.

Flight Clubs bearing Mrs. Smith's name quickly sprung up. Children beginning at age 3 as well as young adults, are involved. Some children at age 13 have been ready to solo, but, of course, could not because of their tender age. The Ida Van Smith Flight Clubs, Inc. is a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization.

For 3 years, Ida Van, as her friends call her, produced and hosted a half hour weekly TV program with the Flight Club children on Teleprompter's Cable #C Channel. She also teaches a course "Introduction to Aviation" at York College of the City University of New York, Division of Continuing Education. This Ground Instructor and pilot also teaches a Ground School course to her Flight Clubs.

A biennial book entitled *The Historical Review* of the Flight Club's activities is published. It is used in the Schomburg Center for the study of Black Culture. Mrs. Smith finds time to write two newspaper columns: "Come Fly With Me" (copyright) and Flying High in Rochdale.

Having been a N.Y.C. public school teacher for many years, Mrs. Smith retired September 1977. She is devoting more time to the wonderful field of aviation.



Ida Van Smith

CLARENCE GORDON SOUTHALL — Major, USAF (Res-Ret)

TAAF 1942-1943
332nd Fighter Group 1943
477th Bomb Group 1944-1946
Group Armament Provost Marshall



C. Gordon Southall

Squadron Commander

Commissioned — Infantry Res., CMTC Howard University, Hampton Institute, Division of Trades and Industries

Married — Jacqueline C. Brandon, New York City. Two Children: Brenda Carole, Gordon Winston

Retired — U.S. Department of the Air Force D.C. Government (General Construction Inspector)

Past President East Coast Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Past President Southeast Neighborhood House, Past President Anacostia Southeast Federal Credit Union, Past President Hillsdale Civic Association



William Craig Stevenson Jr.

WILLIAM CRAIG STEVENSON JR. — Sergeant of U.S. Air Corps

Born — June 17, 1920, Atlanta, Ga.

Residence — 901 Liberty St., S.E., Canton, Ohio

Married — Louise Sadler; son, Wm. C. Stevenson III; daughter, Dorette Marcia

Education — Clark College, Atlanta, Ga. — Business Administration 1938-1941

Military Service — Drafted into Army Air Corps, Canton, Ohio, 1941 thru Nov. 1945.

His training began in Logan, Colo., transferred to Tuskegee, Ala., then to Selfridge Field, Mich. Also to Oscola, Mich. in 1943. Shipped overseas from Newport News, Va. in Dec. 1943 to Italy (Naples).

His duties were with the 950th Air Engineering Squadron. He received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service and outstanding performance of duty as Operations

Clerk, Engineering Section for the period of Sept. 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945. He was entrusted to maintain complete data on all aircraft serviced by the Squadron, which was operating fourteen (14) emergency airfields. He was Honorably Discharged Nov. 1945. Moved to Detroit, Mich. and married. Worked for Detroit Street Railway and at his death, he was working for Young & Rubicam Advertising Company. He passed Dec. 25, 1978.

Here is his obituary, and also 2 photos.
At the time of his death he was elected treasurer of the Detroit Chapter.

LOWELL CEDRIC STEWARD

Born — Los Angeles, CA. 2-25-19

Residence — 1675 Virginia Rd., LA 90019

Married — Helen Jane (Ford); children, Pamela O. Mills, Lowell "Rick" Steward, Shelley Lambert; grandchildren, Chalawn Mills, Joe Mills, Kimberly Steward, Tiana Lambert, Melvin Lambert

Education — Thomas Jefferson High, Los Angeles City College, AA Accounting, Santa Barbara State College, BA Physical Education, UCLA Extension, Real Estate R.E.C.I. Graduate Studies Real Estate Appraising CRA, SRA, MREA

Military Service — 4 years — Entered flying training at Tuskegee Army Air Field, graduate class 43G 2nd Lt. Overseas duty 15 month WWII, fighter pilot flight leader 332nd Ftr. Group 143 Combat Missions, Distinguished Flying Cross, Reserve Major, Basic Flying Instructor 1946.

Civilian Activity — Real Estate Appraiser, CRA, SRA, MREA, Former President E. Johnson Realty Co., 30 yrs. Member Consolidated Realty Bd., LA Realty Bd., Nat'l Asso. Real Estate Brokers, Nat'l Society of Real Estate Appraisers, Bd. of Directors Lelmer Park Escrow Co., Univ Cal Santa Barbara Alumni Board 8 yrs., Founder and First Pres. of Tuskegee Airmen Western Region and Tuskegee Airmen L.A. Chapter. Chairmen Bd. of Governors Tuskegee Airmen National Scholarship Fund.

Member — Urban League, Life Member NAACP, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

Awards — City Champ High Jump 1936, All Conference Basketball Jr. College 1939, All Conference Basketball Santa Barbara State 2 yrs., Capt. Basketball 1942 Hall of Fame UCSB.

NATHANIEL C. STEWART — Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force (ret)

Born — July 8, 1922 in Ft. Motte, South Carolina

Residence — 52 W. Pomona Street, Philadelphia, Penna., 19144

Married — Wife, Viola (Duvall) Sons, Nathaniel, Jr., and Louis; two grandchildren.

Education — Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, B.Sc. Pharmacy 1945-1951; University of Pennsylvania Fels



Nathaniel C. Stewart

Institute, Certificate Government Administration 1966.

Military Service — 1943 Tuskegee Army Flying School — Class SE43J — Pilot, Commissioned Officer; United States Army Air Forces Single Engine Fighter Pilot 1944-1946. Maxwell Field, Alabama; Halloran General Hospital, New York; Wright Field, Ohio; Lockbourne Field, Ohio; Godman Field, Kentucky; Hunter Field, Georgia; 126th AFB Unit, Walterboro, South Carolina; 553rd Fighter Squadron, Selfridge Field, Michigan.

Post Military — Philadelphia General Hospital — Staff Pharmacist 1951-1966; Philadelphia General Hospital — Director, Department of Pharmacy 1966-1977; Community Health Services, Health Department, City of Philadelphia, Chief of Pharmaceutical Services 1977-1980; Division of Pharmaceutical Services, Health Department, City of Philadelphia, Pharmacist III 1980 to present.

Professional Affiliations and Organizations — Kappa Alpha Psi — Initiated into Lambda Chapter 1948. Philadelphia Alumni Chapter life member 681-72. Undergraduate Offices Vice Polemark, Keeper of Exchequer and Member of Board of Trustees. Chi Delta Mu (Professional). Guild of Hospital Pharmacists; Delaware Valley Society of Hospital Pharmacists; Pennsylvania Society of Hospital Pharmacists; American Society of Hospital Pharmacists; American Society of Consultant Pharmacists; National Pharmaceutical Association; Greater Philadelphia Pharmaceutical Association; Retired Officers Association Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated; Galilee Baptist Church.

JAMES E. STOKES, JR. — TSgt, Ret, USAF

Inducted — 9 September 1941 — Bridgeport, Conn. to Fort Devens, Mass.

Assigned — 19 September 1941 — Tuskegee, Ala. by way of Chehaw, Ala. as one of the advance cadre for TAFS. Quarters and mess were taken with the students of Tuskegee Institute on campus. TAFS was still being planned.

Transferred — August 1943 the 96th Air Serv Gp to Selfridge Field, Mich. to Oscoda,

Mich. to Alpena, Mich. and then to Camp Patrick Henry, Hampton Roads, VA.

Shipped Out — 4 Jan 1944 — Destination Bari, Italy. Arrived 29 Jan 1944.

Assignments — Monte Corvino, Salerno, Naples, Lecce, Foggia, Manduria, Bari, San-Pietro Jesi, Banoli, Rammitelli, Capo di Chino

Return to USA — Departed Italy 1 October 1945 — Arrive USA 25 October 1945

Enlistment — Air Force Reserve — 25 October 1945

Recall — 8 August 1950 for Korean Conflict. Released — 7 August 1951.

Tours of Active and Reserve Duty — Mitchell AFB, NY; Stewart AFB, NY; 9315 ARSQ, Fairfield, Conn; ARSQ Office, Bridgeport, Conn; ARSQ Office, New Haven, Conn; Air Nat'l Guard, Orange, Conn; ARSQ Office, Hartford, Conn; Westover AFB, Mass; Langley AFB, VA; McGuire AFB, NJ; Lowery AFB, Colo.



TSgt. James E. Stokes, Jr.

Duties — Mail Clerk, SQ Clerk, Supply Clerk, Chief Clerk, MPO Clerk, Disaster Preparedness NCO, Fuels Management Supervisor

Medal Awarded — AF Commendation Medal; Outstanding Unit Award; AF Good Conduct; Army Good Conduct; Amer Def Serv Medal; Amer Campaign Medal; ETO Campaign Medal w/3 Bronze Stars; WWII Victory Medal; Nat'l Def Serv Medal; AF Longevity Serv Award Ribbon; Armed Forces Res Medal; AF Res Meritorious Serv Ribbon; Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

Final Discharge — Westover Air Force Base — 3 February 1978

WENDELL T. STOKES — Flight Officer U.S.A.A.F.

Born — January 26, 1917 in Urbana, Ohio

Residence — 327 Windsor Avenue, Urbana, Ohio 43078

Married — Wife (the late) Margaret (Yates); Sons, Richard, Arthur; Daughter, Phoebe

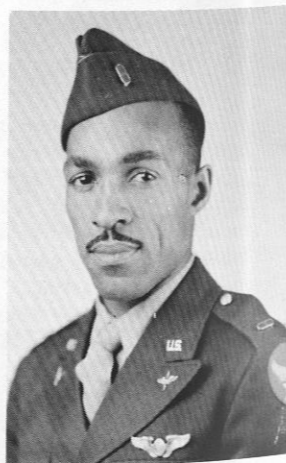
Education — Wittenberg University — B.A., Wright State University — M. of Education.

Military Service — Enlisted Wright-Pat-

erson Field, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1942. Only Black applicant in group for flight training. I passed the entrance examinations. White successful applicants were assigned to (C.T.D.) College Training Detachments. I was told that I would be returning to my draft center and sent to Tuskegee in Alabama (the only flight training center for Blacks) when my number was reached on the waiting list, subsequently drafted January 8, 1943 inducted to Fort Thomas, Ky.; assigned to service group at Courtland Army Air Base, Courtland, Alabama. My flight training papers to report to Tuskegee Institute College Training Detachment as a "Cadet," that I had thought were lost in the Government Bureaucratic flim-flam, reached me in the spring of 1943. I completed primary training in the class of '44-E. At the end of the basic flight phase, I was transferred to Midland Army Air Field Advance Bombardier School, appointed a Flight Officer at graduation and was assigned to the 477th Bomb Group, Seymour, Indiana.

That assignment became a particular part of the Tuskegee Story. I along with one hundred other Black flying personnel refused segregated officer's club facilities; thereby, opposing the Seymour Company Command's order to accept the separate and not equal quarters. One hundred officers did suffer house arrest, but was finally exonerated. This was one of the forerunner incidents that resulted in President Truman's edict that segregation would not be the order of the day again in the Armed Forces. After the house arrest tour at Godman Field, Kentucky, the Fly-In from Seymour, Indiana Group was assigned to Walterboro, S.C.; there-upon, I volunteered for navigation school at San Angelo, Texas. I concluded my military career at the navigation school.

Post Military — 1950 to present established W.T. Stokes Builders; 1965 divided my time in public education, Counselor and Career Program Coordinator. In 1981 in partial retirement established W.T. Stokes and Associates Builders Consultants; W.T. Stokes — Educational, Career Consultant and currently City Councilman of Urbana, Ohio.



Wendell T. Stokes

ULYSSES SAMUEL TAYLOR, JR.

— Lt. Col. (retired)

Born — 5 March 1919, Kaufman, Texas
Residence — 7026 E. Calle Bellatrix, Tucson, AZ 85710

Married — Maxine (Hicks) 1942; children, Carolyn, Ulysses III, Theresa, Janie, Walter, William C., II; 5 grandchildren.

Education — Samuel Huston College 1941; Acft. Mtn. Chanute Fld., Ill.; Adv. Aero. Engr., A.F.I.T.; Air Tact. School, Fla.; Armt. School, Lowry A.F.B. Colo.; Emerg. Mgmt. Nat'l Econ.; Armed Forces Staff College, Va.; Air War College; Inter-American Univ. P.R.

Military Service — 27 years. Served with 99th, 100th Pursuit Sqdns, 301st Ftr. Sqdn, 332nd Ftr. Gp.; Engr., Flight Test, and Cmdr. of Sqdns. 12th AD Msl and Electronics, SAC. Pvt. to TSgt. U.S. Army Air Corps; Aviation Cadet, Class 43-D, Tuskegee A.A. Field; Ftr. pilot, 82 combat missions WWII. Service in Korea and Vietnam. ARDC exchange officer to U.S. Army; B-52, KC-135, GAM, U-2 Electronics. Electronics Sqdn. Cmdr., AD Titan & Electronic Staff.



Ulysses S. Taylor Jr.

Post Military — Senior Engr. Philco Ford and Kaman Communications; Instructor, Pima Community College; Mgr. Material, University of Arizona Medical Center. Fully retired.

ULYSSES SAMUEL TAYLOR III

— Major, U.S.A.F. (deceased)

Born — 29 August 1944, Austin, Texas. Son of Lt. Col (Ret.) and Mrs. U.S. Taylor, Jr.

Married — Jacqueline (Howard); children, Tonya, Ulysses, IV

Education — B.S. (Mech. Engr.) Howard University, D.M.G. 1966; M.A., University of Md., Air Tact. and Air Cmd. and Staff Schools.

Military Service — 15 years Command Pilot; T-37 Instructor, AT-37, Vietnam — 309 combat missions; 79th Tactical Ftr. Sqd., U.S.A.F. in Europe, RAF Upper-Heyford, England, F-111E Acft.; 528th and 529th Bombardment Sqdns. Plattsburg, N.Y., S.A.C. FB 111-A Acft. 524th Tac. Ftr. Sqd. Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. F111-D (air-

craft) Instructor pilot, flight commander, assistant operations officer.

Awards and Decorations — Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal; Republic of Viet Nam Gallantry Cross with Palm; Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with 2 OLC, Viet Nam Service Medal with 3 service stars, National Defense Service Medal; Combat Readiness Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 4 OLC's, Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters; Meritorious Service Medal, The Distinguished Flying Cross.

Died — 14 July, 1980 Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico.

LUCIUS THEUS — Major General USAF (Ret.)

Lucius Theus was born in Madison County, Tennessee, and as an infant moved with his family to the Chicago metropolitan area (Robbins, Illinois). He married his childhood sweetheart, Gladys Marie Davis of Chicago. Theus entered the Army Air Corps as a private in December 1942. He served in positions ranging from clerk to First Sergeant at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, where he provided basic training to many of the Tuskegee Airmen prior to their assignment to Tuskegee Army Air Field. From Keesler, he attended Officer Candidate School at Maxwell Air Force Base, where he graduated second in his class.

Theus served in positions of Squadron Adjutant, Tuskegee Army Air Field; Statistical Control Staff Officer, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio; Analysis and Presentation Officer and Commander of Statistical Control Flight, Erding Air Depot, Germany; Chief, Material Logistics Statistics, the Pentagon; Statistical Services Officer and Technical Advisor to the Comptroller, Chateauroux Air Base, France; Chief, Management Services, Eastern Air Logistics Office, Athens, Greece; Director, Management Analysis, Spokane Air Defense Center, Larson Air Force Base, Washington; Comptroller, Kingsely Field, Oregon; Comptroller and Deputy Base Commander, Cam Ranh Bay Air Base, Vietnam; Senior Data Automation Staff Officer, Director of Management Analysis and Assistant for Social Actions, Headquarters, USAF, the Pentagon; and, finally, Commanding General, Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, Headquarters, USAF, Director of Accounting and Finance, and Assistant Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, with offices in Washington, D.C., and Denver, Colorado.

While in the Pentagon, Theus headed the Task Force whose study led to the establishment of the Defense Race Relations Institute and Department of Defense wide education program in race relations.

In 1971, Theus became the third black person in the Air Force, and the first nonflying black to be promoted to General Officer.

Upon retirement from active duty in June 1979, Theus joined The Bendix Corporation



Major General Lucius Theus

initially in an orientation position of Assistant Corporate Controller and, later, as Corporate Director of Civic Affairs.

Lucius Theus' education consists of post-graduate study in the Advanced Management Program, Harvard University, Graduate School of Business Administration, an MBA degree from George Washington University, and a B.S. degree from the University of Maryland. He was a distinguished graduate of the Air War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College, Statistical Officers' School, Department of Defense Computer Institute, and the Army Clerical School.

Professional and civic activities include, but are not limited to, Presidential Rank Awards Panel for Senior Executive Services Civilians; Executive Council, Harvard Business School Association; MBA Advisory Council, Regis College; American Society of Military Comptrollers (chapter president twice); board of directors: Metropolitan Affairs Corporation of Detroit; Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; Mile-High (Denver, Colorado) United Way; Board of Consultants, Eastern Michigan University; and Colorado Harvard Business School Club. He is a charter member of Tuskegee Airmen, Ind., and served three terms as National Vice President. Theus has been an instructor in business administration, Central Washington State College, and an Adjunct Professor, Black Executive Exchange Program.

Honors included Harvard Business School Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award; the U.S. Air Force's highest peacetime award, the Distinguished Service Medal with Oakleaf Cluster; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with Oakleaf Cluster; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon; Republic of Vietnam Commendation Medal; Special Citation from Department of Defense; and Silver Beaver Award, Boy Scouts of America.

Theus' biography may also be found in "Who's Who Among Black Americans," "Ebony's One Thousand Successful Blacks," "Who's Who in Government," "Who's Who in America," and "Who's Who in the World," among other publications.

HOWARD ARTHUR TIBBS —

Member (Ohio Chapter)
Address — 544 Maple Avenue, Newark, Ohio 43055
Birthdate — 24 September 1919 Salem, Ohio

Education — Grad, Salem High School 1937 — Grad. Salem Business College 1950 Diploma. Grad, Youngstown State Univ. 1953 B.S. B.A. Attended Franklin Univ. Law School 1958.

Employment — Combination Welder — 1937-1943. Military Service — 1943-1946. Odd Jobs 1946-1953, while attending school. Entered, Internal Revenue Service 1953, Post of Duty, Ironton, Ohio 1953-1958 Post of Duty 1958-1977. Newark, Ohio. Retired IRS 1977 GS-11 Step 8. Administrative Assistant to Licking County Auditor 1978 to present.

Marital Status — Married Betty J. Clark, Girard, Ohio January 1947.

Children — Howard Anthony (b. Oct 1949 Grad. Denison Univ.) Clark Allen (B. Feb. 1951 Grad. Central State Univ.) Philip Andrew (B. Aug 1957 Attn'g Ohio State Univ.) David Arthur (B. Jul. 1959 Attn'g Central State Univ.)



Howard A. Tibbs

Military — Drafted — Nov. 1943 Basic Training, Keesler Field, Miss. 707 Training Group, Nov. 1943-Feb 1944; Armament School, Lowry Field, Colo., Feb 1944-July 1944. Assigned Squadron 619, 477th Med. Bombmt Grp, Godman Field, KY 1944-1946. Assigned 99th Composite Group, Lockbourne A.F.B. Discharged Camp Atterbury, Ind. April 1946.

Interests and Achievements — Spectator sports, good music, reading. Varsity athlete, football and track in high school. Amateur baseball (American Legion — Youth) Active in parents groups and civic affairs. Past president Y.M.C.A. sports programs. Past president P.T.A. Served on boards, mayor's community council. Red Cross, United Way, Babe Ruth League, Football Parents, Football Boosters, Downtown Q.B. Club, Past Commander Post 590 American Legion.

Fraternal — Alpha Phi Alpha, Past Master F. and A.M. Pha. Member Scottish Rite.

DONALD NOBLE THOMPSON, JR. — Lt. Col., U.S. Air Force (Ret)



Lt. D.N. Thompson

Born — April 25, 1929 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Residence — 880 Oriole Dr., SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30311

Married — Wife, Jewel (Johnson); Daughters, Michelle, Denise, and Monique; Sons, Kirk and Keith

Education — Bachelor's Degree — Business, Master's Degree — Aerospace Operations Management, Juris Doctor Degree — Law

Military Service — Enlisted in U.S. Army in 1943. Entered Aviation Cadet training at Tuskegee Army Flying School, graduated October 1944 in class 44-I as Second Lieutenant, Pilot, U.S. Army Air Corps. During WWII flew combat in P-51 Mustang in European/Mediterranean Theatre with 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group. Served in Korea as Fighter Pilot and Squadron Executive Officer flying F-84 Thunderjet and Operations Officer while flying F-86 Sabre. Served in Vietnam as Staff Reconnaissance Officer and flew F-4 Phantom. Service career included assignments as Flight Instructor, Director of Instrument Flight School, Test Pilot, Reconnaissance Pilot, Safety Officer, Air Surveillance Officer, Senior Director (ADC), Squadron Commander, and Wing Commander. Command Pilot with over 20,000 flying hours (military and civilian). Retired in 1969 from Tactical Air Command as Director of Flight Operations.

Post Military — After a year of travel with wife, assisted Newport News, Virginia School System in integrating its School System. Joined Lockheed-Georgia Company in 1971 as Professional Development Administrator. From 1975 to present, Marketing Representative, Lockheed-Georgia Company. Charter member and first President of Atlanta Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., and Eastern Region Vice President, TAI. Member, Civil Service Board, Atlanta, Georgia. Hobbies include chess, model aircraft building, and martial arts. 1966 Virginia State Silver Medal winner in Judo. 5th Degree Black Belt holder (Godan).

WILLIAM R. THOMPSON — Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired)
Born — January 26, 1916 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Residence — 539 E. 86th St., Chicago, Ill. 60619

Married — Vera L. (Shane); Sons: William Maxwell and Kenneth Shane

Education — Hampton Institute, Va., B.S. Degree Business Administration Chicago Teachers College, Education

Bill Thompson entered military service June 3, 1941, as an Air Corps Aviation Cadet. He was the second of the first five black Cadets to be commissioned in the U.S. Army Air Corps. The first black Cadets received specialized training in aircraft engineering, armament, and communication. Thompson was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, December, 1941. He was assigned and served overseas as a staff member of the original 99th Fighter Squadron. He joined "The Red Tails," 332nd Fighter Group, as the Group Armament Officer when the 99th Fighter was assigned to the Group. He returned state-side, at the end of the war in Europe, with a special staff selected by General B.O. Davis to ready the 477th Composite Group for service in the Pacific.



Col. Bill Thompson

Thompson was the first to introduce rockets on aircraft in the Mediterranean Theater of War, and was the originator of the term "Spookewaffe" in reference to the all-black air unites flying over Europe. Thompson served in the combat areas of Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He is a retired teacher of the Chicago school system, a member of the Dodo Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Inc., and one of the founders of the Chicago American Pilot's Association.

RICHARD (DICK) TOLIVER — Lt. Col., USAF

Born — October 30, 1938 in Bossier Parish, LA.

Residence — (Permanent) 2925 Logan St. Shreveport, LA 71103

Married — Wife, Peggy (Hairston) of Baltimore, MD; Daughters, Glenette, Gail, Renea; Son, Michael; two grandchildren.

Civilian Education — Tuskegee Institute, B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Jan 1963; University of Northern Colorado, 1976; Troy

State University, 1980; Webster College, 1982, MA, Procurement Management.

Military Education — Graduate of Squadron Officer's School (Corres) 1970; F-4 Instructor Pilot School, 1970; Tac Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, 1972; Air Command and Staff College (SEM), 1977; National Security Management School (Corres), 1979.

Military Service — Completed AFROTC, Jan 63, entered active duty, Feb 63 as Project Engineer Aeronautical System Division AFSC. Graduated in 65H Pilot Training Class. Checked out in F-4 Phantom and deployed to Vietnam Dec 65; one of the first five Black F-4 pilots who served with Chappie James at Davis-Montham AFB, AZ and in SEA (231 combat missions). Assigned to Hahn AB, GE from 1966-1970. Returned to CONUS in 1970 and instructed in F-4 until return to Korat and Udorn, Thailand from Jan 72 to Jan 73; flew 215 missions in LINBACKER ONE and TWO; member of Red River Rats Fighter Pilot Association.



Lt. Col. Richard Toliver

Returned to Nellis AFB in 1973 as Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) pilot for Fighter Weapons Acquisition Programs. Selected as one of original F-15 OT&E pilots in August 1974 to conduct testing of first operational F-15 Eagles. Reassigned to HQ USAFE, Ramstein AB and Bitburg AB, Germany from 1977 to 1980 (53TFS Commander, NATO Tigers). Assigned to HQ Air Force Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland AFB, NM, Dec. 80, currently Assistant Chief of Staff. Decorations and awards include Distinguished Flying Cross; Meritorious Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster); Air Medal (27 Oak Leaf Clusters); Air Force Commendation Medal; AF Outstanding Unit Award with V and Oak Leaf Cluster; Combat Readiness Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Vietnam Service Medal, RVN Gallantry Cross w/palm; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and Longevity and Marksman Ribbons.



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HAROLD JACKSON TRABUE —
Lt. Colonel, US Air Force (Ret)

Born — December 25, 1926 in Jackson, Miss.

Residence — 3605 Burleigh Drive, Mitchellville, Md. 20716

Married — Wife: Willa M. (Brown). Children: Gay Marie, Pamela, Ronald, Darrell and Mark.

Education — University of Illinois, B.S.



Harold Jackson Trabue

E.E.: American University, M.B.A.

Military Service — Enlisted Army Air Force, Marcy 17, 1945. Served ten months at Tuskegee until November 13, 1946. Commissioned 2nd Lt. September 1, 1950. After completion of Electronic Counter Measures (ECM) school in November 1951, was assigned to the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing at Ramo AFB, Puerto Rico. Later moved to Forbes AFB, Kansas. In 1954, Wing was transferred to Biggs AFB, Texas. I was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters during this time for temporary service in Japan and England. Transferred to Flight test Engineering at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio in July 1957. I received a Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1962 at University of Illinois. From 1962-1964 I was chief of Radar Division, Directorate of Range Operations, Patrick AFB, Florida. Completed a three year tour with 10th T.R.W. at Alcombury, England. While in England I served as Wing Electronic Warfare Officer. Later assigned to Headquarters Air Force Systems Command at Andrews AFB, MD. Was chief of Computer Systems Division, Directorate of Plans, until time of retirement in December 1971.

WILLIAM M. WALKER — 0585876

Married to Marie A. Harris, July, 1942, Richmond, Ky.

October, 1942, entered active duty, Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio. November, 1943, transferred to Air Force Adm., OCS, Miami Beach, Florida. Commissioned 2nd Lt., March, 1944, and transferred to TAAF, Tuskegee, Ala. Assigned to Sq. 'C' as Asst. Adj. and later Sq. Adj. Commanding Officers



Lt. William M. Walker

included, Capt. Calrence Jones, Maj. Edelin, Maj. Percy Jones. During this period promoted to 1st Lt. AC.

Separated at Ft. Bragg, N.C., May, 1946, and returned to home address, 406 W. Elm St., Richmond, Ky.

Employed by VA Ins. Service, Columbus, Ohio, July, 1946. Later transferred to Defense Construction Supply Center, Columbus, Ohio. Employed as Programmer, Computer Specialist, Computer Analyst, and Group Leader of Requirements Sub-System. Retired after 37 years service January, 1979.

Currently resides with wife, Marie H. and daughter, Mary C., at 1893 Merryhill Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43219.



Lt. Lloyd D. Tyner

LLOYD DAVID TYNER, JR. —
First Lieutenant, U.S. Signal Corps

Born — June 10, 1922 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Residence — 123 NE 161st Street, Seattle, Washington 98155

Widowed

Children — Lloyd David Tyner, III; Paul Frederick Tyner; Elizabeth Carol Monroe; 8 grandchildren.

Education — Temple University High School, attended Temple University and Penn. State University.

Military Service — Enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Bolling Field, Washington, D.C., March 31, 1941. Assigned to 99th Pursuit Squadron at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois. Graduated radio operator and mechanic November, 1941. Transferred to Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama and to Tuskegee, Alabama, January 5, 1942. Transferred to Fort Mammoth, New Jersey, May, 1942. Graduated Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Signal Corps. Transferred to Tuskegee Army Air Field September 12, 1942. Assigned Assistant Post Signal Officer on the same date and C.O. of Signal Det. Transferred to 689th Aircraft Warning Company. Transferred to Air Cadet Corps as student officer class of 43K. Transferred to Kessler Field in 1944 as Assistant Post Communications Officer. Transferred to TAAF in 1945 as Assistant Communications Officer. Transferred to Pratt General Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida, in 1946. Discharged Valley Forge General Hospital September, 1947.

Post Military — Worked as crew leader and auditor, 1950 Census; Statistical clerk, U.S. Labor Department, Philadelphia, Pa.; mathematical technician, engineering technician, and standardization technician. Frankfort Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pa.

JAMES COLLINS WARREN —
Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Air Force (ret)

Born — August 16, 1923 in Gurley, Alabama

Residence — 500 Azalea Way, Vacaville, CA 95688

Married — Wife Xanthia (Cooper) Sons:

James C. Jr., Stewart T., Dwayne C. Two Grandsons

Education — New Trier TWP H.S. Winnetka, Ill. University of Illinois, University of Nebraska, B.A. Degree. 1964, Military: SOS AC&SC, Air War College, Armed Forces Staff College.

Military Service — Career spanned 35 years 7 months and 13 days and included World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Enlisted in U.S. Army Air Force at Chicago, Ill. on October 1942. Reported to Pre-Aviation Cadet Training at Keesler AAF, Miss. in Mar 43. CtD at Tuskegee, Preflight at TAAF Jun 19, 1943 Class-44-C. Was graduated as a flight Officer Navigator from Hondo AAF, TX 21 Aug, 1944, Midland AAF, TX as Bombardier in Feb. 1945 and joined the 477th Bombardment Group in March 1945. Was arrested in the first group to enter the Freeman Field Officers Club in April 1945. Released from active duty in Mar 46.

Recalled to active duty in Mar 1952 as a 2nd Lt., assigned to the 17th Bomb Group, Pusan, Korea and flew 50 missions in the Douglass B-26. Reassigned to the Military Airlift Command McChord AFB, WN and flew the C-124, C-54, C-118 on worldwide routes. Ramstein AB, Germany 1956-1959 Flt Fac Officer and Command Navigator. Travis AFB, CA 1960-65. Flew C-124, C-135 as Chief Flight Examiner first all Jet Transport Squadron. 1965 Tinker AFB, OK, Ton Son Nhut AB, Vietnam 1967-1968 flying 123 combat missions. Travis 1968-71 flying the C-141. To Norton AFB, CA 1971-74, Castle AFB, CA 1974-76, Kadena AB, Japan 1976-77. Edwards AFB, CA 1977-78 retiring 1 Nov 1978.

Highlight Missions — Flew the 1964 "Bob Hope Xmas Show Southeast Asia, Apollo 14, Moonlanding Crew from splashdown at Pago Pago to Houston, TX 1971. Flew first C-141 into Gia Lam AP, North Vietnam and returned the first POW to Clark AFB, Philippines.



F-15 Eagles, Originals of 1st. TFW, Langley AFB VA on FLT Line at Luke AFB, AZ Nov. 76

Decorations — DFC/20LC, Air Medal/120LC, MSM/20LC, ACM, SAEMR, AFEM/w20LC, AFRM, AGCM, CRM, KSMw30LC, ROKPUC, AFPUCw20LC, AFOUAW30LC, VSMw40LC, RVN-GAL — CRSwPALM, RVNCM, UNSM, AFLSHw60LC, NDSMwBS. While Chief of Social Actions of Castle AFB, CA won the L. Joseph Brown Award (Best SL officer in USAF) Retired at Edwards AFB, CA 1978 after flying in excess of 12,000 hours.

Post-Military — Personnel Executive for General Dynamics Corporation Pomona Division, Pomona, California.



James C. Warren

CHARLES E. WASHINGTON —

Born — April 2, 1922, Newark, N.J.
Residence — 44 Center Grove Rd. T44, Randolph, New Jersey 07869
Divorced — Sons, Kevin, Keith, and Reynold.

Military Service — Enlisted Army Air Corps Oct. 19, 1942 at N.Y. City, inducted at Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. sent to Tuskegee Army Air Station Oct 25, 1942 arriving "Che Haw" Oct. 27, 1942. Assigned Recruit Detachment, commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Freeman, in administration, served as a clerk to Col. Noel G. Parrish, assigned to Cadre forming 332nd Fighter Group, Dec 42. Departed Tuskegee Jan 15, 1943 to attend Radio Mechanics and Operators School, Scott Field, Ill. First group of Blacks to attend that School, and we produced some academic excellence and records which stood for years at that School. Upon completion, sent to Control Net System School, Tomah, Wisconsin, another First, upon completion reassigned 332nd Fighter Group, Selfridge Field, Mich. again assigned to Administration working with Charles Lawrence and Robert Hunter. When 332nd departed for overseas, assigned 553rd Fighter Squadron as Instructor in Communications. Performed assignments at Selfridge Field, Oscoda, Mich., and Walterboro, So. Carolina. From Walterboro assigned Signal Corps OCS, Dec. 1944. Graduating a 2nd Lt. Sig. C. June 1945 — performed tour overseas, 933rd AAA Bn, Yokohama, Japan. Returned to USA Dec. 1947, joined New Jersey National Guard, 372nd AAA Group attaining rank of Major. Reassigned Air Force Reserves 1963 to work with Army Missile



Charles E. Washington

Command, Hdqtd Huntsville, Ala. Currently preparing to retire from Government Service 1982, working as a Navigational Aids Specialist, Federal Aviation Adm. at Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N.J.

THOMAS L. WASHINGTON — Chief Master Sergeant USAF (Ret.)

Born — March 28, 1915, Chatanooga, Tennessee
Residence — 410 West Street, Lansing, Michigan
Married — Wife, former Jennie Howard; Sons: Thomas Jr., Earl, and Gary; Daughters, Celia and Carol; 4 Granddaughters and one Grandson.

Education — Benton Harbor High School and Michigan State Univ.

Military Service — Enlisted in the US Army Air Corps, 99th Pursuit Sqdn. Det., Chanute Field, Illinois, April 21, 1941. Completed Tech. School, Class 23A-5, Airplane and Engine Mechanic. Stationed at Maxwell Field, Alabama until runways and barracks at Tuskegee Air Field were completed. Arrived at TAAF, January 5, 1942. Worked in Aircraft Inspection and Maintenance from March 1942 until Nov. 1946. Advanced from crewing Col. Frederick VMH Kimball's BC-1A, to Flight Chief, to Maintenance Supervisor of the first production line set up on the Base for advance trainers (AT-6) to Squadron Chief Inspector 890th Single Engine Flying Training Squadron. Promoted from Pvt. to Master Sergeant in less than 2½ years. After closing of Tuskegee and shipping out the last aircraft, transferred to Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. Served as NCOIC, Production Control (Black Hangar) from '46 to '49.



Thomas L. Washington

First integrated station Kelly AFB, Texas 1949. Transferred to Clark AFB, Philippine Islands, February 1950. With the outbreak of the Korean Conflict, transferred to Far East Air Material Command, (FEAMCOM) at Tachikawa, Japan. Worked on F-80 Erection Project at FEAMCOM and Kisarazu, making combat ready those B-26 Aircraft in storage at Tachikawa, and P-51 Aircraft shipped in on the Aircraft Carrier, Boxer. Returned to the P.I. preparator to transfer to McChord AFB, Washington, Military Air Transport Service (MATS) in 1952. Duties performed from June 1952 to February 1962 ranged from Squadron Inspector, to Material NCOIC, to Scheduled Maintenance Superintendent. Promoted to Senior Master Sergeant, 1959, and Chief Master Sergeant in 1961.

Transferred to Tactical Air Command, February 1962, Spangdahlem AFB, 49th TAC Ftr Wing, Germany; mission aircraft, F-105. Served as Line Chief and NCOIC of Standardization and Training. Transferred in June 1965 to McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kansas. Duties in the 23rd TAC Fighter Wing include NCOIC of Standardization and Production Analysis. Retired at McConnell on November 1, 1967.

Awards — 62nd ATW recommendation to headquarters MATS for NCO of the year. Partial list of service awards include Air Force Service and longevity award with one silver star; Air Force Good Conduct Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; National Defense Service Medal; Small Arms Expert Marksman; and Air Force Commendation Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.

Post Military — Attended Michigan State University, with major in Industrial Arts. From March 1970 to present, employed by Michigan Department of Education as an Education Specialist for the State Approving Agency for Veteran Education Programs.

Additional Comments — We had an expression used at Tuskegee and other segregated bases. "We are not ready yet." We really didn't know until integration how ready we were. At Tuskegee, everybody was special, competition was keen and everybody was qualified and capable of filling anyone's shoes. When those "special" people were dispersed throughout the Air Force, it did not take long for me to conclude that the Tuskegee-experienced airman, in the matter of job knowledge and experience appeared to be a cut above their counter-parts, regardless of the Air Force speciality. Yes, WE WERE READY!

GEORGE WATSON — Technical Sergeant US Air Force (retired)

Born — August 10th, 1920 in Wildwood, New Jersey. Raised in Asbury Park, N.Y. before moving to Lakewood, N.J.

Residence — 1124 East County Line Rd., Lakewood, N.J.

Married — Wife, former Louise Juanita



George A. Watson

Jackson of Detroit and Montgomery, Alabama; sons, George Junior and Maurice; daughter, Lina Ann; 2 grandchildren

Education — Attended Ohio State University, Pikes College in Limestone, Maine, Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ

Military Service — Courses completed while in service. 1. Warehouse supervisor in Supply 1949. 2. USAF Recruiting Officer 1951. 3. Aircraft and Missile Repairman 1960. 4. Aircraft Electronic Repairman 1962.

Decorations and Awards — 1. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. 2. Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. 3. Good Conduct Medal with 1 Silver Leaf. 4. European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars. 5. American Defense Service Medal. 6. World War II Victory Medal. 7. Army of Occupation Medal. 8. National Defense Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star. 9. A.F. Longevity Service Award Ribbon. 10. A.F. Commendation Medal.

Retired with 26 years service in August 1969.

At present employed with New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. in Lakewood, N.J.

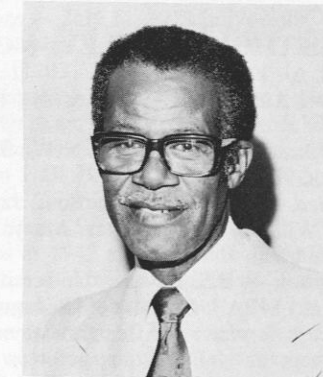
HUGH JAMES WHITE — Attorney

The oldest son of Hugh Preston and Virginia White was born in St. Louis, Missouri on August 24, 1922. Educated in the St. Louis Public school system where attended Charles Sumner High School, a member of the National Honor Society and President of his class, graduating in June 1939. He entered Stowe Teachers College in September 1939.

In January 1943 he volunteered for the United States Air Force assigned to Tuskegee, Alabama as an aviation Cadet in Class 44-F. He completed his training at the Air Force Tactical School Tyndall Field, Florida, graduating Second Lieutenant in June 1944 as Cadet Captain and first ranking student. He was assigned to the European Theater as a pilot in the 99th Pursuit Squadron of the

332nd Fighter Group. He flew 35 combat missions, 190 combat hours, was p-51 Flight Leader, Squadron Leader, Element Leader. Destroyed one (1) enemy plane. He received the Air Medal and Four Oak Leaf Clusters in combat action and was prisoner of war. In 1945 Hugh was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. Subsequently reassigned to Tuskegee Army Air Field, Alabama and assigned duties as Training Officer, Classification and Assignment Officer, Personnel Officer, Assistant Base Adjutant and Company Commander. Honorably discharged as Captain in 1951 after eight and one half years service.

Post-Military — Entered Cleveland-Marshall Law School, Cleveland, Ohio graduating in 1957 with a degree of Bachelor of Laws. He entered the Missouri Bar and private in 1958. He was elected to the Missouri Legislature as State Representative in 1961 and re-elected in 1963. During his term he served on Committees on Judiciary, Municipal Corporations, Criminal Jurisprudence and Ways and Means.



Hugh J. White

He was an active member of Antioch Baptist Church, Member of the Couples Club, life time member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Educational Fraternity, member of the Board of Directors of Page Park Y.M.C.A., Honorary Colonel for Governor Warren E. Hearns.

Hugh organized the St. Louis Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen and served as the first president.

July 29, 1961 Hugh James White married Clara O. (Williams) White, there were two children Beryl Anthony son, and Lauren Virginia daughter. Two granddaughters Laurel Renea and Shannon Rhonea White. After a brief illness in Barnes Hospital, Hugh went home to his Father in Heaven Friday morning, December 15, 1979. "We never lose the one we love, As long as we love the one we lose."

JOHN L. "MR. DEATH" WHITEHEAD, JR. — Lt. Col. USAF (retired)

Born — May 15, 1924 in Lawrenceville, Virginia

Residence — 4217 American River Drive, Sacramento, California 95825

Married — Wife, Colleen; daughter, Lisa
Education — West Virginia State College, BS, Industrial Engineering — 1948

Military Service — My career spanned 30 years, including three wars. I enlisted in the U.S. Field Artillery Reserve Corps in September 1942. I entered the Aviation Cadet Training Program in June 1943 at Tuskegee, Alabama and was graduated September 8, 1944, as a Second Lieutenant, Pilot U.S. Army Air Corps. During WW II I participated in the European/Mediterranean Theater as a fighter pilot. I terminated active service in January 1947, was recalled to active duty with the 332nd Fighter Wing, Lockbourne, Ohio, August 1948. August 1949 I was transferred to Williams Air Force Base, Arizona to become the first black jet instructor pilot in the USAF.

In January 1951 I was transferred to the Boeing Aircraft Factory, Wichita, Kansas as Training Command Representative on the B-47 Evaluation Program. I was the first black to check out as a pilot in a B-47. In November 1952 I joined the famed 49th Fighter Bomber Wing, Teague, Korea, 7th Fighter Bomber Squad, Operations Officer and flew 104 combat missions over North Korea. I returned to state side duty December 1953 with the Northrup Aircraft Corp., Los Angeles, as Chief Production Test Pilot. I transferred to Hill AFB, Utah, January 1956, as Flight Test Pilot for Ogden Air Material Command.

In May of 1957 I was accepted to the USAF Experimental Test Pilots School, Edwards Air Force Base, California and graduated January 1958, as the first Black. I returned to Hill AFB as Chief of Quality Analysis Division. October 1959 I transferred to Chateauroux, France, as Chief Test Pilot, Air Material Forces Europe. In November 1963 I returned to McClellan Air Force Base, California as Chief Test Pilot for Sacramento Air Material Command. In November 1967 I went to SEA as Chief Quality Control for the 56th Special Operations Wing. I returned to Edwards Air Force Base in 1968. At the time of my retirement in 1972 I was serving as Deputy Group Commander, Maintenance and Supply Group. I am a Command Pilot with over 9,500 hours with over 5,000 in jet aircraft, having flown more than 40 different types.



John L. Whitehead

Post Military — After relocating in Sacramento I accepted the position as Management Analyst, City Manager's Office, City of Sacramento in 1973. I am currently serving as Assistant Community Center Facilities Superintendent and Board Member for Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. representing the Sacramento Chapter.

JAMES W. WHYTE, JR.

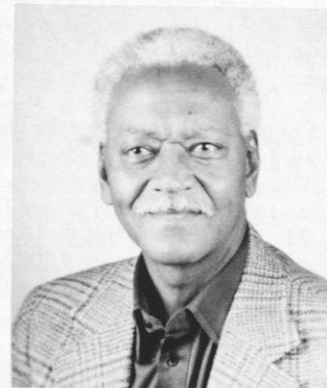
Born — May 20, 1921 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Grew up from 1929 (age eight years) in New Haven, Connecticut.

Residence — 4243 164th Ave. S.E., Issaquah, WA 98027

Family — Wife, Dorothy E. Woodson, formerly of Richmond, Virginia. Sons, Keith Alan Whyte and Stephen Douglas Whyte.

Education — New Haven High School (Hillhouse) 1939; Howard University — B.S.M.E. 1948.

Military Service — Entered U.S. Army Enlisted Reserve through R.O.T.C. at Howard University, Washington, D.C. in August 1942. Called to active duty in March, 1943. Transferred from the infantry at Camp Croft, South Carolina to the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet pilot training program at Tuskegee, Alabama in August 1943. In November, 1944, graduated as a rated Pilot and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Corps. Was assigned to the 619th Bombardment Squadron, 477th Bombardment Group (Medium) at Godman Field, Kentucky. Was a principle in the "Freeman Field/Godman Field Incident" of the spring of 1945. Left active duty in November 1945 and remained in the U.S. Army Air Corps/U.S. Air Force Reserves until 1959.



James W. Whyte, Jr.

Post Military — Resumed war interrupted education at Howard University in January 1946. Graduated in June 1948 with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Employed by the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. At NRL, conducted research work in shock, vibration and underwater sound in the development of the nation's first atomic submarine, the Nautilus. Following an urge developed in early childhood for a career in aviation, sought and

finally obtained a position in the aircraft industry with The Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington in May 1954. Employed by Boeing since then; now serving as Manager, Noise Technology Staff, 747 Product Development. Charter member and Chapter Secretary of Sam Bruce Chapter (in the Pacific Northwest) Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated.



Major James T. Wiley

JAMES THOMAS WILEY — Colonel, U.S. Air Force (retired)

Born — Aug. 2, 1918 in Evansville, Indiana

Residence — 12561 9th Ave. N.W., Seattle, Wash. 98177

Married — Wife, Ruby; two sons, James Jr. and William; one daughter, Mary; two grandchildren

Education — B.S. Physics (University of Pittsburgh) MBA University of Chicago.

Military Service — After three months employment as a flying instructor in the Army Primary program at Motor Field, Tuskegee, Alabama, I joined the Army Air Corps as a flying cadet Feb. 21, 1942. Graduated in the fourth class July 3, 1942. Assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron. Completed 101 missions in Sicily and Italy. Assigned to 477th Bomb Group after completing B25 transition. Went from Freeman Field to Godman Field to Lochbourne. Became Group Operations officer. When integration took place I asked to be assigned to Wright Field. Assigned to the Aircraft laboratory (Wind Tunnel Branch). My group installed the Schlurm system on the transonic tunnel. Completed MBA at Chicago University. Assigned Electronics laboratory, Cambridge Research Center, Bedford, Mass. Assigned again to Wright Field to the SM-62 SPO then to the X-20 Dyna Soar SPO in charge of pilot support systems. Assigned to Boeing AFPR as X-20 project engineer. When X-20 was cancelled my division was assigned the Lunar Orbiter (NASA) site representative responsibility. Retired after 23 years 10 months.

Joined Boeing in program management on the SST. Left SST to become customer engineer on 747 program. Worked with British Airways, Flying Tigers, Cargo lux and Seaboard World. Delivered 33 747's to those

airlines.

Retired from Boeing Feb. 1, 1981. Now involved in public service, Board Chairman Mental Health North and Juvenile Court Conference Committee.

ARTHUR FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

— Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired)

Born — November 15, 1918 in Chester, Virginia

Residence — 9842 LaDuke Drive, Kensington, Maryland 20895

Married — Wife, Gertrude (McClellan); Son, Arthur F. Jr., Daughters, Judith and Elizabeth; Four Grandchildren

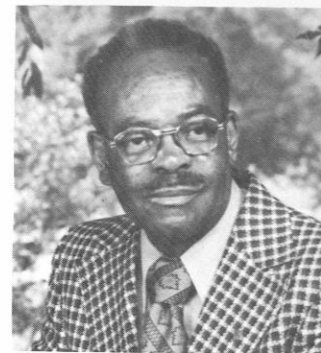
Education — B.S. University of Maryland; Air Command and Staff College; Air Force Institute of Technology (Graduate Logistics); USDA Graduate School; and, The Federal Executive Institute.

Military Service — 29 years, 7 months total service. Enlisted April 1, 1941 and assigned to the original 99th Pursuit Squadron, Chanute Field, Illinois. Served as Aircraft Mechanic and Technical Instructor at Tuskegee Army Air Field from January 1942 to May 1943. Commissioned Second Lieutenant at the AAF/OCS, Miami Beach, Florida in August 1943. Between 1943 and 1949 served at Selfridge Field, Walterboro AAF, Godman Field and Lockbourne AFB. Served two overseas tours in Europe and one in the Far East. Held positions as Supervisor of Maintenance, Director of Material, Air Base Group Commander, and Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, Headquarters, MAAG, Republic of China. At the time of retirement in 1970, was serving as Chief, Logistics Policy Division, Headquarters, USAF.

Post Military — November 1970 through February 1980, held several positions within the Department of Commerce, Office of Minority Business Enterprise. Positions included Deputy Director for National Programs, and, Director, New York Regional Office. Currently serving as Director, Disadvantaged Business Utilization Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon.



Arthur F. Williams, Col. (Ret.)



Arthur Leonard Williams

ARTHUR LEONARD WILLIAMS

— Sgt. U.S. Army Air Corps

Born — June 23rd, 1918 Lucedale, Miss.

Residence — 2960 Michael Dr., Pensacola, Fla. 32505

Married — Louise (Lee); son, Charles; daughter, Constance; 6 grandchildren

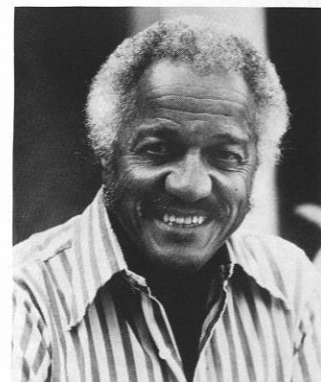
Military Service — Enlisted in Army Air Corps Tindale AAB, Panama City, Fla. Oct. 30, 1942. Completed Basic training at Tuskegee Air Base — Jan. 1943 technical training Lincoln, Nebr.

June 1943, returned to Tuskegee Air Base assigned 1155, Advanced Training Squadron — crew chief on P-40 aircraft, June 1944 Bell Aircraft Factory — P-39 AC, Niagara Falls, N.Y. June 1945 Wright Aircraft engine, School Patterson, New Jersey. Transferred to B-25 Bomber Squadron. Discharged Feb. 11, 1946. May 27, 1946 started work for the Navy as an aircraft mechanic, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. June 1963 promoted to production controller GS-9. September 1966 promoted to foreman aircraft mechanic.

Education — Completed Pensacola Jr. College AA Degree — Applied Technology. Retired June 1979 with over 36 yrs. service. Presently Real Estate Broker — Salesman with Hinote Realty — Pensacola, Fla. Active in the Mt. Zion Church — YMCA Pensacola Board of Realtors and the Apollo Mens Club.

LESLIE A. WILLIAMS — Esq.

Born — August 9, 1919 San Francisco, California



L. A. Williams

Residence — 1001 North Road, Belmont, California 94002

Married — Wife, Elsie V.; Daughters, Penny L., and Paula M., son, Patrick D. 2 grandsons.

Education — Stanford University B.A. (1949); Stanford Law School J.D. (1974)

Military Service — Drafted July 1942. 1st Sergeant Quartermaster. 1st Ave. Cantonment Seattle, Wash.; Aviation Cadet Training 1943. Graduated as Twin-Engine Pilot November 1943. Captain, flight leader 616th Bomb Squadron, 477th Bomb Gp. Rainy day, ready-room entertainer. Honorable discharge Lockbourne AAB 1947.

Post-Military — Operated dance studio in San Mateo, California and toured nationwide as choreographer for 25 years. Faculty member of Stanford University Dance Department. Retired from dance profession to study law. Obtained J.D. degree from Stanford Law School. Licensed to practice law in California, Indiana and Florida. Currently practice in Belmont, California.

RAYMOND L. WILLIAMS

Born — July 11, 1922 in Norfolk, Va.

Residence — 223 E. 58th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203

Married — Bernice (Wright); Daughter Pamela; Son, Terrence; two grandchildren

Education — High School grad.; Attended Seton Hall Univ.; Rutgers Univ. Associate Degree Criminal Justice.

Military Service — Enlisted in U.S. Sig. Corps in 1942 and was inducted into active service in April, 1943. Basic Training at Kearns, Utah where all Negroes were trained with wooden guns. The segregation and bigotry were so repressive that a race riot broke in which Ray played an integral part. Transferred to Camp Maxey, Texas and then to West Va. State College for a Course in Engineering (ASTP). Upon termination of the ASTP program Ray was granted a one man transfer to Tuskegee Army Air Base. This came about because he was refused permission to take the aviation cadet examination at any of the former camps. At TAAF Ray passed the Cadet Exam and was later sent to Biloxi, Miss. for further testing. Graduated as a Fighter Pilot in class 45-D. Upon graduation Class 45-D transisted in B-45 aircraft and transferred to Walterboro, S.C. 617th Bomber Sq. and there to Godman Field, Kentucky. In Godman Field, all Single Engine Pilots were returned to flying fighter plans and we joined the 99th Fighter Sq. Among his ground duties Ray served as the Aqua-control officer and Assistant Exec. in the 99th serving under Maj. (Wild Bill) Campbell. Honorably discharged in Feb. 1946.

Post Military — Attended Seton Hall Univ. 1950-51. In 1951 joined the Jersey City, N.J. Police Dept. and retired in 1977 as a First Grade Detective. In 1977 formed the Black Hawk Ent. Corp., Private Investigations and Security.



Raymond L. Williams

Founder — 2 police societies — Le Bastion, of Jersey City, and COP, national organization. Both organizations were involved in community activities, upgrading minority youth. One of the founders of and a three time president of the Greater N.Y. Chap. of the Tuskegee Airmen. During his police career and presently, Ray has been deeply involved in community programs and actions. The present emphasis: Presentations concerning the Tuskegee Airmen's Story to schools, churches and other agencies on a regular basis; apprising minority youth of opportunities at Military Academies and in Aerospace.

W.L. (BILL) WILLIAMS — Colonel, U.S. Air Force (retired)

Born — October 24, 1921 in Lima, Ohio
Residence — 6734 Parson Brown Dr., Orlando, FL 32811

Married — Wife, Ruby (Gibbs); sons, Kenneth, Kevin

Education — Kent State University — 1949, BS Degree, Boston University — Master of Science 1951

Military Service — Drafted into U.S. Army 1942; served in various assignments until 1944; applied for and was accepted into Aviation Cadet Training at Tuskegee, Alabama and graduated in December 1944 as a flight officer pilot medium bombardment aircraft. Subsequently assigned to Godman Field, Kentucky; Atterbury Airbase, Indiana; Freeman Field, Columbus, Indiana, and again at Godman Air Base, Kentucky.



W.L. (Bill) Williams

Released from active duty March 1946, and began educational indoctrination. Joined Air Force Reserve Unit in Boston, Massachusetts in 1950 and recalled to active duty June 1951. In 1952 integrated into regular Air Force in the Biomedical Science Corps. Served two overseas tours in England and Japan. Among the many decorations were the Meritorious Service Award and The Legion of Merit. At the time of retirement in 1975 was serving as Director of Alcohol Abuse Program in The Office of the Secretary of Defense. Retired in permanent grade of Colonel in the Regular Air Force.

Post-Military — Employed for three years by Information Planning Associates, Gaithersburg, Maryland as Director: Information Systems, Surveys and Analysis.

Subsequently resigned and moved to Orlando, Florida. Helped organize and was elected First President of Greater Florida Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Active in many civic activities, play golf regularly and travel frequently.

YANCEY WILLIAMS

Born — February 1, 1917, at Sicily Island, La.

Widow — E. Gail Griffin Williams

Son — Eric Glenn Williams

Education — Howard University

Yancey's aviation career began in the fall of 1939 when he was selected to participate in the first class of the Civilian Pilot Training Program (C.P.T.), sponsored by the CAA at Howard University. Yancey was a senior in Howard's School of Engineering at the time, and also an Advanced ROTC (Infantry) student. CPT ground school was conducted on campus while actual flying training was conducted at Hybla Valley Airport in northern Virginia. Mr. C. Alfred (Chief) Anderson conducted all of the flight instructions for the participants. Yancey Williams and eight other students successfully completed the Primary C.P.T. Course, were tested and received their Private Pilots Licenses on May 6, 1940.

Yancey was one of two Howard University Primary CPT students selected to participate in the Advanced or Secondary CPT Program during the summer of 1940. Through the extraordinary efforts and the success of the aviation programs at Tuskegee Institute an Advanced CPT Program was established at that location. Yancey and Howard's other selectees attended the course there. A condition for selection to participate in Secondary CPT flight training was that applicants must pass the regular military flight physical examination. Yancey completed his examination without difficulties; went to Tuskegee and completed the Advanced CPT flight training program. He returned to Howard hopeful that he would now be accepted as a flying cadet by the US Army Air Corps. It didn't work that way.

Yancey, like a few other fore-runners at the time either had already applied or with their new CPT Credentials applied for appoint-

ments as Flying Cadets of the US Army Air Corps. The response Yancey received was similar to those received by other black applicants. His application to the US Army Air Corps, filed in the summer of 1940 was acknowledged. However, the Commanding General of the US Army Third Corps Area informed Yancey that, "Appropriate Air Corps Units were not available at this time at which colored applicants could be given cadet flight training."

Yancey would not let his dream of "Flying with the Army Air Corps" be blown away by the bigots of the era. With the help of Professor Addison E. Richmond of Howard's School of Engineering, Yancey took the giant step of the time. It went this way.

On January 17, 1941, Yancey Williams, Howard University Engineering student, filed suit in the U.S. Superior Court of the District of Columbia, to compel the then War Department to consider his application on its merits for appointment as a flying cadet in the United States Army Air Corps. Young Williams filed his suit in behalf of himself and "other Negroes qualified for the U.S. Army Air Corps." (the rest of us).

Attorney Wendell L. McConnel of Wash-



Yancey Williams

ington, D.C. with the assistance of then NAACP Special Counsel, now US Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and attorneys W. Robert Ming Jr. and Leon A. Ransom of the National Legal Committee, cooperated in the preparation of Yancey's case.

On January 18, 1941, the War Department announced with much fanfare that the Army Air Corps was establishing an "all colored" flying unit, some referred to it as a "Black Eagle Squadron," designated as the 99th Pursuit Squadron. Yancey and his attorneys decided not to drop his suit, but to wait for action on his application by the Air Corps and the War Department. Additional announcements were not long coming of plans to establish an Air Corps Training Complex for primary flying training at Tuskegee Institute Alabama, and a new base nearby for basic and advance flying training of "Colored Pilots." In the meantime Yancey received no response to his own application and the long wait began.

As a newly commissioned reserve officer (Howard's R.O.T.C. Program) Yancey was ordered to active duty in his specialty, as an Infantry Officer, in the early summer of 1941. He reported to the reception center at Ft. George E. Meade, Maryland and after a short period he was reassigned to the 366th Infantry Regiment at Ft. Devens, Mass. Yancey immediately applied for a transfer from the infantry to the Air Corps to be included in the first group of cadets to report for training at action packed Tuskegee, but the US Army took no favorable action to transfer him until late 1943. He reported for primary training at Tuskegee Institute's Moton Field some two years after the first Black Air Cadets and some of his contemporaries passed through the Gates at Tuskegee. Yancey Williams received his "Wings" in late 1944 at Tuskegee Army Air Field.

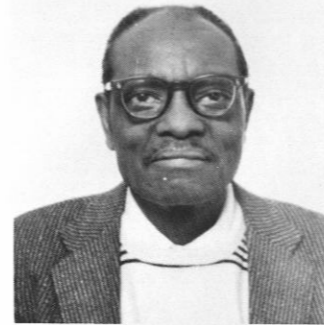
Yancey William's career as an Air Corps of US Air Force pilot took him to these Air Installations: Tuskegee Institute's Moton Field; Tuskegee Army Air Field; Walterboro Army Air Field, S.C.; Godman Army Air Field, Ky. assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron; Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron and the 332nd Fighter Wing, and Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.

When integration came to the US Air Force in 1949, Yancey was assigned to the 86th Air Base Group at Neubiberg, Germany. On his return to the US in November 1952, Yancey was assigned to the 85th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., with temporary duty for jet aircraft transition at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., and Moody Air Force Base, Ga. On his return to Scott he was assigned as his squadron's Aircraft Maintenance Officer.

Yancey Williams lost his life on October 22, 1953 when the engine failed on the F86D aircraft which he was flight testing. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

In his short Air Force Career Yancey piloted these different aircraft: PT-19, BT-13, T-6, P-40, P-47, P-51, B-29, B-47, B-57, F-94, and F-86D.

It is quite ironic that Yancey Williams who offered himself as primary complainant for a test case to force the acceptance of Blacks in the US Army Air Corps was then ignored when the barriers fell. He was shunted aside for almost four years while the program he precipitated went forward for better or worst — most think for better for Black America. This is a part of the story of the Black Man's final breakthrough of an unbroken barrier to fly not only in the US Army Air Corps, but also in the Air Arms of all US Military Services. And as documented the story makes no references or mention of Senator Harry S. Truman and two blacks in flying suits walking through the halls of Congress. Neither is or was there any reference to a silly Black walking on the streets of New Orleans wearing a parachute on his back. The barriers didn't come down as a result of these antics — at all and probably never would have.



Robert W. Wing

ROBERT W. WING

I was born and educated in Chicago. Graduate of Northwestern and the University of Chicago. I learned to fly in Chicago in 1927. In the years 1933 and 1934 I tried to get into commercial aviation with negative results because of my color, in 1935 I went to Mexico and did some flying. That same year with the help of my wife who was still in the U.S. I received a commission to fly with the British Government. We went to England in 1935. In Sept. 1939 I entered the R.A.F. after a brief transition from civilian commercial aviation to Military Aviation. I was active in the Battle of Britain at that time I was flying a Hurricane. After the battle of Britain we began offensive warfare, I transferred to bomber command, 1st Bomber Wing, 3rd Group we flew Lancasters in our Command. I was credited with 4 confirmed while flying Hurricanes, my Gunners had 15 confirmed in Lancasters. I lost one Hurricane to enemy fighters, and one Lancaster to enemy ground fire. I attained the permanent Rank Squadron Leader.

CHARLES H. WINSTON was born March 5, 1919, in Yakima, Washington. The Winston family of eight migrated 156 miles to Seattle during the Great Depression in 1932. Graduating from high school in 1937, Charles made world-wide tours in the Merchant Marines. He climaxed his sea-going experience after being exposed to a bombing raid at Shanghai, China aboard the SS President McKinley February 1939, during the China-Japanese War.



Charles H. Winston

Brief new careers followed in the auto maintenance and machinist fields, followed by marriage and finally a draft in military service in January, 1943. Passing exams at Chanute Field, Ill. and 14 months of flight training in Tuskegee, Alabama Charles earned his pilot wings in April, 1945 in Class 45-C. World War II ended in September and Charles was soon back home in Seattle attending the University of Washington School of Engineering.

He was married in 1942 and now resides with his wife Claudine in Seattle, Washington. They have two children, Charles III who is with FAA and Claudia who was a dental student in 1982.

As a student, part-time real estate work became a full time business for Charles in 1948, leaving 15 years later in 1963 to accept a federal government position. It is needless to say the rigid discipline, intensive training, and deep aspiration that Charles experienced at Tuskegee, Alabama contributed greatly to his health, business career, and family success in the years bringing Charles to his present threshold of near retirement in 1984.



Henry A. Wise Jr.

HENRY A. WISE, JR. M.D.

I was born in Cheriton, Virginia and drafted into the Armed Forces in 1942. I was stationed at Air Bases in Manchester, New Hampshire and Bangor, Maine before being admitted to Tuskegee Air Force Base for training as a pilot. I graduated in February 1944 and shortly thereafter was assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron in Italy as a replacement pilot. During that tour of duty, I was shot down by German Ground Anti-Aircraft Artillery while returning from one of the many missions to the famed Ploesti Oil Fields in Rumania. I was taken by the Bulgarian authorities where I landed with their statement still fresh in my memory — "For you, the war is over!" I remained a POW with many other airmen until the camp was overrun by the Russians and we were freed. Returning to the States, I attended the Command and General Staff School in Leavenworth, Kansas and, later, was a Flying Instructor, Tuskegee Army Air Base.

I left the service in 1947 and returned to school receiving a M.S. Degree in Biology and teaching in the Howard University Science Department for 1 year before entering medical school. I received the M.D. Degree in

1954 and have practiced medicine in the Washington, D.C. area since that time.

I have a fine wife, two sons and I'm enjoying good health.



Kenneth O. Wofford Colonel, AF

KENNETH OMAR WOFFORD — Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Family Data — Born; November 1922 at Inola, Oklahoma.

Education — Lincoln University, Missouri and University Nebraska, Omaha — B.S. Degree.

Married — 1944, Willetta M. (Brinker).

Residence — Golden Valley, Minnesota.

Military Career — 32 years including Enlisted status during 1942-1974. March 1944, entered Aviation Cadet training at Tuskegee Institute (CTD) and graduated Tuskegee AAF, Alabama with Pilot rating and Second Lieutenant commission. Command Pilot with 9,000 flying hours. Decorations and awards included Legion Merit w/ OLC; Distinguished Flying Cross; Air Medal w/5 OLC; Meritorious Service Medal w/ OLC and Good Conduct Medal. Significant positions with — *TAC*: Pilot, 99th Fighter Squadron and Air Inspectors office at Godman Field and Lockbourne Air Base. *USAFE*: Commander, Headquarters Squadron and Personnel Director for 86th Air Base Group. *ADCOM*: Base Executive and Director Personnel, Ethan Allen AFB/ Air Division Personnel Director, Wright-Patterson AFB and Thule, Greenland. *MAC* (McGuire AFB): Transport Aircraft Commander and Commander, Headquarters Squadron in Air Transport Group; Director Manpower/Management Engineering, Air Transport Wing. *USAFE*: Commander, Airborne Command and Control Squadron for European Command. *PACAF* (Viet-Nam and Japan): Commander, EC-Squadron; Deputy Wing Commander Support Services and later Commander, Tachikawa Air Base complex (with 6 satellite bases). *AU/AFROTC*: Professor Aerospace Studies and AREA COMMANDANT (first Black) for East Coast and North Central Regions.

WILLIAM MONROE WOMACK

— Ph.D., Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.)
Born — March 4, 1916, Jackson, Tennessee

Residence — 2425 LaSalle Gardens, South, Detroit, Michigan, 48206

Married — Wife, Melisande (Gothard), M.D.; Children: James, Barbara, William, Jr.

Education — A.B., 1938, Lane College; M.A., 1939, Ph.D., 1971, University of Michigan.

Military Service — Recruited in 1941 as civilian physical training program director for newly formed "Black Air Force," trained original graduating class (and all succeeding classes through September, 1942). Voluntarily inducted into military as private at war's outbreak, became Master Sgt. on same day. Sent to O.C.S. September, 1942, returning to Tuskegee December, 1942 as first officer assigned to new 332nd tactical fighter group. Combat training at Selfridge Field, Michigan, March, 1943. Embarked for Italy December 24, 1943, where became commander of rest camp near Naples. Returned stateside, 1945. 1947, with Felix McDavid and others, persuaded Michigan Governor, Kim Sigler to form black engineering battalion for Michigan (army) National Guard. We worked with Gov. G. Mennen Williams to integrate National Guard, which occurred in May, 1950. Battalion among first in the nation called to active duty, June 1950, with outbreak of Korean conflict. First unit sent to Europe as part of Pres. Eisenhower's European defense commitment, station at Frankfurt. Returned stateside, 1952. Battalion redesignated as artillery unit. Became battalion commander, 1953. Worked closely and successfully with Gov. Williams to persuade military to assign unit to the missile defense of Detroit and state of Michigan. Battalion received numerous distinguished service citations from military and the state legislature. Retained command until retirement from military, 1969.



William M. Womack

Concomitant Civilian Service — 1946-1949, Ford Motor Co., personnel counselor in sociological department. 1953-1960, Detroit Public Schools, teacher in the youth home for juvenile offenders. 1960-1964, Detroit Board of Education, worked in research project for

slow learners. 1964-1967, Mich. Dept. of Mental Health, organizing and implementing day training programs for the severely developmentally disabled. 1968, worked with PRESCAD, a comprehensive health care program for preschool, school aged, and adolescent children. 1969, Chrysler Corp., Manager, General Education Services, developing and implementing entry level and apprentice skills training programs. 1970-1971, University of Michigan, Assistant Director of Training. 1971-1978, Mich. Dept. of Mental Health, director, third largest state institution for the developmentally disabled. 1978-1980, Mich. Dept. of Mental Health, special advisor and consultant on professional training and evaluation. Retired, 1980 to pursue business interests in communications and energy industries.

Member, National Board, Tuskegee Airmen; Advisory Committee, Philip A. Randolph Vocational School; Board, Wolverine-Morningstar Broadcasting. Former member, Board, Concept Development Corporation, Communidyne Corporation.

EDWARD WILSON WOODWARD — Captain, U.S. Air Force (Retired)

Married — Wife, former Leona Francis Hill (of Tuckahoe, NY)
Diploma (1940) J.J. Clemmons HS Roper, NC.

A.A. Degree (1967) Allan Hancock College, Vandenberg AFB, CA

B.A. Degree (1981) School of Environmental Studies, Sonoma State University, California

Military Service — Volunteered, accepted for pilot training October 1942. Active Duty 23 March 1943; Reported to Biloxi, Miss. (Keesler Field, Basic Training). Reassigned to College Training Detachment (CTD) Tuskegee Institute; Class 44-F.

Commissioned Second Lieutenant, 27 January 1945, rated Bombardier, Midland Army Air Field, Texas. Assigned to 477th Bomb GP(M). Accompanied unit's relocation to Freeman Field, Indiana. Returned to Godman Field (Fort Knox, KY) 12 April 1945. Reference: Gropman's "The Air Force Integrates 1945-1964," (The Freeman Field Mutiny), 1979; OSUR Blacks in the AAF During WW-II" 1977, Office of Air Force History, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

During the period from 22 June 1945 to expiration of service 18 July 1946, married; duty locations included Walterboro, SC; Monroe, LA; Ellington Fld, TX; Enid, OK; and Tuskegee AAF. Reenlisted Regular Army, Master Sergeant, October 1946. Assignments included Guam, Mariana Islands; Burtonwood, England. Re commissioned 2 July 1952. Assignments included Flight Instructor (Bombardier, B-25), Shepard AFB, TX; Photo-Navigator (B-29), Forbes AFB, Kansas; Mather AFB, CA; Pease AFB, New Hampshire (B-47). Experi-



Edward W. Woodward

encing reduction-in-force (RIF) 31 January 1958 Reenlisted 4 March 1958. Trained into electronics field (October 1959) assigned to 801 AD (SAC) Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. Retrained as Missile Systems Analyst Technician, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Reassigned to 7231st Tech Trng Grp (USAFE), Cigli AB, Izmir, Turkey, 27 September 1961. This tour included visiting Gioia Del Colle, Italy.

Returned to the States — with family — November 1963, assigned as missile systems superintendent, 10th Aerospace Defense Grp, Vandenberg AFB, CA. Assigned to 46th Air Defense Missile Squadron, McGuire AFB, New Jersey 1970. Reassignment to Hamilton AFB, CA December 1972 and retirement 28 February 1974 totaled 31 years 2 months 23 days. Retired as a Chief Master Sergeant, advanced to the highest grade held.

Post Military Activity — B.A. Degree. President Sacramento Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen January 1979. Organized Northern San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, Fairfield, CA; Chartered 4 April 1981. Licensed amateur radio operator (WB6IPI). Sub Teacher; avid reader affected with bibliomania. Procrastinations? Master's in history.

The following newspaper article: Extraction of the "Herald Statesman," Yonkers, New York, date unknown, by Cpl. Johnny Johnson, entitled "N.Y. Boys Direct 332nd musicians." Note: photo credits of the Mediterranean AA forces. The subject is the late brother-in-law of Ed Woodward. It is possible too, that — since "we had to provide our own entertainment" this would be noteworthy.

ARTHUR G. WORRELL — Technical Sergeant — USAF, Retired

Born — June 1, 1922 in Washington D.C.

Inducted into the U.S. Army, 5 February 1943. Assigned to Ft. George Meade, Md., for processing. Reassigned to the 326th Aviation Squadron, Frederick Army Air Field, Frederick, Okla., in March 1943. Performed duty as Squadron Statistical Clerk. Placed on Detached Service to Tuskegee Army Flying School, Tuskegee, Ala., on 19 June 1944 to attend Medical School Class. Upon comple-



Arthur G. Worrell

tion of course, returned to Frederick AAF and continued duties as statistical clerk and medical technician until January 1945. Promoted from Private to Sergeant during this tour of duty. January 1945, transferred to the 1867th Aviation Engineer Combat Battalion, MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla. Attended school from January 1945 to April 1945 to become a Surveyor. Transferred to Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi and promoted to SSGT. Departed Key Field enroute to Manila, P.I. Landed on the beach, Manila, P.I., June 15, 1945. Surveyed land and prepared Topographic Maps throughout Manila. August 1945, received orders for Japan. While awaiting shipment to Japan, the A Bomb was dropped on Japan. Honorably Discharged, February 26th, 1946.

Reenlisted in the USAF 25 October 1950, continuous service as an Accountant and Finance Supervisor until retirement on 1 August 1968.

Overseas Tours — St. Johns, Newfoundland, Goose Bay, Labrador, Royal AFS, Bentwaters, England, Osan AB and Kimpo AB, Korea, Tachikawa, Japan, Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam.

Awards — ACM, APCM, PLR, WWIIVM, NDSM, GCM, AFLSA, SAEMR, VSM/1BSS.

CLAYBOURNE A. LOCKETT

(Biography received late)

Born — Los Angeles, California

Military Service — Upon being drafted into the service on July 7, 1941, he was trained as an Infantryman and assigned to the 25th Infantry Regiment at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. From early childhood Aviation was his ambition, and he applied for Aviation Cadet at Luke Field, Arizona while on Guard duty on that Base in February 1942 successfully passing all Examinations. There were many changes of location and duty assignments which delayed the appointment to the Aviation Cadet Corp from reaching him. Then early in December of 1942 his appointment arrived at Camp Atterbury, Indiana and he was ordered to report to Tuskegee Army Air Field as an Aviation Cadet.

Receiving his wings and commission on July 28, 1943. Graduating with 2nd Honors in Class S.E. 43-G. Assigned to the 301st Fighter Squadron at Sulfridge Field he went overseas with the 301st Fighter Squadron of



Claybourne A. Lockett

the 332nd Fighter Group and flew combat with the 301st and 302nd Fighter Squadrons. As a Single Engine Fighter Pilot he flew the P-40, P-39, P-47, P-51 and while on temporary duty with the R.A.F. flew the Spitfire and Hurricane. He was disabled in combat and retired with a physical disability.



Gen. Davis pins the Distinguished Flying Cross on his son, Col. Davis, Jr.





Col. B. O. Davis, and Capt. Elizabeth Hampton



Capt. Alvin J. Downing and the cast of FEAP's show



"Airmen's Holiday" in Korea

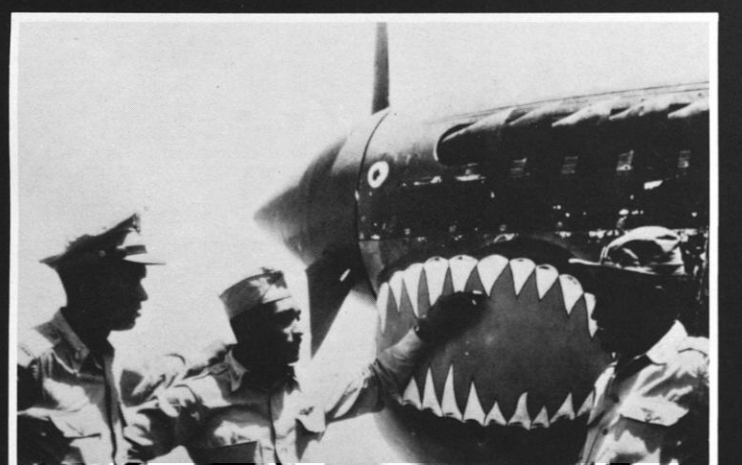
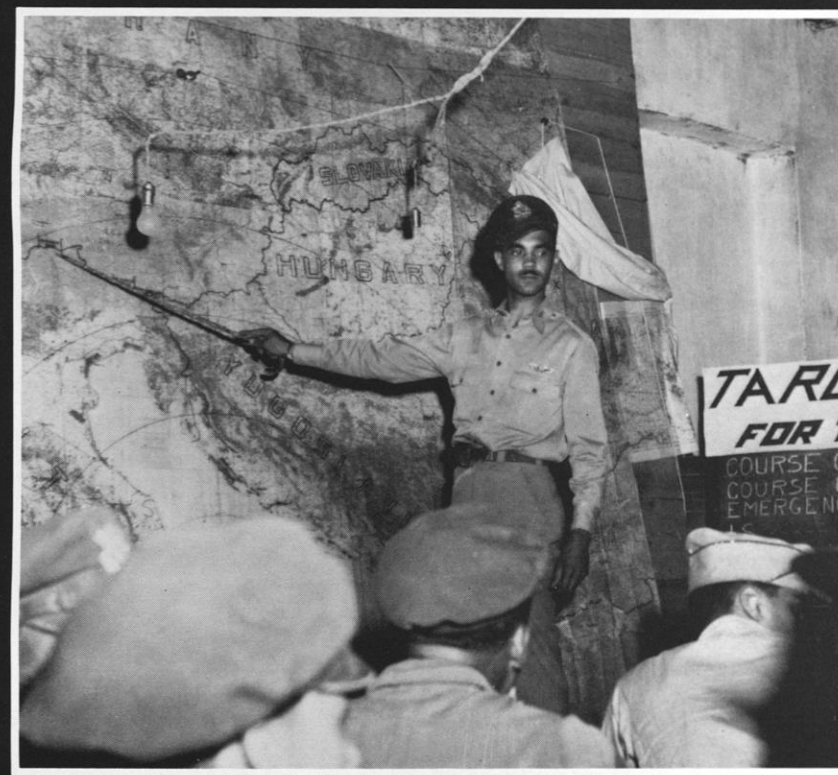


These are all Officers.



Naomi B. Bell







Painting, Going Home (oil) by Nelson.



Maj. Edward C. Gleed Italy 1945



Capt. Luke Weathers

