



CAF RISE ABOVE®

Inspiring young people to RISE ABOVE adversity using the lessons and stories of the Tuskegee Airmen and the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).



March marks a year since Covid-19 arrived in America and upended our plans for an exciting season for the Rise Above Squadron. We had a full schedule and were excited about the addition of the WASP story to our program. As our appearances were forced to cancel last year most rescheduled to this year and 2021 was set to be a fantastic season.

Sadly, the virus has not abated as quickly as we hoped and some of our venues have already been forced to cancel or postpone for this year. But we have not been sitting idle. Working with several partners in education we developed and deployed a Rise Above Back to School campaign that was utilized by many schools across the country to use the lessons of the Tuskegee Airmen to help kids with the stresses imposed by the isolation caused by the virus.

In March our pilots will get together for our annual recurrent flight training to knock the rust off because of our limited flying schedule last year. The Tuskegee Airmen excelled in combat because they had great training, and that lesson is not lost on us.

We have also taken the slow period as an opportunity to do some needed repairs and upgrades on our Rise Above Traveling Exhibit. Last year we installed a new and brighter projector and a new sound system. The experience has always been incredible, and now is even better.

Like we have done so many times before, to overcome the obstacle and adversity of Covid-19, we have looked to the example of the Tuskegee Airmen, and the WASP, and in doing so we have and we will Rise Above these issues and we will persevere using the Six Guiding Principles that we teach to young people in our program.

Aim High, Believe in Yourself, Use Your Brain, Be Ready to Go, Never Quit, Expect to Win.

We have and we will follow these principles. When this virus subsides, we will be back at it - full speed ahead!

Thank you all for your continuing support of our program.

Tail Winds,

Doug Rozendaal
CAF RISE ABOVE Leader



Photo courtesy Eddie Kyle

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Calling all students 4th - 12th grade!

Submit your essay for the CAF Red Tail Squadron's annual contest saluting the Tuskegee Airmen!

Deadline is March 15, 2021. [Find out More.](#)

RISE ABOVE tour schedule at a glance

We have numerous events that are still in the planning stages, closely monitoring local Covid cases and restrictions to finalize details, so [please check our event calendar often for updates.](#)

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
April 17	Thunder over Louisville P-51C Mustang	Louisville, KY
June 5-6	Chennault International Airshow RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit	Lake Charles, LA
June 19	1940's WWII Era Ball RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit and P-51C Mustang	Boulder, CO
July 3-4	Kansas City Airshow RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit and P-51C Mustang	New Century, KS
July 26-August 1	EAA AirVenture RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit	Oshkosh, WI
August 6-8	Wings and Wheels Spectacular RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit and P-51C Mustang	Owls Head, ME
August 14-15	Props & Pistons Festival RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit and P-51C Mustang	Akron, OH
November 3-7	Rise Above Tallahassee RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit and P-51C Mustang	Tallahassee, FL
November 13-14	Stuart Airshow RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit and P-51C Mustang	Stuart, FL



To book RISE ABOVE for your event contact Kristi Younkin,
Logistics Coordinator, at
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*Volunteer Coordinator
Melanie Burden*

Our squadron is built on the heart of volunteers who give freely of their time to help on the road or from their own home. If you want to make a difference and be a part of a community, while learning something new and having fun, WE WANT YOU!

We have ample opportunities to volunteer within the squadron:

- The Exhibit/P-51C Mustang
- Photography
- Virtual Museum
- Education
- Graphic Design
- Marketing, and
- Creative Writing

If you are interested in joining our team, please go to our website at cafriseabove.org and find out how you can become a CAF RISE ABOVE Ambassador today!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Carol Cain



The CAF RISE ABOVE: WASP is honored and thrilled to welcome Carol Cain to the team.

Carol Cain has a vast knowledge about the WASP having served as the Associate Director of the National WASP WWII Museum in Sweetwater, Texas. Through the years the CAF and the National WWII Museum developed a wonderful working relationship sharing resources, ideas, and attending events together.

In fact, when filming the CAF RISE ABOVE: WASP film Carol worked closely with Hemlock Films to help with accuracy by using her unique knowledge gained from years of working at the Museum with WASP and their families. Carol earned a degree in Fine Arts from the University of Texas in Austin. She has held a variety of positions from airline hostess to newspaper illustrator, but found a deep passion for history, specifically the history of the WASP. Carol Cain shared the WASP story with her seven-year-old granddaughter – who replied: “When I grow up, I can do anything I want to do, can’t I?” After that, the Women Airforce Service Pilots became a lifelong priority.

Carol will serve as a consultant with CAF RISE ABOVE: WASP

OUR MISSION IN ACTION

Enjoy this letter written by Dr. Harold Brown to students!

Dear Tuskegee Airmen,

We thank you for what you have done.

Today I want you to do this!

Aim High, Believe in yourself,

use your Brain, never quit,

Be ready to go, expect to win.

Sincerely,
Scarlett Forbes Celia



My Junior Girl Scouts and I just wanted to reach out to give thanks because you've been such an enormous help with our STEM Career Exploration badges! Since going remote, we're always looking for online material for the girls to use while working towards earning their badges. While doing some research on women in STEM, we discovered [your wonderful page](#) and have been using it as a reference ever since!

LouAnne Taylor & her awesome Junior Scouts

WE NEED YOU!

Make a [one-time or recurring donation](#) to help us ensure that the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen and the WASP is passed on to future generations, so that their strength of character, courage and ability to triumph over adversity may serve as a means to inspire others to RISE ABOVE obstacles in their own lives and achieve their goals!

Give [online](#), by calling 888-928-0188, or by mail at:

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Please be assured that the CAF RISE ABOVE Squadron responsibly and carefully allocates donation dollars to further our mission. If you believe, like we do, that the values based educational potential of these two initiatives are relevant and important for young people today, we would appreciate your continued support. We are also interested in your comments and suggestions about the program and will [welcome any input](#) you have to offer.

The CAF RISE ABOVE® is an educational outreach program of the [Commemorative Air Force](#), (CAF) a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. [Your contribution](#) is tax deductible less the value of the benefits given in return for your contribution noted above, if any. CAF FEIN # 74-1484491



Find great treasures AND honor the history and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen and WASP!

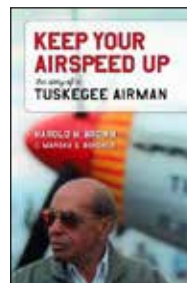
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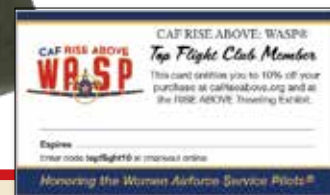
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For \$99 you can join the exclusive ranks of the Top Flight Club!

There's no better way to support our mission to educate, inspire, and honor through flight and living history experiences than by joining a Top Flight Club!



Why 99? *(for each membership)*

[Join RISE ABOVE: RED TAIL](#)

The 99th was originally formed as the U.S. Army Air Forces' first African American fighter squadron, then known as the 99th Pursuit Squadron. The personnel received their initial flight training at Tuskegee, Alabama earning them the nickname Tuskegee Airmen.

[Join RISE ABOVE: WASP](#)

The Ninety-Nines was founded November 2, 1929, at Curtiss Field, Valley Stream, Long Island, New York. All 117 women pilots at the time were invited to assemble in mutual support of the advancement of women in aviation. In 1942 members of the Ninety-Nines were asked to join the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) class of 43-W-1 in Houston, Texas.

Own a piece of history for \$2500.00!



This limited edition print is a framed and specially matted picture of the original leader of the Red Tail Squadron, Don Hinz, as he is taxiing the P-51C Mustang *Tuskegee Airmen*. The print is signed by dozens of original Tuskegee Airmen and members of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

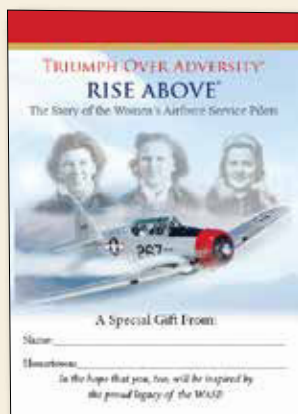
It includes a piece of the planes tail, and our collector coin featuring the P-51C Mustang. Framed size is 31.5" x 38.5"

The plaque will include YOUR name and this text!

Presented to YOUR Name

In honor of the Tuskegee Airmen, America's first black military pilots,
Bombardiers, and all Ground Support personnel.

Their success in Triumphant Over Adversity during WWII can still inspire
people of all ages to RISE ABOVE obstacles they may face.

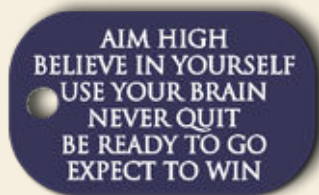
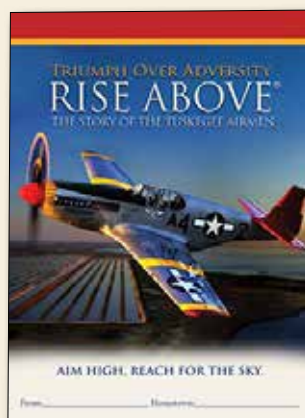


Our Inspiration Packs are perfect for the parent, teacher, youth leader or community group looking for a tangible reminder of the lessons of the Tuskegee Airmen or the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP)!

Cost is \$95 each pack, includes s/h

The [Inspiration Pack: WASP](#) pack includes:

50 each CAF RISE ABOVE: WASP dog tags featuring the Six Guiding Principles and the "Triumph Over Adversity – RISE ABOVE: The Story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots" booklets.



The [Inspiration Pack: Red Tail](#) pack includes:

50 each CAF Red Tail Squadron dog tags featuring the Six Guiding Principles and the "Triumph Over Adversity – RISE ABOVE: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen" booklets.



The [RISE ABOVE Back-to-School Campaign](#) provides free electronic resources to support and inspire educators and students to Triumph Over Adversity and work together to persevere through their challenges. School kick-off resources and "flight plans" will be available for PreK, primary, elementary, middle, and high schools. Inspiring short videos about WWII Tuskegee Airmen and Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) are also included to help educators and students "rise above" crisis and challenges. Teachers can use these resources to provide help to students setting personal achievement goals for the year.

Be sure to watch the [Back-to-School Campaign graphic novel](#) that features video interviews with Tuskegee Airman Dr. Harold Brown talking to students about applying the Six Guiding Principles to their lives!



Check the free RISE ABOVE Resource Kits!

Our [free, downloadable RISE ABOVE Resource Kits](#) provides users access to posters featuring the Six Guiding Principles, PowerPoint's, classroom activities and a wealth of material about the Tuskegee Airmen or the WASP.

Want to go a step further? Check out all the supporting [educational resources](#) - look for **RESOURCES** in the menu bar. Be sure to check out the books about [Tuskegee Airmen](#) or [WASP](#) that are available!

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN: DID YOU KNOW?

On this date, the following Tuskegee Airmen events occurred:



John L. Hamilton

9 March 1942: Approximately 800 men arrived at Chehaw, Alabama, near Tuskegee Army Air Field, after a train ride from Camp Upton, New York, and Fort Dix, New Jersey. They became the nucleus of the Recruit Detachment at the field, and many of them later joined the 366th Materiel Squadron after it was activated there on March 13, 1942. (366th Service Squadron history, call number SQ-SV-366-HI).

3 March 1944: Every mission that the Tuskegee Airmen went out on was dangerous but the airmen knew that they were fighting for freedom and justice for all. On this date in 1944 Lt. John Hamilton of the 99th Fighter Squadron was hit in his leg by flak during a dive-bombing mission in Anzio Italy. Lt. Hamilton survived and the mission was a success; he also was able to stay in the U.S. Army Air Corps until the end of the war.

9 March 1944: The 99th Fighter Squadron flew to dive-bombing missions against enemy positions in the Anzio area of Italy. Lt. Heber C. Houston's P-40 was damaged by flak. (99th Fighter Squadron War Diary for March 1944).

9 March 1944: Lt. Wayne Vincent Liggins of the 301st Fighter Squadron was killed while on a training mission. His engine failed. (332d Fighter Group summary history, Oct 1942-1947). Meanwhile, in the 99th Fighter Squadron, not yet assigned to the 332d Fighter

Group, 2d Lt. John Hamilton was wounded in the leg by flak during a dive-bombing mission in the Anzio area. (99th Fighter Squadron history, Feb-Apr 1944)

9 March 1945: The 332d Fighter Group flew three missions in one day. Two of them escorted P-38s on photographic reconnaissance missions, one to Linz, Austria (then part of Germany) and one to the Munich area of Germany. The third mission that day escorted B-17 Flying Fortress bombers of the 5th Bombardment Wing to, over, and from the marshalling yards at Bruck, Austria. (332d Fighter Group mission report numbers 212, 213, and 214).

9 March 1945: Mr. Truman K. Gibson, civilian aide to the Secretary of War (Henry I. Stimson) visited the 332d Fighter Group at Ramitelli Air Field, accompanied by Maj. Gen. James M. Bevens, deputy commander of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces. The visit reflected the War Department's interest in the success of the group. (332d Fighter Group history for March 1945)

TUSKEGEE AIRMAN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



"I was determined, because from the very beginning — I don't know why or where it came from — but the rumor was out there that because I was black, I couldn't learn. I was determined to prove that wrong."

**~Tuskegee Airman
Calvin Spann**

Photo courtesy Max Haynes



Charles Joseph Dorkins
Class 45-A-TE
December 16, 1922 - April 9, 2018
Unit: 477th Bombardment Group



Photographer, cinematographer and author Charles Dorkins was born December 16, 1922 in Baltimore, MD to Christopher and Athie Dorkins. He graduated from Tuskegee Army Air Field on March 11, 1945 part of class TE-45-A, trained to fly twin engine B-25 bombers as part of the 477th Bombardment Group. The bomber pilots and crew would never deploy as the War ended in the Pacific before they were sent overseas.

During training, Dorkins was part of group of officers that was arrested for trying to gain entrance into a military officers club at Freeman Army Airfield in Indiana. The event would become known as the Freeman Field Mutiny, a non-violent act of protest that went on to become a treasured and landmark point in the burgeoning civil rights movement.

Early in 1945, the 477th was moved twice, first to Kentucky, then to Indiana. It was here, at Freeman Army Airfield, that the group's Commander, Col Robert Selway, created 2 clubs – segregating “trainees” from “instructors.” This distinction was a thinly-veiled disguise for the real purpose, which was to segregate the black officers, all of which were trainees, from the instructors who were white.

There had been issues with officers' clubs in the past, but at Freeman Field the black officers took a stand, and ended up in the history books. Over the course of several days in April 1945, black officers, in small groups, tried to enter the white-only officers club, each time met with greater resistance. Eventually, 120 black officers who had tried to gain entrance were arrested. All would be released later that month, but it would be decades before they were fully exonerated for their protest.

After his experience as a Tuskegee Airman, he devoted himself to his career as a photographer and filmmaker. He moved to Manhattan after his WWII service as a 2nd Lieutenant and a B-25 pilot. The first big project that introduced him to the world was as the photographer on a “round-the-world mission of cultural sharing”, a mission of Americans of various races and nationalities sponsored by the United Nations, in which Charles met several world leaders, such as Nehru and the Shah of Iran.

A career as a military or commercial pilot did not attract him, so he proceeded to establish a stellar reputation for his outstanding work as a photographer and moviemaker. This type of career in film production was an “East Coast” achievement. Following his award-winning documentary in the early 1960s for NBC about the revolution in the then Belgian Congo, in which he lived with the revolutionaries and was injured, he has many adventures traveling, producing and filming non-documentary films (i.e., A black film production of Hamlet, shot in the Bahamas) as well as documentary film work.

There are too many notable documentaries produced, filmed and directed by Charles: a look into the real life and character of the black neighborhoods of Detroit in the late 1960s (film commissioned to show the real human side of life to the rest of the world, particularly the white suburban population during the peak of racial tension in the 60s); a documentary on the Tuskegee Airmen which started with recollections of the airmen at an anniversary gathering; and a privately commissioned documentary about life; land development in the Amazon jungle by one of the wealthiest entrepreneurs in the world, just to name a few.

Visit our [Red Tail Virtual Museum](#) to see photos of Tuskegee Airmen Class TE-45-A

For a look into Dorkins life and service as a Tuskegee Airmen see these items in the CAF Red Tail Squadron Virtual Museum:

- [Flight Suit And Dress Uniform Of Tuskegee Airman Charles Dorkins](#)
- [Barracks Photos Of Tuskegee Airman Charles Dorkin](#)
- [Official Air Corps Documents Of Tuskegee Airman Charles Dorkins](#)
- [Photos Of Tuskegee Airmen Class TE-45-A](#)

Source: Niece, Christina Wells



Graduation Day.
Charles Joseph Dorkins second to the left.



Visit [Tuskegee Airmen Profiles](#) and take a closer look at the lives and accomplishments of some of the famed Tuskegee Airmen. New profiles are added regularly and will grow as the staff and volunteers of the CAF Red Tail Squadron continue their tireless efforts to research and share the remarkable stories of these important American figures.

We invite you to share stories and photos with us to feature! Contact LaVone info@cafriseabove.org, by calling (888) 928-0188, or by mail at:

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AND THEN THERE WERE WOMEN!

First Black women to vote in Ettrick, Virginia, 1920

The issue of race inevitably complicated debates over suffrage in Virginia. At first, suffragists tried to ignore the issue, which had the effect of sidelining African American women, who long had been advocates for voting rights. The National Association of Colored Women, of which Rosa D. Bowser and other Virginia women were members, supported woman suffrage when it was founded in the 1890s.

When women won the vote in 1920, African American women in Virginia actively participated in registration efforts. Black leaders in Richmond organized registration drives and how-to-register meetings.

By the time the books closed for the 1920 elections, 2,410 Black women had registered in Richmond (10,645 white women had registered). They still found themselves excluded from the all-white Virginia League of Women Voters—the league’s president, Adèle Clark, later recalled with regret that the organization “never had the nerve” to enroll Black women—and formed their own Virginia Negro Women’s League of Voters. By the end of 1920, several thousand Black women had registered to vote and their voices began to be heard in Virginia.

[Read the full story! Encyclopedia Virginia](#)



The first colored women in Ettrick to vote in 1920 were all members of the VSU faculty. Reading from left to right on the first row; Mary Branch, Anna Lindsay, Edna Colson, Edwina Wright, Johnella Frazer (Jackson), and Nannie Nichols; on the back row from left to right; Eva Conner, Evie Carpenter (Spencer), and Odelle Green.

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[Colorized photos of the Tuskegee Airmen](#)

Submitted by: Nathan Howell

Location: [Online at HowdiColour Image Recovery & Colour](#)

About: Photograph shows several Tuskegee Airmen. Front row, left to right: unidentified airman; Jimmie D. Wheeler (with goggles); Emile G. Clifton (cloth cap) San Francisco, CA, Class 44-B. Standing left to right: Ronald W. Reeves (cloth cap) Washington, DC, Class 44-G; Hiram Mann (leather cap); Joseph L. "Joe" Chineworth (wheel cap) Memphis, TN, Class 44-E; Elwood T. Driver? Los Angeles, CA, Class 44-A; Edward "Ed" Thomas (partial view); Woodrow W. Crockett (wheel cap); by wall left of first map behind Lt.Col. F.E. Hutchins, Sr; center, to the rear, in front of the map is Maj. Spanky Roberts; at Ramitelli, Italy, March 1945.

Photo: Toni Frissell - Library of Congress Collection.

Minor Image Repair & Colourisation - Nathan Howland @HowdiColourWorks.



Members of the Army Air Force 332nd Fighter Group, the "Tuskegee Airmen", in the briefing room at Ramitelli, Italy, March 1945.

[Be sure to visit the Red Tail Virtual Museum to see more colorized photos created by Nathan Howland of HowdiColour Image Recovery & Colour!](#)

ARCHIVE PHOTOS - TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

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June 1942 - Radial aircraft engine Aviation cadets study a radial aircraft engine during one of their ground school courses.



Members of the 99th Pursuit Squadron receiving armament training at Chanute Field, Illinois, in 1941.

US Air Force photo: SDAN: T-078-10.
Courtesy of Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum Foundation.



In mid-February of 1943, after having transitioned on all available aircraft types at Love Field, Nancy Love took five other pilots with her to Long Beach, CA to start checking out on planes other than trainers. Later that month, on February 27, she becomes the first woman to be checked out in the P-51 Mustang.



Visit [WASP PROFILES](#) and take a closer look at the lives and accomplishments of the Women Airforce Service Pilots in order to inspire others, especially girls and young women, to RISE ABOVE expectations and find a greater appreciation of their potential.

New profiles are added regularly and will grow as the staff and volunteers of the RISE ABOVE: WASP continue their tireless efforts to research and share the remarkable stories of these important American figures.

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WASP PROFILE: Ruth Ellen Dailey Helm

December 29, 1916 - February 28, 2015

Class 43-W-2

Planes flown: AT-6, AT-17, P-63, P-40, P-39, P-47, P-51, B-25, C-47

Bases served: Love Field (Dallas, Tex.)



Born on December 29, 1916, she grew up in the small town of Grapeland, TX. Ruth attended Baylor in 1934, about 130 miles east of Waco--but college wasn't her first choice. From an early age, she wanted to fly, only attending college after making a deal with her parents that after she graduated from Baylor, then she could attend flying school.

After earning her business degree in 1937, she went on to earn her private flying license, and in 1939, borrowed \$1,500 to buy her first plane. Three years later, she received a telegram inviting her to join the military's new program for female pilots.

"I went home and made arrangements to sell my airplane. And on December 15th, I reported to Houston to the second class of WASP," she recalled in a 1999 interview.

After six months of training, she reported to the 5th Ferrying Group in Dallas, flying brand-new planes from the factories to the training fields. Helm flew a variety of planes all across the U.S. until the group was disbanded in December 1944.

"Then I went back to Grapeland, back to my business," she said of her return to the family's auto dealership. Helm continued to fly in her spare time, including frequent trips back and forth to Wyoming where she and some WASP friends in 1946 purchased a ranch. It was there that she met the man who would become her husband, Slat Helm. The couple went on to have two children, Sidney, BA '74, and Jay, BA '80, who each graduated from Baylor, and Helm was an honored guest in the 1999 Baylor Homecoming Parade. But she will forever be remembered for her military service.

"I think [our legacy] will be that we were a group of women who loved to fly and were willing to do whatever it took in the way of study and skill and character to accomplish that--and in a man's world," she said. "But we were accepted because of our ability and qualifications, and that was all that was necessary."

See the Virtual Museum post on Ruth Helm and Dawn R.B. Seymour's [1993 Enshrinement into Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame](#)

[Video of WASP Ruth Dailey Helm](#), talking about ferrying aircraft for the AAF during WWII.

Sources:

[Baylor University](#)

[Findagrave.com](#)

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[Texas Womens University](#)



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WASP Ruth Dailey Helm, Class 43-W-2

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Women Airforce Service Pilots at Eagle Pass Army Air Base in Texas in 1944

Submitted by: LaVone Kay

Location: Courtesy of WASP Archive, Texas Woman's University

About: Women Airforce Service Pilots at Eagle Pass Army Air Base in Texas in 1944. Back row, left to right: Virginia S. Knapp Healy, Virginia N. Grant, Virginia M. Williams Hubbard, Ann M. Karlson Kenney, Anna Hopkins White, Eleanor Hinkle Vaughn, Virginia Mullen and Jacqueline Twitchell Morgan. Front row, left to right: Margaret Helburn Kocher, Anne TePas Wiltsee, Ruth Carter Johnson, Margaret Cox Stegall, Edith K. Smith Beal, Patricia J. Blackburn Bonansinga, Dorothy Sorensen Van Valkenburg, Mary A. Jershin O'Rourke and Ola Mildred Rexroat—the only American Indian to serve as a WASP during World War II.



ARCHIVE PHOTOS - WASP

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Photocopied cartoon of two Women Airforce Service Pilots with one pointing at the other and saying, "Psst- your chute's open!"



WASP Tilda Winfield on a photographic mission at Frederick, Oklahoma, in an Army basic trainer A-6.

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