



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).

July 2023

Meet Tuskegee Airmen at AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI!

July 24 – 29, 2023

Location at KidVenture (behind the museum)



[Lt Col James Harvey](#)

[Lt Col George Hardy](#)

[Check online schedule for updates](#)

MONDAY July 25

9:00 – 11:00 Airmen at Exhibit
1:30 - 3:00 Airmen at Exhibit

TUESDAY July 26

9:00 – 11:00 Lt Col Harvey at Exhibit
10:00 -10:15 Lt Col Hardy at the Announcers Stand
1:30- 3:00 Airmen at Exhibit

WEDNESDAY July 27

9:00 – 11:00 Lt Col Hardy at Exhibit
9:30-12:15 Book signing with WASP book author Erin Miller "What Grandma Did"
10:00 -10:15 Lt Col Harvey at the Announcers Stand
1:00-2:15 Airmen presenting at the Skyscape Theatre

THURSDAY July 28

9:00 – 11:00 Airmen at Exhibit
9:00 Lt Col Hardy at Plane Talk
1:00- 3:00 Airmen at Exhibit

FRIDAY July 29

9:00 – 11:00 Airmen at Exhibit
9:00 Lt Col Harvey at Plane Talk
1:30- 3:00 Airmen at Exhibit

SATURDAY July 30

9:00 – 11:00 Airmen at Exhibit
1:00- 3:00 Airmen present at Warbirds in Review

Be sure to check the online schedule to see when author Kate Sharp Landdeck "The Women with Silver Wings: The Inspiring True Story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II" will join us at KidVenture!

Thank you to our Ambassadors for being our “Boots on the Ground”



Duane Sims



The Carothers Family: Alex, Gabriel, Jayden, and Carri



Gary Garrett and Richard Moffa



Mark Erickson and Mary Berg

“As the children were coming out, you could hear their excitement – ‘When I grow up, I want to be a nurse or a pilot.’”

~Wendy Hartzell, chief academic officer

Be A Hometown Hero – Bring The RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit To Your Community!

The CAF RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit could be available to make a stop in your hometown. Imagine the draw an exhibit like this would be at your airshow, community event or festival!

Contact Keri Ryan, CAF RISE ABOVE Squadron Logistics Coordinator, at (802) 371-8838 or logistics@cafriseabove.org for more information.



Red Tail Recruiting-The Air and Space Forces have their recruiting truck wrapped as a Red Tail P-51



Thank you to the New York State Veterans' Home, Oxford for stopping up to see the CAF RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit!



The CAF RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit shared ramp space with New York State Troopers (including a four-legged Officer!) at Airport Community Day

Event photos, Columbus Air Show, OH



The Ohio State University Summer Band ('The Best Damn Band Band In The Land') joins the CAF RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit at the Columbus Air Show!



The Red Tail Squadron P-51C goes scarlet with the Ohio State mascot Brutus Buckeye at the Columbus Air Show!



The Mathews family were first customers on Fathers' Day for the Tuskegee Airmen and WASP documentaries at the Columbus Air Show - with souvenirs to celebrate!



Earning Wings at Columbus



Below: The extended family of Chris Allen enjoyed their visit!

Event photos, Tulsa, Oklahoma



A Future Aviationist!



After seeing the Rise Above films Cinch wants to fly (like his Dad!)



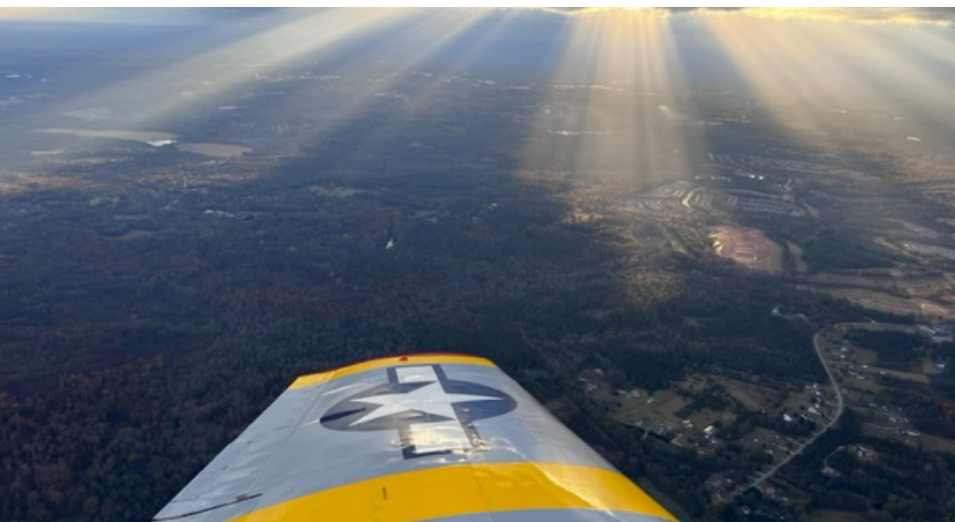
The [Squadron Mascot 332nd stuffed panther](#) is now available at the CAF Rise Above exhibit gift shop - as modeled by Road Commander Don Larson



Ribbon-cutting TASM Airmen Exhibit



Amy Marie Beechler, Assistant Exhibit Manager, wearing her WASP re-enactor uniform



Thanks to Pilot Alan Miller sharing this awesome photo!

Event photos, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma



GiGi Coleman, great niece of first black female licensed pilot Bessie Coleman, re-enacts her legacy at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma - and visits the CAF WASP Rise Above exhibit with manager Amy Marie Beechler.



CAF Rise Above Squadron Leader, Doug Rozendaal signs autographs for young fans.



Megan and Emilee - who scored screen time as extras in the CAF Rise Above- WASP panoramic documentary featured in the Traveling Exhibit - returned to see their theatrics at Tinker AFB, OK!



Thanks to Jeremy Meyers for this fabulous photo of the Mustang!

Event photos, Lakeville, Minnesota



Making Music...but not the familiar elegance of its 1490-hp Rolls Royce Packard inline, as the P-51C poses with the Twin Cities' Red Rock Swing Band at Airlake Airport's hangar dance!



The Johnson family learned the story of the Tuskegee Airmen's famous aircraft livery at Airlake Airport's new hangar groundbreaking in Lakeville



Belle Loves Airplanes and after today she has a new favourite!



The Hodges family enjoyed the CAF Rise Above exhibit



Sawyer and Emory wear their squadron dog tags while examining 'By Request'





America's Tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen

FEATURED TUSKEGEE AIRMEN PROFILE

Honorary Brigadier General Enoch O. Woodhouse, II
January 14, 1927 –
Class OCS461

Graduation date: December 7, 1946

Financial Officer for the 477th Bombardment Group at
Lockbourne AFB, OH

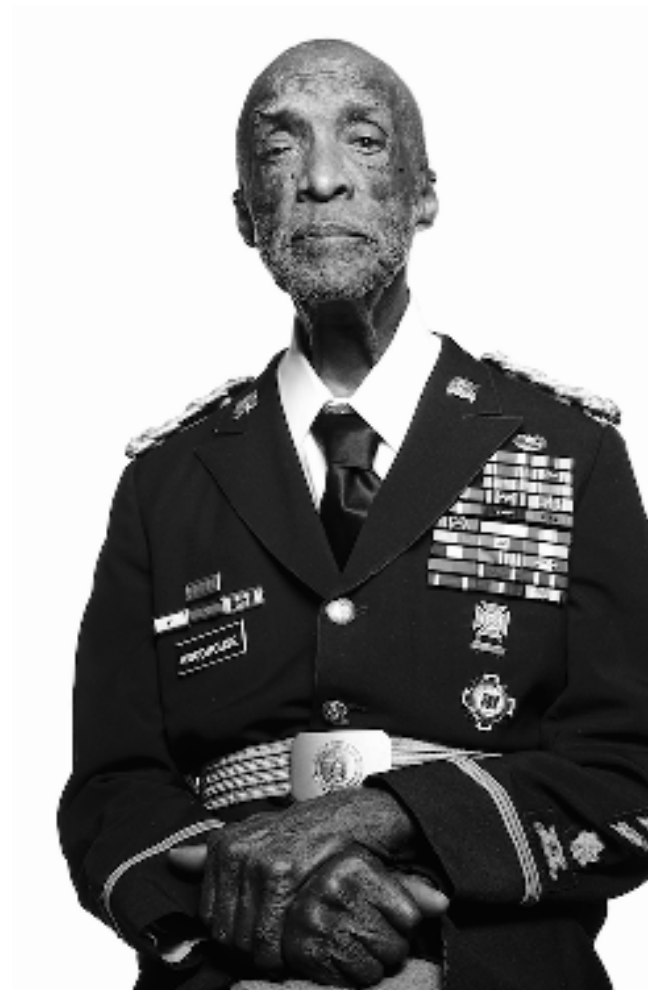
Woodhouse describes himself as a “local guy” who grew up in nearby Mission Hill in a family of Black preachers. Religion “our family business,” he says. After graduating from Boston’s English High School in 1944, he enlisted in the Army with about 20 of his classmates. His brother became one of the first Black Marines at Montford Point Camp in North Carolina.

Woodhouse was commissioned as a second lieutenant two years later (he was too young to fight in the war) and eventually became the Tuskegee Airmen’s paymaster, meaning it was his job to dole out paychecks. “I had the most important job on base,” he says. “You didn’t write checks out, you paid in cash. Everybody knew me.”

While in officer training school at Sheppard Field in Wichita Falls, Tex., he recalls a formative experience, one he never forgot. He was waiting to be seated for dinner one day, when he saw patrons coming in and out of the dining hall. He estimates he waited 40 minutes. “And, of course, I don’t see any Blacks,” he says. He asked the waiter, who was also Black, where everyone was. “And the reason why I didn’t see any Blacks was there were no Black officers on the base.”

When discharged from active duty in the Army Air Corps in 1949, he joined the Air Force Reserve. While a reservist, Woodhouse earned his undergraduate degree from Yale in 1952 and then went on to BU School of Law. He worked as a trial lawyer in private practice in Boston and as an attorney in the US State Department and for the city of Boston for more than 40 years.

[**Read his profile online!**](#)



Learn more about the [**CAF Red Tail Squadron**](#), whose mission is sharing the inspiring legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen, America’s first black military pilots and their support personnel. Their strength, courage, and ability to triumph over adversity during WWII can serve to inspire others about how to succeed today.

“Not everybody in the world loves you. No matter what people think of me or people like me, you know what? I just keep on stepping.”

Honorary Brigadier General Enoch Woodhouse, II



Turrent training in the Armament School at Godman Field, KY

During WWII, the Tuskegee Airmen flew: 1267 missions and 6381 combat sorties with the 12th Air Force (June, 1943 to May, 1944) 311 missions and 9152 combat sorties with the 15th Air Force (June, 1944 to May, 1945)

Total Missions: 1578 Total Combat Sorties: 15,533 Total Aerial Kills: 112



Honoring the Women Airforce Service Pilots

FEATURED WASP PROFILE

Mary Elizabeth Trebing

December 31, 1920 - November 7, 1943

Entered Army Air Force flight training: Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, February 21, 1943 and training at Houston Municipal Airport, Texas

Graduated: August 7, 1943

Assignment: Ferry pilot

Assigned bases: Love Field (Dallas, Tex.)

Planes flown: PT-19

When her brother Bill had to go into military service during WWII, Mary reached a decision that she would do her part, too. There was a need for women pilots, so Mary joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). She reported for WASP training class 43-W-4 at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, TX, on 21 February 1943, and graduated on 7 August 1943. She was then stationed at Love Field in Dallas, TX, with the 5th Ferrying Group.

Mary's final flight took place on 7 November 1943. Mary had traveled by train to Oklahoma City where she was to pick up a PT-19 training plane and ferry it back to Love Field in Dallas. Enroute, her plane's engine lost power somewhere in the vicinity of Blanchard, OK. At the time, this was a heavily forested area with only an occasional field where it might have been possible to crash land a plane. Reports later revealed that, without power, there was only one place that offered Mary any hope of a successful landing. To get to the clearing, she would have to go over a farm house and then immediately dive under high-tension electric lines. Mary cleared the farm house but the plane's vertical stabilizer caught on the electric wires and sent her plane into the ground, nose first. The after-crash report indicated that Mary had ruptured an artery in her neck and that she died instantly. At the young age of 22, Mary was gone.

Mary Trebing's death also cast a dark cloud over the small town of Louisville, CO. The entire town completely shut down the day her coffin arrived by train, accompanied by a WASP escort.

On September 30, 2010, almost sixty-seven years after her death, Mary Elizabeth Trebing was recognized for making the ultimate sacrifice for her country. At a ceremony celebrating the wartime service of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) held at the Spirit of Flight Center in Erie, CO, Trebing was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal before family members, friends, three former WASP, and members of the Colorado chapter of The Ninety-Nines, an international organization of women pilots.

[Read her profile online!](#)

Learn more about the [RISE ABOVE: WASP](#), whose mission is sharing the story 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.



WASP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The P-63 was quite an airplane. I just loved it. I flew as many as I could, as far as I could, as fast as I could. There was one route where you'd have to take the lane West all the time, and the barn was on the left. And if your barn was any place except on the left, you were off course. We always just had to fly by sight, for about, maybe a year. Nothing, just go. No radio. No nothing.

WASP Betty Archibald Fernandes, Class 43-W-3



On August 5, 1943, the WFTD and WAFS merged to create the WASP organization.

The WASP arrangement with the US Army Air Forces ended on December 20, 1944. During its period of operation, each member's service had freed a male pilot for military combat or other duties. They flew over 60 million miles; delivered 12,652 aircraft of 78 different types transporting every type of military aircraft; towed targets for live anti-aircraft gun practice; simulated strafing missions and transported cargo.

Thirty-eight WASP members lost their lives and one disappeared while on a ferry mission, her fate still unknown.



Photo courtesy Ken Mist

Please help us ensure that the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen and 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!

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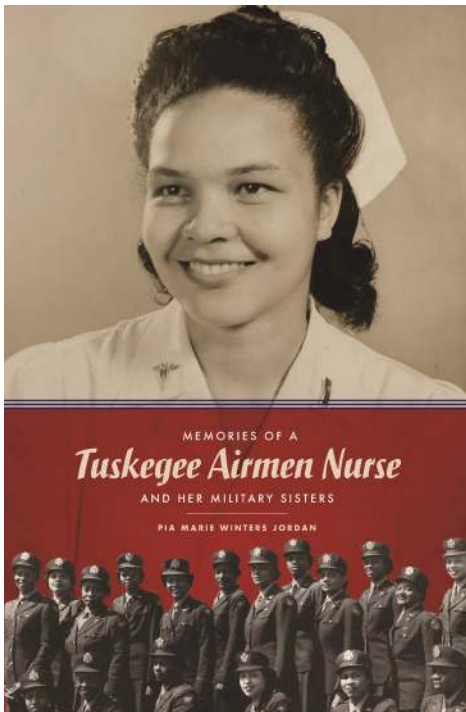
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The 99th was originally formed as the U.S. Army Air Forces' first African American fighter squadron, then known as the 99th Pursuit Squadron. The personnel received their initial flight training at Tuskegee, Alabama earning them the nickname Tuskegee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



Every student who visits the Rise Above Traveling Exhibit receives a free dog tag featuring the Six Guiding Principles: **AIM HIGH, BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, USE YOUR BRAIN, BE READY TO GO, NEVER QUIT, and EXPECT TO WIN.**



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