



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).

October 2021



Covid has impacted every aspect of our lives and the Rise Above Squadron is no exception. Many of our appearances have been postponed or canceled but in spite of that, fortunately we have been able to do a few events this year.

Most recently we were at the Dubuque Iowa airport hosted by the University of Dubuque. UD has a very large and successful aviation program and is home to an Original Tuskegee Airmen, [Captain Robert Martin](#). The city of Dubuque has recently renamed their new Airport Terminal building in his honor.

All these things worked together to bring our Rise Above Exhibit and P-51C Mustang to Dubuque for a great event recently. Between Tuesday and Sunday we hosted 1300 6-7-8th graders and over 500 guests from the community during the evenings and weekend.

I often fly the airplane to an airshow and spend the weekend with the exhibit, but I have only a few times spent such a long time with the exhibit during a school event. Previously these were memorable experiences and Dubuque was no exception.

It is very easy to become jaded and one can wonder if we are really having an impact on young people. Keeping the entire operation going is a lot of hard work, and frankly a lot of money. But spending a week sharing the stories of WWII and specifically the Tuskegee Airmen is rewarding work and I came away rejuvenated and invigorated with a fresh appreciation of the good work we do, and the impact we can have on young people with our Rise Above story.

Thanks to all our volunteers, donors, and the events and organizations who bring us to their communities so that we can share this great experience. We could not do it without each and every one of you and your investment in our program. As we celebrate 10 years on the road with our exhibit, I am confident that we have lots more work to do, and we will continue for a very long time.

Tail Winds,

Doug Rozendaal

CAF RISE ABOVE Leader



Photo courtesy Milton McGee

Our mission in action!

This event held Sept 29 - Oct 4 was sponsored by the University of Dubuque and featured the P-51C Mustang *Tuskegee Airmen*, the CAF Rise Above Traveling Exhibit, as well as training aircraft used by the UD aviation program. 1300 students visited the CAF Rise Above Traveling Exhibit.



Thanks go to and our volunteers Bradley Williams, Milton McGee, Kim Pardon and our team leader Doug Rozendaal for their hard work!



Students watching the Rise Above: Red Tail film.
Photo courtesy Milton McGee



Red Tail pilot Doug Rozendaal talking to middle school students. Students learned about P-51 Mustangs and the Tuskegee Airmen who flew them. Photo courtesy Bradley Williams



America's Tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen

FEATURED TUSKEGEE AIRMEN PROFILE

Roscoe Conkling Brown, Jr.

March 9, 1922 – July 2, 2016

Class: 44-C-SE

Unit: 100th Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group

Brown joined the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1943 and graduated from the Tuskegee Flight School on March 12, 1944 as member of class 44-C-SE and served in the U.S. Army Air Forces in Europe during World War II. During this period, Captain Brown shot down an advanced German Me 262 jet fighter and a FW-190 fighter (he is credited as the first pilot to shoot down a jet). He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In June 1945, he was appointed to this position squadron commander of the 100th Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group he became commander of the 100th Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group. In his illustrious military career, Brown is credited as being the first 15th Air Force pilot to shoot down a Nazi jet fighter aircraft. For his bravery he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters.



[Read the complete profile of Roscoe Brown 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.

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

They have a saying that excellence is the antidote to prejudice; so, once you show you can do it, some of the barriers will come down.

~ Tuskegee Airman, Dr. Roscoe Brown



[Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr.](#) served as squadron commander of the 100th Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group. Pictured in his P-51D-15-NA #44-15569 "Bunnie".



Honoring the Women Airforce Service Pilots

FEATURED WASP PROFILE

Virginia “Ginny” Caraline Moffatt

May 31, 1912 - October 5, 1943

Class: 43-W-2

Entered Army Air Force flight training: Houston Municipal Airport, Houston, Texas, December 19, 1942

Graduated: Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, May 28, 1943

Training location: Houston Municipal Airport (Tex.)

Assignment: Ferry pilot

Assigned bases: Long Beach Army Air Base (Calif.)

Planes flown: BT-13 and PT-19

Ginny was one of thirty-eight Women Airforce Service Pilots Killed in Service.

Ginny's assignment after graduation in May was the 6th Ferrying Group, just 25 miles south of her Los Angeles home. Ginny was one of the oldest WASP selected for service.



After Ginny graduated from Sweetwater and, following her ten-day leave, she reported for duty in Long Beach on June 14, 1943. For months, she had flown ferrying flights all over the country, but on October 5th her mission was much simpler, delivering BT-15s to the Cal-Aero Airfield between Chino and Ontario, just over 30 miles away.

About a mile out from the airfield she started a turn, but at too steep of an angle. The plane stalled and spiraled into a dive, crashed in a walnut orchard, and burst into flame. Neither the Sweetwater nor the Avenger Field newspapers mentioned her death.

[**Read the complete profile of Virginia Caraline Moffatt online!**](#)

Download the PDF "[Women Airforce Service Pilots Killed in Action](#)"

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

“...100 years from now, none of us is going to be here and there’s going to be a whole new generation...and if we have not passed on the ideals that make a country, that make a nation, that make a people, then there’s not going to be anymore people! (As for me, I want my life to be) a legacy of love!”

~WASP Anita Paul (aka Sister Teresa) Class 44-W-6



A trio of Women Airforce Service Pilots look over flight plans around the cockpit of a Curtiss A-25A at Camp Davis Army Air Field, North Carolina, circa 1944. General Arnold released a report that revealed 20 percent of the women actively flying in 1944 had children under fourteen, and some 15 percent of trainees had children.

Image courtesy of The WASP Archive, The TWU Libraries' Woman's Collection, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas



Educational resources!

Find a wealth of information about the Tuskegee Airmen or WASP, educational resources and more. Look for [RESOURCES](#) in the menu bar!

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 and the WASP.

Purchase dog tags featuring the Six Guiding Principles, DVDs, and other materials to enhance your classroom activities in the [online store](#).

Comments from teachers about the CAF RISE ABOVE Online Resources:

"I'm a teacher in a school in London, England, and I just wanted to share the piece of work that my children did on our research on the Tuskegee Airmen. In our year 6 classes we are currently studying World War II and when it was our Black History week we researched into the Airmen. The children were fascinated by this amazing and inspirational group of men, and many carried out their own independent research. Anyway, we were so proud of the final piece of work we created and just wanted to say thanks for the inspiration of your great website, resources, and all the work that you have put into it."

~ Andrea, London, England

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The 332nd package \$332.00

This makes a wonderful holiday gift! In honor of the 332nd Fighter Squadron the lucky recipient will enjoy a roomy high-quality lined brown leather jacket with full-color embroidered back and a Tuskegee Airmen Squadron patch ball cap with 13 insignia patches related to the Tuskegee Airmen. We're also including a Rise Above lapel pin!



AT-6 WASP Inspired Canvas Shoes \$59

Wear these canvas shoes with pride on honor of the Women Airforce Service Pilots! More than 25,000 women applied for the WASP, but only 1,830 were accepted into the program with 1,074 earning their wings after four months of training who then became the first women to fly American military aircraft.

WE NEED YOU!

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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