



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).

June 2021

MAKE PLANS TO COME SEE US AT OSHKOSH!



The CAF RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit will be set up at KidVenture Tuesday, July 27 - August 1

The P-51C Mustang *Tuskegee Airmen* will be at the Warbird Alley

We are honored to have Brig Gen Charles McGee and Lt Col George Hardy joining us at KidVenture!

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America's Tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen

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.

FEATURED TUSKEGEE AIRMEN PROFILE

Alfred M. Gorham

November 24, 1920 – March 30, 2009

Class 44-B-SE

Unit: 301st Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group

On Feb. 25, 1945, Gorham developed engine trouble and had to bail out of his P-51 Mustang over Munich, Germany. He was immediately captured by German troops and was held as a prisoner of war until the end of the war.

[Read the complete profile of 2nd Lt. Gorham online!](#)



TUSKEGEE AIRMEN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

You be prepared with your bags of knowledge, your patriotism, your honor, and when someone opens the door of opportunity, you charge in."

~ Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James advice to youth



Class 44-B graduated from flight training on Feb 8, 1944, at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama. Order unknown: Thomas P. Braswell, Robert C. Chandler, Emile G. Clifton Jr., Roger B. Gaiter, Thomas L. Gay, Cornelius P. Gould Jr., Joseph E. Gordon, Alfred M. Gorham, Richard S. Harder, Wilbur F. Long, Richard D. Macon, Frank H. Moody, Thomas G. Patton, Marion R. Rodgers, Shelby F. Westbrook, Cohen M. White, Leonard R. Willette, Kenneth I. Williams, Henry A. Wise Jr. and Ludovic F. Audant of the Haitian



Honoring the Women Airforce Service Pilots

FEATURED WASP PROFILE

Mabel Virginia Rawlinson

March 19, 1917 – August 23, 1943

Class: 43-W-3

Planes flown: A-24

Training Location:

Houston Municipal Airport (Tex.)

Avenger Field (Sweetwater, Tex.)

Assigned Bases: New Castle Army Air Base
(Wilmington, Del.)

Mabel Rawlinson was one of the 38 WASP who would die during the war, many from plane mechanical failures.

[Read the complete profile of Mabel Rawlinson online!](#)



WASP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If a plane was wrecked, it was repaired, if possible. Then, before it was returned to service, it had to be flown and tested out to see if it was repaired properly, and flyable. We also tested out the new planes. They had to be flown before they could be delivered. Those are the things I did as a test pilot. I flew the twin-engine AT-10 and other AT models. I also co-piloted B-25s. Some WASP flew experimental planes, but I didn't. WASP also towed targets behind their planes while the boys shot live ammunition at them. Towing targets was dangerous and sometimes planes took direct hits. The girls who towed targets put their lives at risk."

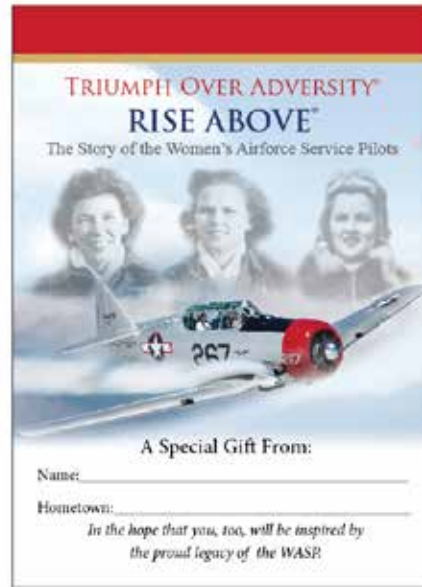
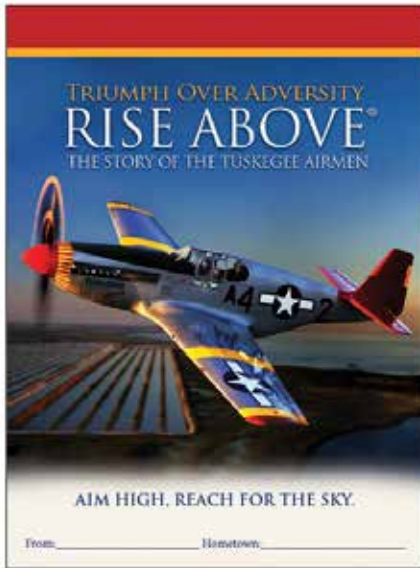
~ WASP Ellen Campbell, Class 44-W-7



Check out our educational resources!

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

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



Our mission in action!



My fellow classmates and I went on a little field trip into a peculiar looking truck in which we received some very important information. The lady within reminded us that adulthood is right around the corner and that we need to start to think about what we want to be when we grow up. We then watched the Tuskegee video and we were presented with dog tags which read, "Aim High, Believe in Yourself, Use your Brain, Never Quit, Be Ready to Go, Expect to Win." To me, these are more than just words of inspiration and a reminder that we can do whatever we put our minds to. I want to give thanks to the Red Tail organization and I support what they are doing 100%. They need to keep up the good work and spread this message all across America.

—Timon Baker, Student



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