



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).

November 2021



Once again we are challenged to implement our RISE ABOVE Six Guiding Principles: Aim High, Believe In Yourself, Use Your Brain, Be Ready To Go, **Never Quit**, Expect To Win.

Our P-51C Mustang *Tuskegee Airmen* experienced a runway excursion at Tallahassee International Airport on November 4th around 2 p.m. Only the pilot was on board, and no injuries were reported.

AirCorp Aviation will arrive Wednesday, November 10th, to recover the aircraft and take it to Bemidji, MN for repairs. Cause of the accident and extent of damage is yet to be determined. Any updates will be posted on our [website](#) and [CAF Red Tail Squadron Facebook](#) page. We have a very busy 2022 schedule starting February 23 in Englewood, CO and ending November 13 in Stuart, FL. We will publish our schedule in late January after finalizing details with several events at the annual ICAS Convention, so be sure to check our website for more information. We are looking forward to seeing you on the road next year!

We deeply appreciated hearing from a visitor who had this to say about their experience.

"I had the pleasure of taking my two homeschooled sons (7 and 10) to experience the CAF Rise Above Exhibit while in Tallahassee. This was a wonderful experience that exceeded our expectations. The production was very well put together. Despite the aircraft being out of service due to the incident the day prior, we had the opportunity to meet and speak with Brad Lang who was welcoming and full of knowledge and passion. We were surprised to learn he was the pilot during the collapsed landing gear incident and we both spoke briefly about our aviation experiences (prior law enforcement). Please extend our thanks to Mr. Lang for his time and commitment to this program. Our eyes were opened and it really got the gears turning in our boys' heads. After the visit they were excited to share the experience with the rest of our family and friends. We will continue to spread the word about your exhibit and your message. Many thanks. Stay safe."

~Brandon Garvey

Tail Winds,

Doug Rozendaal

CAF RISE ABOVE Leader



Photo courtesy Max Haynes

We were honored to attend the October 30th Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame banquet when Tuskegee Airman and Minneapolis native Dr. Harold Brown, PhD, was inducted into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame. Dr. Brown and his wife, Dr. Marsha Bordner, PhD, together also received recognition as Writers of the Year for their book, "[Keep Your Airspeed Up: The Story of a Tuskegee Airman](#)," a detailed account of Dr. Brown's experience as one of our country's first black military aviators.



Tim Barzen presents "Writers of the Year" award to Dr. Brown and Dr. Bordner



Hall of Fame Chairman Noel Allard presents Dr. Brown with his induction plaque

Our mission in action!

It was a busy and rewarding week in Tallahassee with over 1100 students and adults viewing the exhibit. Our good friend Dr. A.J. Brickler has been hosting this event annually for several years. Dr. Brickler also did presentations in his hangar about Black Aviation History which added another dimension to the event. Pilot Brad Lang was able to join us there for a couple of days and his help was much appreciated. Tallahassee was the last event of the season.





America's Tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen

FEATURED TUSKEGEE AIRMEN PROFILE

Frederick E. Hutchins, Sr.

September 16, 1920 – June 10, 1991

Class: 43-D-SE

Unit: 332nd Fighter Group, 302nd Fighter Squadron

Capt. Freddie E. Hutchins assigned the same nickname to each of his planes: "Little Freddie." By the end of World War II, Hutchins was flying his fourth "Little Freddie."

Hutchins of Donaldsonville, Ga., graduated from flight training on April 29, 1943, at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama. In December, he deployed to Italy with the 302nd Fighter Squadron, part of the 332nd Fighter Group. The 302nd Fighter Squadron flew its first combat mission on Feb. 5, 1944.

Hutchins collected a full aerial credit on July 26, 1944, 61 P-51 Mustangs left Ramitelli Air Field in Italy for bomber escort missions to Vienna, Austria. Several enemy planes were spotted on the trip, but they remained out of range until the B-24 bombers attacked their target.

Hutchins collected his next kills on Aug. 30 when pilots discovered enemy aircrafts under stacks of hay at Grosswardein airfield in Romania. After 15 passes, 46 pilots were credited with 83 kills: Hutchins was credited with four.

[Read the complete profile of LTC Frederick Hutchins, Sr. on 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

“We count our victories by the bombers we get to their targets, by the husbands we return to their wives, by the fathers we give back to their children. To the last minute, to the last man we fight. We fight!”

~Tuskegee Airman Colonel A.J. Bullard



[Charles W. "A-Train" Dryden](#) in the cockpit of his P-40 with [Benjamin O. Davis Jr.](#) on the wing. Dryden graduated with class 42-D and was assigned to the 99th FS. He deployed with the unit to North Africa. Dryden was leading a flight of six P-40s on 9 June 1943 when they encountered a formation of Nazi bombers and escorting fighters over the island of Pantelleria. This was the 99th first encounter with the Luftwaffe. Though outnumbered Dryden drove into the enemy formation, breaking it up and forcing the bombers to jettison their payloads harmlessly into the sea. Photo by Toni Frisell, courtesy of The Library of Congress



Honoring the Women Airforce Service Pilots

FEATURED WASP PROFILE

Margaret June “Peggy” Seip

June 24, 1916 - August 30, 1943

Class 43-W-5

Training Location Avenger Field (Sweetwater, Tex.)

Margaret Seip was a trainee killed in an accident on August 30, 1943 with her instructor Calvin Atwood and classmate [Helen Jo Anderson Severson](#).

On August 30, 1943 Margaret and Helen Severson were only 11 days away from graduation and were thinking about their next assignment as Air Transport Command ferrying pilots. They were with their instructor, Calvin Atwood, in an UC-78 on a routine training flight from Sweetwater approximately 10.5 mi NE of Big Spring to practice radio navigation. Helen was flying under the hood at the time of the accident. An accident investigation blamed the crash on structural failure - the back door of the UC-78 came off, cutting the tail section off, the UC-78 then went into an uncontrollable spin at 10,000, till it hit the ground, all three on board were killed.



The plane she perished in was nicknamed the “Bamboo Bomber” because its wings and tail were made from wood. More than 4,500 twin-engine UC-78 Bobcats were manufactured during World War II and were used as a transition trainer so pilots could learn to use multi-engine aircraft before moving to bigger bombers or heavy transports.

Seip was among the 38 WASP killed in plane crashes. She’s the only WASP casualty from Wisconsin.

[Read the complete profile of Margaret Seip 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

**“You don’t need legislation to prove something... you can be whatever you set your heart and head to be, and don’t let anybody tell you can’t be, because 1078 women pilots did it I World War II.”
~WASP Annelle Henderson Bulechek, Class 44-W-2**



Frederick AAF, Frederick, Oklahoma.

Nancy Conklin (44-W-7), Mary Webster (44-W-8), Edith Upson (44-W-7), Wilda Winfield (44-W-8)

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 now have great materials at my fingertips! Thank you so much! I teach at an alternative high school, and I am considering purchasing dog tags as a graduation present for my students. I plan to include a lesson on the Tuskegee Airmen when I teach my World War II unit."

~Betty, Catawba, North Carolina



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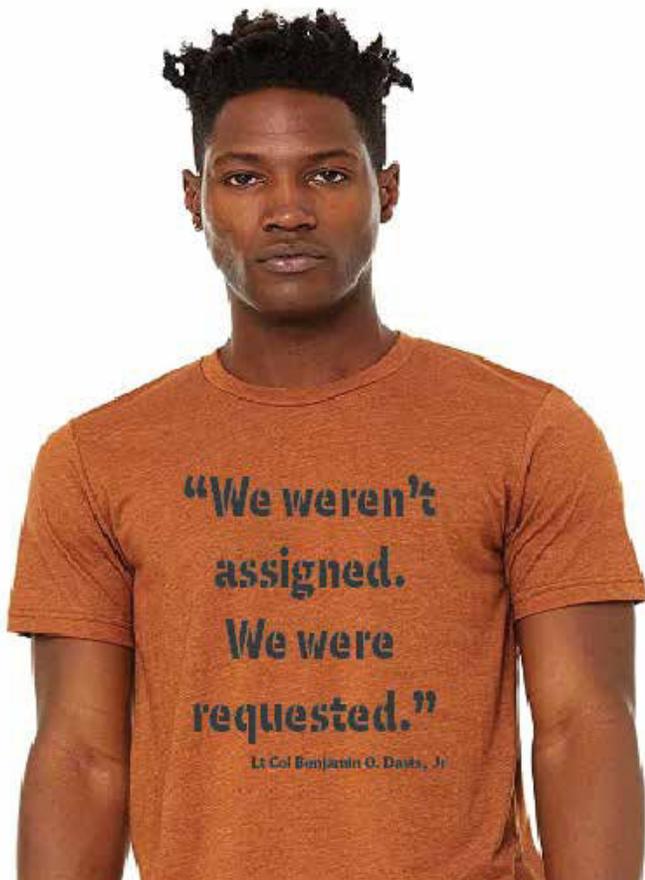
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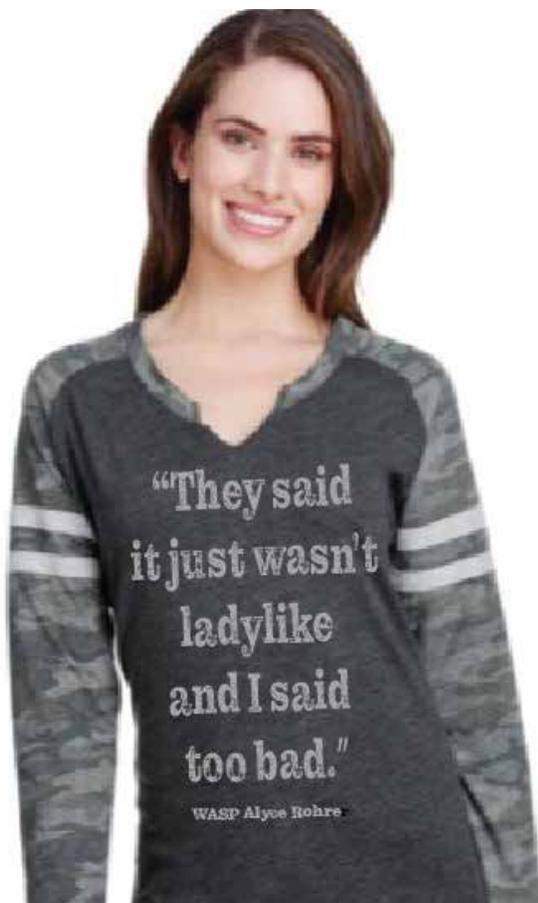
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COMING SOON! Check out these new t-shirt designs that feature inspirational quotes from Tuskegee Airman Benjamin Davis, Jr and WASP Alyce Rohrer. Visit our [online store](#) to shop for other great items!



Colors available: Heather Autumn (shown) and Heather Deep Teal



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