

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

332nd Fighter Group

100th Fighter Squadron



Pilot Profiles

Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., Ph.D.



Born: 09 March 1922
Washington, D.C.

Education: Springfield College, Massachusetts
New York University, Ph.D.

Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Medal w/ 8 Oak Leaf Clusters
Distinguished Unit Citation

CLASS	SE-44-C
GRAD	12 March 1944
SVC#	0824828

Military Experience:

Combat Missions: 68
Assigned to the 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group
Squadron Commander, 100th Fighter Squadron
Flew P-51
Became first 15th Air Force Fighter Pilot to shoot down the ME-262 jet fighter while escorting B-17 bombers over Berlin, Germany on the 15th Air Force's longest mission. This mission, on 24 March 1945, led to the 332nd Fighter Group's selection to receive the Distinguished Unit Citation.
He also downed an FW-190 German fighter
Discharged 1945 — Captain



Professor and Director of the Institute for Afro-American Affairs at NYU. President of Bronx Community College of the City University of New York. Currently University professor at the City University of New York Graduate School and University Center. Director of the Center for Urban Education Policy.

Woodrow W. Crockett



Born: 31 August 1918
Texarkana, Arkansas

Education: Dunbar High School & Junior College, Little Rock, AR
USAF Command & Staff College

Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross
Distinguished Unit Citation
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
Air Medal w/ 4 Oak Leaf Clusters
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal w/ 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Two Soldier's Medals for Bravery awarded for extricating pilots from burning fighter aircraft, Italy, 1944 and Korea 1953

CLASS	SE-43-C
GRAD.	25 March 1943
SVC#	0798943

Military Experience:

Combat Missions: 149 (WWII)
100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, 2nd Lt., 1944-1945 tour of duty in Italy
1952 and 1953 flew 45 combat missions, Korea, Jet Combat Fighter Pilot
Radiological Safety Officer on an Atomic Bomb Test, Southwest Pacific, 1951
Member of B-17 crew and was airborne during each atomic blast.
Member of small group authorized to visit "Shot Island" day before and day after each test shot.
Flew F-106 Delta Dart, West German built F-104 Star Fighter
Attained highest aeronautical rating in military history, Command Pilot, 1958
Retired 1970 — Lt. Colonel



October, 1992, inducted into the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame. Invited to the White House for ceremonial breakfast with President Clinton for Memorial Day ceremonies then flown to England to participate with the President and the British Prime Minister in ceremonies at the cemetery near Cambridge honoring fallen American airmen.

Lowell Cedric Steward

CLASS	SE-43-G
GRAD	28 July 1943
SVC#	0809254



Born: 25 February 1919
Los Angeles, California

Education: Los Angeles City College
Santa Barbara State College, B.A. P.E., 1942

Decorations: Air Medal
Distinguished Flying Cross

Military Experience: Combat Missions: 143
Entered Military Service 28 July 1942
Flew P-40, P-39, P-51, P-47
Flight Leader of the 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, Europe
Long Range Bomber Escort & Harbor Patrol Duty
Basic Training Flight Instructor
Discharged 28 July 1946 — Major

Real estate broker for forty years and real estate appraiser. Founder and first president, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Los Angeles Chapter. Founder and first president, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Western Region. Co-founder, Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund. Co-publisher, Lonely Eagles.



Robert W. Williams

CLASS	SE-44-E
GRAD	23 May 1944
SVC#	0830797



Born: 21 September 1922
Ottumwa, Iowa

Education: Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, 1942
Temple University, Philadelphia, 1947
University of California, Los Angeles, 1948-1949, major: Business Administration; Minor: Theatre Arts

Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Medal w/ 6 Oak Leaf Clusters
Distinguished Unit Citation

Military Experience: Combat Missions: 50
Entered Military Service 1942
Fighter Pilot (P-51) with 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, Europe
Discharged 1947 — Captain

Created, produced and hosted several human relations television shows: "Unknown Quantity, Images and Attitudes, Insider-Outsider." Writer and lecturer on human understanding. Acting credits include: "Pork Chop Hill," "A Gathering of Eagles," "Iron Angel," "Warning Shot," "Hook, Line and Sinker," "Pendulum." Currently executive producer of a movie being made for HBO regarding the exciting exploits of "The Tuskegee Airmen and the 332nd Fighter Group."



Samuel Wade Watts, Jr.

CLASS	SE-44-E
GRAD	23 May 1944
SVC#	0830796



Born: 09 April 1925
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Deceased: 18 June 1994

Education: Northeastern University, Baccalaureate Cum Laude, Electronic Engineering

Military Experience: Combat Missions: over 40
One of the youngest pilots to see action with the 332nd Fighter Group in Italy during WWII
Received his wings and commission as 2nd Lt., assigned to the 100th Fighter Squadron
Attended Communications Officers School at Scott Field, IL upon the subsequent deactivation of the 332nd Fighter Group
Assigned to High Wickham, England, Bengueui, North Africa, Plattsburg, NY, and Hanscomb Air Force Base, MA
Retired 1965 — Lt. Colonel

Employed as an engineer with the Polaroid Corporation and retired in 1983. Shortly after retirement, he became branch manager of H&R Block. Active with the local Winter Springs, FL chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., the American Bridge Association and the Kiwanis.

