

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

332nd Fighter Group

301st Fighter Squadron



Pilot Profiles

Carl E. Carey, Sr.



CLASS	SE-44-H
GRAD	08 Sept. 1944
SVC#	0838025

Born: 10 July 1921
East St. Louis, Illinois

Education: Arkansas State College, B.S.
Post Graduate Wayne State University, Computer Science

Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Medal w/ 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Distinguished Citation

Military Experience:

Combat Missions: 19
Member of the 301st Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group
Credited with shooting down two German ME 109 Fighter Aircraft
Discharged 28 December 1946 — Captain

Retired from the Chrysler Corporation, Computer Programmer and Systems Analyst. Member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Detroit Chapter. One of the Tuskegee Airmen in the mural at St. Louis' Lindbergh Airport.

Walter M. Downs



CLASS	SE-43-B
GRAD.	16 Feb. 1943
SVC#	0797218

Born: 24 March 1916
McComb, Mississippi

Education: Alcorn State University, B.S., 1941
Wayne State University, M.S., 1952

Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross
Certificate of Valor
Air Medal w/ 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Clusters
European Battle Campaign Ribbon w/ 1 Silver Star and 2 Bronze Stars

Military Experience:

Combat Missions: 110
Assigned to the 301st Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group in April, 1943
Arrived in Italy, January, 1944
Flew convoy escort, flew fighter interceptor missions and fighter sweeps
Transferred to the 15th Air Force, SAC.
Provided safe escort to bombers — remained with this command until war ended
Commanding Officer of the 301st Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group
Retired 1950 — Lt. Colonel

Radio electronics and television service dealer.



Alexander Jefferson

CLASS	SE-44-A
GRAD	07 Jan. 1944
SVC#	0819461



Born: 15 November 1921
Detroit, Michigan

Education: Clark College, Atlanta, B.S., Chemistry, 1942
Howard University, Washington, D.C., 27 Hrs. Masters

Decorations: Air Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Distinguished Unit Citation
Prisoner of War Medal
American Defense Service Medal
American Campaign Medal
European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
WWII Victory Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award

Military Experience: Combat Missions: 19
Assigned to 301st Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, 1944
Flew P-51 & provided protection from enemy aircraft
Flew 18 long range escort missions for B-17 and B-24 Bombers
On 12 August 1944, three days prior to the invasion of Southern France, was shot down by ground fire while strafing radar stations on the coast.
Captured by German troops and interned for nine months as a prisoner of war
Spend five months in Stalag Luft III, 80 miles east of Berlin on the Oder River
On 29 January 1945, when the Russians started their offensive, the prisoners (American, British and French) were transferred from Stalag Luft III to Stalag VIIA, Mooseburg, approximately 20 miles north of Dachau. The first 80 kilometers were done by a forced march in temperatures of 20 to 30 below zero. Prisoners were then put in boxcars, 70 to 80 men per car.
Discharged from active duty in 1947
Retired from reserves in 1969 — Lt. Colonel

Retired as assistant principal in 1979. One of the founders of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen and member of the Tuskegee Airmen Speakers Bureau. Life member of American Ex-prisoner of War. Perpetual member of the Military order of the World Wars. Life member of the Silver Falcon Association of the US Air Force. Serves on a voluntary basis as an admissions counselor for the USAF Academy and Air Force ROTC.



Harry T. Stewart, Jr.

CLASS	SE-44-F
GRAD	27 June 1944
SVC#	0835330



Born: 04 July 1924
Newport News, Virginia

Education: New York University, Mechanical Engineering

Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Medal w/ 7 Oak Leaf Clusters

Military Experience: Combat Missions: 43
Commissioned June, 1944 at the age of 19, nick-named "Taswell."
Flew 15 combat missions with the 302nd Fighter Squadron and 28 with the 301st Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group
Credited with destroying three enemy aircraft in aerial combat
Discharged 1950 — Captain

Various engineering and management positions with a number of firms including Bechtel Corporation and General Foods Corporation. Retired as Vice President of ANR Pipeline Company.



Harold E. Sawyer

CLASS	SE-43-D
GRAD	29 April 1943
SVC#	0801175



Born: 10 November 1920
Columbus, Ohio

Education: Tuskegee Institute, B.S., 1942
Civilian Pilots License, 1941
Commercial Pilots License, 1945

Decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Medal w/ 7 Oak Leaf Clusters

Military Experience: Combat Missions: 70
Destroyed 2 enemy aircraft in combat
Commissioned 2nd Lt., April 1943, 301st Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, Europe
Flew P-40, P-39, P-47, P-51
Tuskegee Army Air Field Single Engine Advance Instructor, January 1945
Discharged 1946 — Captain

Member of the Ohio Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Ohio Air National Guard Recruitment Committee, Rickenbacker Chapter Air Force Association. Also served on the State of Ohio World War II 50th Anniversary Commemorative Committee and City of Columbus 50th Anniversary Committee of World War II.

