Rise Above Principles In Action



Aim High

Benjamin O. Davis Jr.

While attending West Point Academy, Davis experienced relentless racism and isolation. Undeterred, he persevered and, in 1936, became the academy's fourth African American graduate. His unwavering determination paved the way for his leadership role as a commander of the Tuskegee Airmen.



Believe in Yourself

Charles McGee

During military training, McGee faced harsh prejudice but always believed in his potential. Refusing to be defined by

discrimination, he became one of the Tuskegee Airmen and went on to become one of the U.S. Air Force's most decorated pilots, flying 409 combat missions throughout World War II, Korea, and the Vietnam War.

Use Your Brain

Roscoe C. Brown Jr.

As a fighter pilot, Brown relied on strategy and precision to become one of the first Tuskegee Airmen to shoot down a German fighter plane during WWII. His ability to anticipate enemy movements and expertly maneuver his aircraft were the keys to his success.



Be Ready To Go

George S. Roberts

One of the first five African American military pilots, Roberts played a pivotal role in organizing and leading the 99th Pursuit Squadron. His meticulous preparation and strategic foresight ensured the squadron's readiness, contributing to their success in the demanding missions in North Africa and Europe.



Never Quit

Herbert Carter

Carter endured racism and grueling challenges during flight training but he never gave up. His perseverance earned him a place among the

first Tuskegee Airmen, where he completed 77 combat missions in WWII. His story is a testament to the power of determination and the triumph of resilience over adversity.

Expect to Win

Lee Andrew Archer Jr.

One of the most celebrated Tuskegee Airmen, Archer approached every mission with confidence and the expectation of victory. His exceptional skills earned



him the title of fighter ace, confirmed for shooting down five enemy planes. His success proved the capabilities of African American pilots and challenged racist misconceptions.