Eugene Bullard
“The Black Swallow of Death”

1894 – 1961

First African-American Military Pilot

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Bessie Coleman
“Queen Bess”
1892 – 1926
First African-American Woman Pilot

Boeing Black Employees Association Oklahoma City BBEA-OKC
Herbert Julian
“The Black Eagle of Harlem”

First African-American Aviator

1897 – 1983

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Benjamin O. Davis Sr.

1877 – 1970

First African-American Army General

Boeing Black Employees Association Oklahoma City BBEA-OKC
Benjamin O. Davis Jr.
Commander of Tuskegee Airman

1912 – 2002

First African-American Air Force General
Samuel Gravely Jr.
First African American Navy Ship Commander
1922 – 2004

First African-American Navy Admiral

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Frank E. Peterson Jr.
First African-American Marine Corps Pilot

1932 – Present

First African-American Marine Corps General

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Erroll M. Brown

First African-American Coast Guard Admiral

1950 – Present
Robert H. Lawrence

1935 – 1967

First African-American Astronaut

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Guion S. Bluford Jr.

1942 – Present

First African-American In Space
Dr. Bernard A. Harris Jr.

1956 – Present

First African-American To Walk In Space

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Dr. Mae C. Jemison

1956 – Present

First African-American Woman In Space
Colin L. Powell
First African-American Joint Chiefs of Staff

1937 – Present

First African-American Secretary of State
Dr. Condoleezza Rice

1954 – Present

First African-American Woman Secretary of State
Barack H. Obama

First African-American President

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Tuskegee Airman
“The Red Tailed Angels”

99th Fighter Squadron

100th Fighter Squadron

332nd Fighter Group

332nd Air Expeditionary Group

First African-American Fighter Pilots
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Major James Ellison returns Mac Ross' salute while reviewing the first class of Tuskegee cadets along the flight light in 1941.
Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. receives a visit from Major General Elwood Quesada at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio in 1946.
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Dale L. White and Chauncey E. Spencer after completion of their 3000 mile round trip from Chicago to Washington in 1939.
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Major George S. "Spanky" Roberts in the cockpit of his P-51C Mustang in Italy in 1944.
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Ground crew members repair a wing section of a P-51 Mustang.
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Herbert Carter of the 99th Fighter Squadron writes a letter while sitting on the wing of a P-40 fighter.
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A 99th Fighter Squadron pilot studies his map before a mission.
Lieutenant Wendell O. Pruitt (r) receives congratulations from fellow pilot John F. Briggs.

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Staff Sergeant Bill Hall of the 99th Fighter Squadron leads his crew's effort to complete maintenance on a P-40.

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Black airmen stand next to a B-24 bomber of the 15th Air Force.
Captain Ronald A. Radcliffe, US Army, received the Army Aviator of the Year award in 1972 for his repeated acts of heroism as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam.
Captain Lloyd Newton becomes the first black pilot to join the US Air Force's Thunderbirds in 1974.
Captain Donnie L. Cochran becomes the first black pilot to join the US Navy's Blue Angels in 1986.
Captain Joseph "Peter" Petersen of the Thunderbirds. Died in January 1982 while attempting a difficult aerial maneuver over the Nevada desert.
Integrated AF B-26 crew that flew last combat mission of Korean War in July 1953. From left A3C D. Judd, LT D. Mansfield and LT B. Ralston.
Charles B. Hall becomes the first black fighter pilot to down an enemy aircraft on July 21, 1943.
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Officers of the 332nd Fighter Group.
Colonel Leslie Parrish with black officers at Tuskegee Army Air Field.
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A B-25 crew consults a flight plan in April 1945 prior to a training mission.
African-Americans at Boeing

Belle Alexander

One of first African-Americans to work for Boeing Aircraft.

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Rosie’s War
The Fight for Workers’ Rights