

The African American Experience during World War II

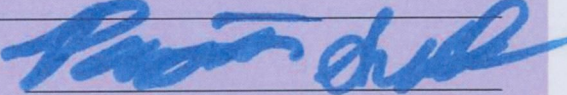
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Thank you for your service
and have the best day!


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Happy Birthday Charles, or can I call you Chuck? You can fly way better than I can, kind of jealous. Have a great day from your local Columbia College Student!

Ben Hurst
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Notes Happiest of Birthdays to you! I hope that your day is magical and 101 is your best year yet!
Many thanks for your service and all you have done for this country

Ashly Yuma
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Erin Homfats

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~Juliet ♡

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We thank you for your
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Walt Hershey

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Brig. Gen. Charles McKee

Thank you so much for your service and all you have accomplished! We met many years ago when I was on the Columbia College National Alumni Association. You are a kind and wonderful person, and someone we all look up to. Congratulations, and THANK YOU!

Llona C. Weiss

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Notes Words can not express my deepest gratitude for your service. To serve at a time when it felt that your country did not have your back is beyond heroic. It is true sacrifice in the belief that better days are in the future. Happy birthday
June McDonald
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Notes Thank you so much for serving your country. There were no doubt struggles in doing so at a time when you and others were treated badly. You are a true hero, my best wishes for a joyous and Happy Birthday.

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Notes Charles,

You are an inspiration to so many! you will probably never know all the lives you influence and spirits you touch. Blessings on you - not only for your accomplishments, but for your grace and humility.

Lawn Bostman
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Brig. Gen. McGee,
Attention CCG-Military
1001 Rogers Street
Columbia, MO 65216.

Brig. Gen. McGee, Sir, A note of thanks for your amazing service to OUR country during World War 2. Your courage and the courage of the other pilots of the Tuskegee Airman certainly contributed to the worldwide victory over fascism of the time. Thanks for flying the P-51B Mustang as in "Red Tails" so successfully.

Respectfully,
Jeff Faye, Sr.
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Dear BGen Charles McGee,

Happy Birthday and congratulations on the naming of the veteran's family service center after you.

Thank you for your service and being a role model for our younger generation.

My father, Clifton Brooks, Sr., ^(CG) was a cryptographer for the Tuskegee Airman and my uncle James H. Brooks was a pilot.

Again, thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Clifton E. Brooks, Jr.".

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Notes Thank you for your service and for all you have done for our great country. Brig. Gen. McGee, you are an inspiration for all!

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Notes General McGee, Congratulations
my father, Dr. Lewis A Jackson,
would have loved to be at the
dedication and would have enjoyed
talking to you. As you know he
was the Director of Flight Training
at Tuskegee His son, Robert L Jackson
Signature

JOHN A. DILLINGHAM

10/29/20

Dear Gen McFee -

Congratulations on being honored soon by Columbia College.

I have 7 family members that also attended. My mother set up a music scholarship and recital years back and has a named room in Missouri Hall - where my parents first met. Our family started there in the 1890's.

It's been 20-30 years since I took over your leadership with KC MAC at City Hall. Fortunately, times have rendered it to the sidelines.

You have done alot for our area and Nation. Thank you for your service for all of us.

We wish you the very best.

John A. Dillingham

November 11, 2020

Dear General McGee,

I had the pleasure of introducing you to large crowds at the annual Columbia (MO) Memorial Day Courthouse Ceremony more than fifteen times. You shared the podium at those events with a wide variety of American heroes that included Doolittle Raider, Travis Hoover, Medal of Honor recipient, Mike Novosel, Vietnam War ace, Chuck DeBellevue and many others. As I read those heroic bios each year, yours always stood out. You overcame so much adversity just to get into an aircraft cockpit in the 1940s as a Tuskegee Airman. You distinguished yourself in combat on countless missions and in three wars. Your contribution to our nation's security is without equal. But what always set you apart in my eyes from all the other distinguished guests I introduced was not your monumental achievements, but your humble demeanor. You always made time to greet and speak to every man, woman or child who approached you. That quality is not always present in those who have achieved so much.

It has been an honor to cross paths with you so many times and I wish you the very best.

Eric R. Cunningham
LTC, USA (Retired)

Boone, Robert

From: Adrian Heinrich <ach01@optusnet.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Boone, Robert
Subject: Brigadier General Retired Charles E. McGee Veterans House Dedication

CAUTION! This email originated from outside of Columbia College.

Dear Sir,

I had the honour of meeting Brigadier General McGee at the Oshkosh AirVenture in 2018 and have a personally signed memento card, we had a great discussion at the Rise Above display in which I mentioned my father's Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) service during WW2 when he was a pilot attached to the Royal Air Force Bomber Command and flew Handley Page Halifax bombers on many bombing missions over Germany and other occupied territory managing to bring his aircraft home after all missions.

Please pass on my best wishes to this fine gentleman, I will never forget our meeting and the achievements of the Red Tail airmen.

Best regards,

Adrian Heinrich

Melbourne, AUSTRALIA



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I consider it one of the highest honors of my life to honor my dearest friend, ex-boss at Richards Gebaur AFB, when he was the Wing Commander at Richards Gebaur AFB, Mo.; an Irrefutable American Hero and Patriot destined to be historically remembered. ; committed Christian with his dearest wife Frances, who I have heard both singing praises to the almighty God in a Church Choir. I know General Charles Edward McGee. not necessarily by his aerial accomplishments as a combat fighter pilot in three wars,, but by his signature personality of humility , modesty and his loyalty as a friend of mine for almost 50 years.

Jack H. Adams
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Notes Congrats B. Gen McGee

We love seeing all the
amazing recognition bestowed
on you! all our love,
Steve, Susie, Shannon & Shelley
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Notes Dear Charles, I am so delighted for this, yet another, honor for someone who couldn't deserve it more! I am so privileged to be your pastor and grateful that you are truly a spiritual model to me & our congregation. Your integrity, citizenship, patriotism are of the highest standard! Blessings on this honor!

Cheryl L. Jathan
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Dear Brig Gen McGee,

Thank you for all you have done in service to this country and for the inspiration you have given to so many! I had the pleasure of meeting you on two separate occasions and you were always so gracious and encouraging. I'm currently in pilot training and it's because of people like you! Happy birthday!

2d Lt Andrew Bailey

Signature



RETIRED BRIGADIER GENERAL
CHARLES E. MCGEE '78
1919-2022



HONORING BRIG. GEN. MCGEE'S MEMORY

One of Columbia College's greatest alumni and a true national treasure, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Charles E. McGee passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 16 at the age of 102. He lived a life of dedicated service to the U.S. Air Force, the Boy Scouts and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity among many other organizations. Born in 1919, he became a Tuskegee Airman in World War II. The Airmen were the first African Americans to fly in combat.

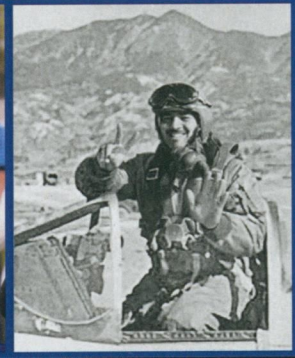
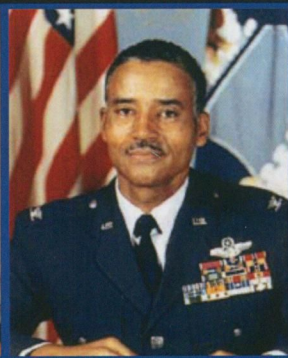
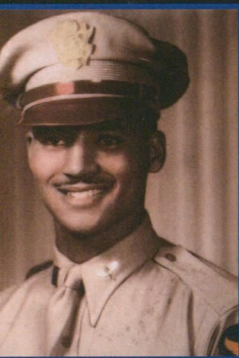
At the time of his retirement, McGee held the Air Force's fighter combat records with 409 missions and 1,151 combat hours. He served in World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

In his extraordinary career, McGee also commanded a fighter squadron in the Philippines and a reconnaissance squadron at now-defunct Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base just south of Kansas City. In 2021, the Kansas City Charles B. Wheeler

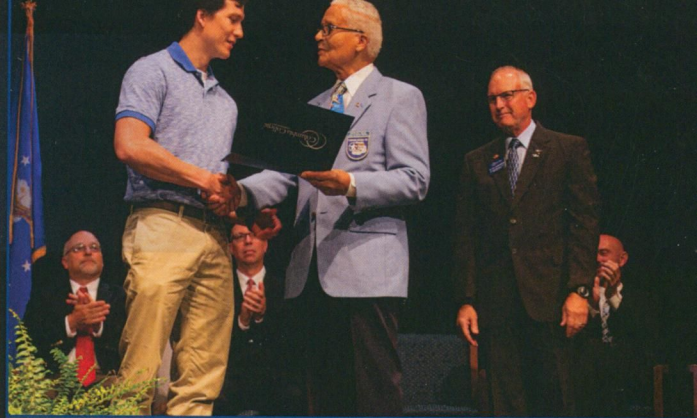
Downtown Airport renamed one of its terminals in his honor.

Its new name is the Charles E. McGee General Aviation Terminal. McGee was president of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. from 1983-85 and again from 1998-2002, focusing on education, aviation and space careers for minorities.

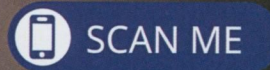
In 2007, President George W. Bush awarded McGee the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award, and in 2020 was promoted to brigadier general by President Trump.



The Brig. Gen. Charles E. McGee Scholarship was established in 2010 by Gen. McGee and is given annually **to help qualified veteran students achieve their educational goals. Each year, the awards recognize students who embody the spirit and courage of Brig. Gen. McGee and supports their pursuits of earning a degree.**



Scan this code or go to my.ccis.edu/mcgee to share a memory, send a message to Gen. McGee's family, or donate to the **Brig. Gen. Charles E. McGee Scholarship** or the **Brig. Gen. Charles E. McGee House**.



The Brig. Gen. Charles E. McGee House is home to the Ousley Family Veterans Service Center and serves as a one-stop shop for the military student community. The center provides social-gathering space that affords our veterans and military students room to talk, study, watch TV and relax.

