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# Tuskegee Airman: The Biography Of Charles E. McGee, Air Force Fighter Combat Record Holder



## Synopsis

Colonel Charles E. McGee fought in World War II, in Korea and in Vietnam. He holds the record for the highest three-war total of fighter combat missions of any pilot in the U.S. Air Force history. His military service began as one of the Tuskegee Airmen in the 332nd, famed pioneers who fought racial prejudices to fly and fight for their country in World War II. They are the ones who achieved the unequalled record of not losing a single bomber under their escort to enemy fighters. COL McGee went on to serve in leadership and command positions in war and in peace flying fighter missions in Korea and Vietnam. In his remarkable military career, he earned the Legion of Merit with Cluster, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star and the Air Medal (twenty-five times). He was also chosen to lead the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. into the 21st Century by serving two separate terms as its president. Stories in the media seldom portray African American men as heroes. In tribute to the many unheralded fathers, husbands, sons and brothers leading exemplary lives, COL (Chuck) McGee's inspiring story is now being told

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Great read! I grew up in Tuskegee and love reading the stories of these brave men. I knew some of them. Read the book in 2 seating and loaned it to a friend who is related to a Tuskegee Airman.

A biography of a remarkable airman / individual, whose achievements are on the record. I had the privilege of meeting Col McGee and his daughter ,Charleen, at the 60th Anniversary of the USAF Airshow in Ohio which was also a tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen.

This is the story of a young Black man born during the era of racial segregation who learned to fly at Tuskegee Institute and went on become an outstanding pilot and military leader.

Excellent

Book was like new. Well worth the money. Husband Jim

Very entertaining well done.

My wife and I had the honor of knowing Lt Col Charles E. McGee and his wife Frances, while we were going through ground and flying training in the RF-4C aircraft prior to our combat tour in Vietnam in 1967-68. As a young 1st Lt, I was most impressed with Lt Col McGee's flying skills and his duties as the 16th Tac Recon Squadron Commander in Vietnam. I flew as his back seat WSO during combat missions and more than once we experienced enemy ground fire at our aircraft, but by luck and skill we never received any battle damage to our aircraft or to ourselves. The book, written by his daughter, beautifully expresses Col McGee's life growing up in a segregated civilian and military environment. I was very impressed during our time together with his down-to-earth manner, both as an aviator and squadron commander in dealing with all kinds of situations. He was, by far, the best commander I had during my 26 year career in the USAF. Following his year in

Vietnam, I was very happy that his outstanding record was recognized by his promotion to full Colonel, USAF. Lynn C. Jorgensen, LT Col USAF (Ret)

I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Charles McGhee during an event to celebrate Black History Month. He presented his experience to an audience of both adults and many high school students, captivating both young and old with his presence, and strength of character. The clarity and strength in which he spoke made him the hero of everyone, and his warm and inviting personality pulled even the teenagers toward him like a grandfather. He was a hero, and a true role model to all of them. There are very few times in life that you meet an individual who is even greater than his story. Col Charles E McGhee is such a man. A true American hero!

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