

AMERICA'S HEROES

Equal® Sweetener To Fund Oral History Program Capturing The Memories Of "Tuskegee Airmen"—African-American WW II Fighter Pilots Who Defeated Segregation And The Nazis



Governor George Pataki (left) stands with Tuskegee Airman Lee Archer (center), and Ken Jones, an executive with Equal® sweetener (right).

(NAPSA)—Equal® sweetener is paying tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen across the nation, African-American fighter pilots who confronted segregation in American society while combating the German Luftwaffe during World War II. The company is sponsoring an oral histories program that preserves for posterity their memories at a permanent exhibit at the American Airpower Museum in New York.

In sponsoring an oral histories program for 2002, Ken Jones, an Equal sweetener executive, explained, "Equal® took the step of supporting this effort because the personal stories of these incredible men cannot be lost to time. In the legacy of these brave Americans there is a celebration of the human spirit. Like those of us in a post September 11th world, these are Americans who dared to strive for equality in the face of ignorance and fought those who would seek to destroy the spirit of our nation."

Named "Tuskegee Airmen" because of their training base in Alabama, the pilots created an unmatched record for bravery in combat and their aggressive

defense of American bombers taking the war deep inside Nazi Germany.

In thanking Equal® for its support of this effort, Tuskegee ace Lee Archer stated, "This oral histories program is crucial because it will ensure that future generations of Americans understand what battles were waged to preserve their liberties. I also wish to thank New York State Governor George Pataki for his personal support of this project."

The American Airpower Museum at Republic Airport, New Highway, Farmingdale, New York, flies a squadron of operational aircraft, including a P-40 Warhawk and a P-47 Thunderbolt, fighters flown into combat by the Tuskegee Airmen. In addition to the start of the oral histories program, these aircraft will be flown several weekends as part of a living tribute to their legacy and our American heritage.

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