

BIOGRAPHY

A DOCUMENTED ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMAN

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VALJEANNE TAYLOR GRIGSBY



Valjeanne Taylor Grigsby was born in Atlanta, Georgia on July 28, 1923. She joined the “Lonely Eagles” August 18, 1999.

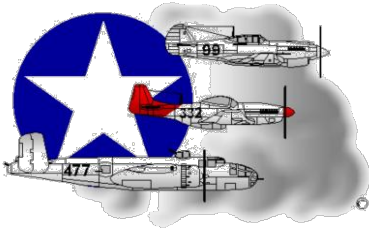
LT Grigsby served in the U.S. Military as a Physiotherapist and earned the rank of First Lieutenant during her career with the Army Air Corps. She served under the 332nd Fighter Wing, Lockbourne Army Air Corps Base (Columbus, OFT) and was part of the Tuskegee Experience.

She was a former Assistant Professor of Health and Physical Education, Clark Atlanta University and retired as a Dance Educator and teacher in the Atlanta Public Schools. A strong proponent of Educational Dance, she was a founding member of the Georgia Alliance for the Arts in Education serving as Secretary to the Executive Board from 1973-1981. She also served on the Dance Advisory Panel, Georgia Commission, for the Arts and Georgia Council of the Arts. She was a Charter Member and former Chair of the Dance Panel, Fulton County Arts Council and Chair of the 1977 State Arts Conference, Georgia Alliance for the Arts.

A pioneer in the field of Liturgical Dance, Mrs. Grigsby was also Co-owner and Director of Valmar Dance Camp, Minnesota (Summer 1961-1965); Director, Valmar Dance & Theatre Company (1961-1982); Dance Teacher for the Governor's Honors Program (1972-1973) and Choreographer for the Bicentennial Special for Channel 11 (1976). Mrs. Grigsby received the Bronze Jubilee Award for Dance (1978) and the long-time Service in Arts Award at the National Convention for the Local Arts Agencies (1989).

Valjeanne has been a devoted Catholic since age 6 and was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. She was a Charter Member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the





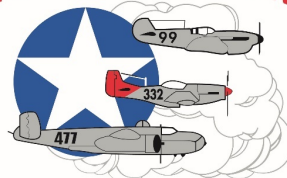
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Knights of Peter Clavcr St. Anthony's Court #276, member of St Anthony's Choir, the Archbishop James P. Lyke Memorial Mass Choir, the Atlanta Suburban Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Club Fidelies. LT Grigsby received special recognition as a Life Member of the Commander's Club of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum (Savannah, GA). A member of the National Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. organization, Mrs. Grigsby was awarded Special Recognition for 15 years (1985-1999) of devoted service as Recording Secretary for this historic organization.

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