

BIOGRAPHY

A DOCUMENTED ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMAN

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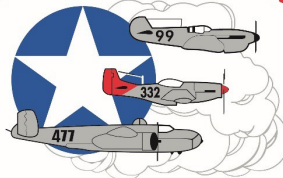
MR. JAMES R. REED



James R. "Big Jim" Reed was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 21, 1912. Shortly after graduation from Morris Brown College in 1941 (BA-Education), he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was sent to Chanute Field, IL for training as an Aircraft Mechanic. He was relocated to Tuskegee Army Air Field, AL where he became the first Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) promoted to Master Sergeant there and also the first NCO assigned as Line Chief (i.e. – in charge of all Crew Chiefs on the Flight Line).

He served as NCOIC of Maintenance, HQ 332nd Fighter Group overseas during WWII. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1962 as a Chief Master Sergeant. He earned an MA Education degree at North Arizona University and taught High School in Phoenix, AZ for 13 years. Mr. Reed was also Manager of a City Pool and involved with the City of Phoenix's "Meals on Wheels" program.

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