



### **Elmer D. Jones, Col., U.S. Air Force (Ret.)**

Though one of the top-rated black private pilot graduates of Howard University and, later, the advanced flying school at Tuskegee Institute, Elmer D. Jones was sworn-in on May 28, 1941, to report to Chanute Field in Illinois for training as a non-flying squadron officer.

He served at Tuskegee, responsible for aircraft repair and technical supply, until he was shipped overseas with the 99th Fighter Squadron and became Commanding Officer of AAF Service Detachment #99 and later of the 366th Air Service Squadron of the 96th Service Group.

In June 1945, after VE Day in the European Theater of the war, Jones was assigned as Commanding Officer of the 387th Air Service Group at Godman Field in Kentucky.

After the war, Jones served in a variety of capacities, including System Program Director for the development of the Tactical Air Control System. He also served at Air Force Headquarters at the Pentagon on the staff of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Research and Development.

Jones retired from the Air Force in January of 1970. In March of 1970, he was appointed Assistant Commissioner for Telecommunications at the Central Office of the General Services Administration in Washington, D.C., where he served until retirement in February 1980.

Born on February 16, 1918, in Washington, D.C., Jones and his wife, Frankye Manly, live in Arlington, Virginia.

### **Bernard S. Proctor, Major, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)**

A retired professor of Industrial Arts Education, Bernard S. Proctor served with the Fighting 99th both as combat pilot and mess officer, and flew his first combat mission in the summer of 1943 in the sky over Pantelleria, Sicily.

Proctor was first assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron in July 1942, promoted to 1st lieutenant in December 1942 and shipped overseas to North Africa for combat duty in April 1943.

Proctor flew combat missions over Anzio, southern and northern France, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, Po Valley and Rhineland, earning a European African Middle Eastern Ribbon with 12 Battle Stars, a Distinguished Unit Citation with three Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal and a World War II Victory Medal.

He was discharged on December 18, 1945, and was promoted to major in the U.S. Air Force Reserves on October 23, 1946.

Proctor earned his doctorate in Industrial Arts Education from Ohio State University in 1950. He retired from his post as professor of industrial arts education at Cheyney University in Pennsylvania on May 17, 1991.

Proctor, born on February 8, 1921, in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, has a son, Karl, and makes his home in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

