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Nebraska's Tuskegee Airmen



LTC (Ret) Charles A. Lane, Jr. Omaha, NE

Lt Colonel Lane (Ret) was born on June 2, 1925 in St. Louis Missouri. He attended Harriett Beecher Stowe Teachers College, But studies were interrupted in 1943 when he entered the Cadet Corps at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

He graduated from Tuskegee flying program as a fighter pilot in 1944 and joined the Army Air Corps 99th Pursuit Squadron in Italy in one of the

three Black aviation units to see combat during W.W.II. He flew 26 combat missions, flying P51 fighters escorting B-17 and B-24 bomber aircraft.

Lt Colonel Lane dedicated 27 years of service to the US Air Force flying fighters, transports, and the B-52. His primary duty during this period was as a Communications-Electronics Staff Officer. His last tour was at Strategic Air Command. He Retired from the US Air Force September 1, 1970.

In civilian life he became a staff member of the Omaha based poverty program, Greater Omaha Community Action (G.O.C.A). He directed and managed this program from 1970 through his retirement in 1992. Throughout his tenure G.O.C.A. had 22 50 58 active programs dealing with the poverty aspects of children, aging, handicapped, alcoholism, and mental health, to name only a few. He is a member of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. (TAI) and is currently a board representative of the local chapter to the TAI national board of directors. Since his retirement he has become affiliated with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), and is currently serving as the CAP Squadron Commander. This unit serves predominantly the North Omaha area.