

UNSUNG HEROES

Equal® Honors African-American Fighter Pilots Who Defeated Racism And The Nazi's During WWII



Equal executive Ken Jones (right) is briefed by Tuskegee Airmen Lee Archer (seated) and Roscoe Brown (center).

(NAPS)—The nation's favorite sweetener, Equal, is paying tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen, African-American fighter pilots who confronted segregation in American society while combating the German Luftwaffe during World War II.

During ceremonies that unveiled a full scale replica of one of their fighter aircraft at the American Airpower Museum at Republic Field, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, Equal executive Ken Jones was joined by a squadron of Tuskegee Airmen, including fighter ace Lee Archer and Roscoe Brown whose skill allowed him to shoot down a German jet while flying a piston engine Mustang.

Jones observed, "Equal took the step of supporting this effort because in the Tuskegee Airmen there is a celebration of the human spirit, one that salutes each and every one of us who dares to strive for equality in the face of ignorance and who dreams of making the world a better place."

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

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

In thanking Equal for its support of this tribute to his squadron mates, Tuskegee ace Lee Archer stated, "This Mustang fighter represents every one of us who has been willing to fight—and to die—for our nation's liberties. I am reminded of the words of Chappie James [who would later serve as one of the nation's highest ranking African-American Air Force officers], 'agitate, demand but when the country is in trouble you hold her hand.'"

The museum flies a squadron of operational aircraft, including a P-40 Warhawk which was among the first aircraft flown into combat by the Tuskegee Airmen. It will be flown as part of a living tribute to their legacy and our American heritage.

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