

# Brigadier General Charles McGee

Year of Commission: 1943

BA in Business Administration from Columbia College, Attended UIUC from 1941-1942



General Charles McGee was a student pursuing an engineering degree from UIUC when World War II started. He departed college and started a military career that would span over 30 years. He served as a Tuskegee Airman and flew 136 combat missions during World War II. Including his service during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, General McGee flew a total of 409 combat missions. His numerous post-military achievements included returning to college where he attained his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at the age of 58; earning the Distinguished Eagle Scout and later the Silver Beaver and Silver Buffalo Awards for the Boy Scouts of America; and serving two terms as the National President of the Tuskegee Airman Association. In March of 2007, President Bush awarded BG McGee with the Congressional Gold Medal for his lifelong service to the nation. Being a strong advocate for aviation education and championing civil rights, the U.S. Air Force established a national scholarship in his name. A true patriot, BG McGee's legacy continues to inspire future generations.

Year Inducted: 2024