

Leon Geter

DOTA Mr. Leon Geter (89) passed away on Monday 4 May 2009.
Mr. Leon Geter was a long time resident of San Francisco, CA.

Mr. Geter served proudly as a member of the 332nd Fighter Group / 100th Fighter Squadron from 1942 to 1945 at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Selfridge Field, MI, Oscoda MI, Capodichino Airdrome, Ramitelli Air Base, and Catollica Air Base. Leon Geter held the rank of T/Sgt and served as the B-Flight/Flight Chief under the leadership of the 100th Fighter Squadron, Engineering Officer Capt. Richard Caesar also a San Francisco resident.

Mr. Geter was a quiet and modest man, a husband, a father, a grandfather and great grandfather he never bragged or boasted about being a Tuskegee Airmen and would only share his memories with a few select wartime friends thus his family has very minimal knowledge of his military service and his role as a Tuskegee Airmen.

I first met Mr. Geter in 2002 when I phoned him out of the blue to ask him some questions about his experiences during W.W.II. Over the course of the past eight years I was fortunate enough to develop a personal friendship with Mr. Geter and a relationship with his family which allowed me to gain quite a bit of knowledge in insight into his role as a Tuskegee Airmen and some unknown history and facts about the 100th Fighter Squadron.

This is a prime example of how it may never be known exactly how many Tuskegee Airmen are still living as there are perhaps hundreds of former Tuskegee Airmen that have no direct affiliation with TAI.

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