



Brigadier General Noel F. Parrish Award

The Brigadier General Noel F. Parrish Award exemplifies the “Tuskegee Spirit” forged of integrity, perseverance, moral courage and performance excellence. It honors and perpetuates the memory of General Parrish for his intrepid stand against racial barriers in the armed services during World War II.

General Parrish believed that all Americans should have equal access to knowledge, skills and opportunities for use of their talents in the service of their country. He persevered with

military and political leaders, at great risk to his military career, to provide quality training for Tuskegee aviation cadets and to provide combat assignments for flying units trained at Tuskegee.

As Commanding Officer at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Colonel Parrish demonstrated his respect for the dignity, worth and ability of each man and woman in his command. He was confident that quality training and their innate abilities would enable them to measure up to the highest traditions and performance standards of the United States Army Air Corps. Graduates of the “Tuskegee Experience” confirmed his beliefs.

The Brigadier General Noel F. Parrish Award is presented annually by Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. at the National Convention and the award recipient is a member in good standing, nominated by his or her Chapter’s nominating committee for outstanding acts that “enhanced equal access to knowledge, skills and opportunities” for a person or entity during the award year. It consists of a gold medallion, a certificate of achievement and a five hundred dollar cash award.

Dr. Florence T. Parrish-St John, widow of General Parrish makes the presentation.

Recipients of the Brigadier General Noel F. Parrish Award

1988 – Charles. E. McGee	1999 – William Mosley
1989 - Fitzroy “Buck” Newsum	2000 – William Melton
1990 – Kenneth O. Wofford	2001 – Wilber C. Blount
1991 – Spann Watson	2002 – Roy Chappell
1992 – Herbert E. Carter	2003 – Walter L. Watson
1993 – Elmer D. Jones	2004 – Porcher L. Taylor, Jr.
1994 – Woodrow W. Crockett	2005 – Robin Petgrave
1995 – John H. Smith	2006 – Cora M. “Tess” Spooner
1996 – Kenneth Rapiar	2007 – William Holloman
1997 – Levaughn Jenkins	2008 – Robert Peebles
1998 - Yolanda Wood	