

# AG Spotlight





# The Six Triple Eight



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**In honor of Black History Month, the BIPOC and Military Affinity Groups would like to highlight a vital group of women who made a great impact during World War II**

In February of 1945, the US Army sent 855 women of color overseas aboard the SS Ile de France to Birmingham, England. This Women's Army Corps (WAC) unit formed the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, nicknamed "The Six Triple Eight."

This distinguished all-female unit had the mission of clearing backlogged mail and kept mail flowing to millions of soldiers during World War II. The Six Triple Eight worked in poorly lit, damp, cold conditions in rotating 8-hour shifts, 7 days a week.

Their motto was, "No Mail, Low Morale." According to the National Museum of the United States Army, they completed a job expected to take 6 months in only three.

To learn more, visit:

[Army History - 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion](#)

[Women of the 6888th](#)

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# The Tuskegee Airmen

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In honor of Black History Month, the BIPOC and Military Affinity Groups would like to highlight an amazing group of pilots who made history in World War II, The Tuskegee Airmen.

## Who were the Tuskegee Airmen?

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first Black military aviators in the U.S. Army Air Corps (AAC), a precursor of the U.S. Air Force. Trained at the Tuskegee Army Airfield in Alabama, they flew more than 15,000 individual sorties in Europe and North Africa during World War II.

They represent an important step forward in preparing the nation for the racial integration of the military, which began with President Harry Truman who issued Executive Order 9981, desegregating the U.S. Armed Forces and mandating equality of opportunity and treatment on July 26, 1948.

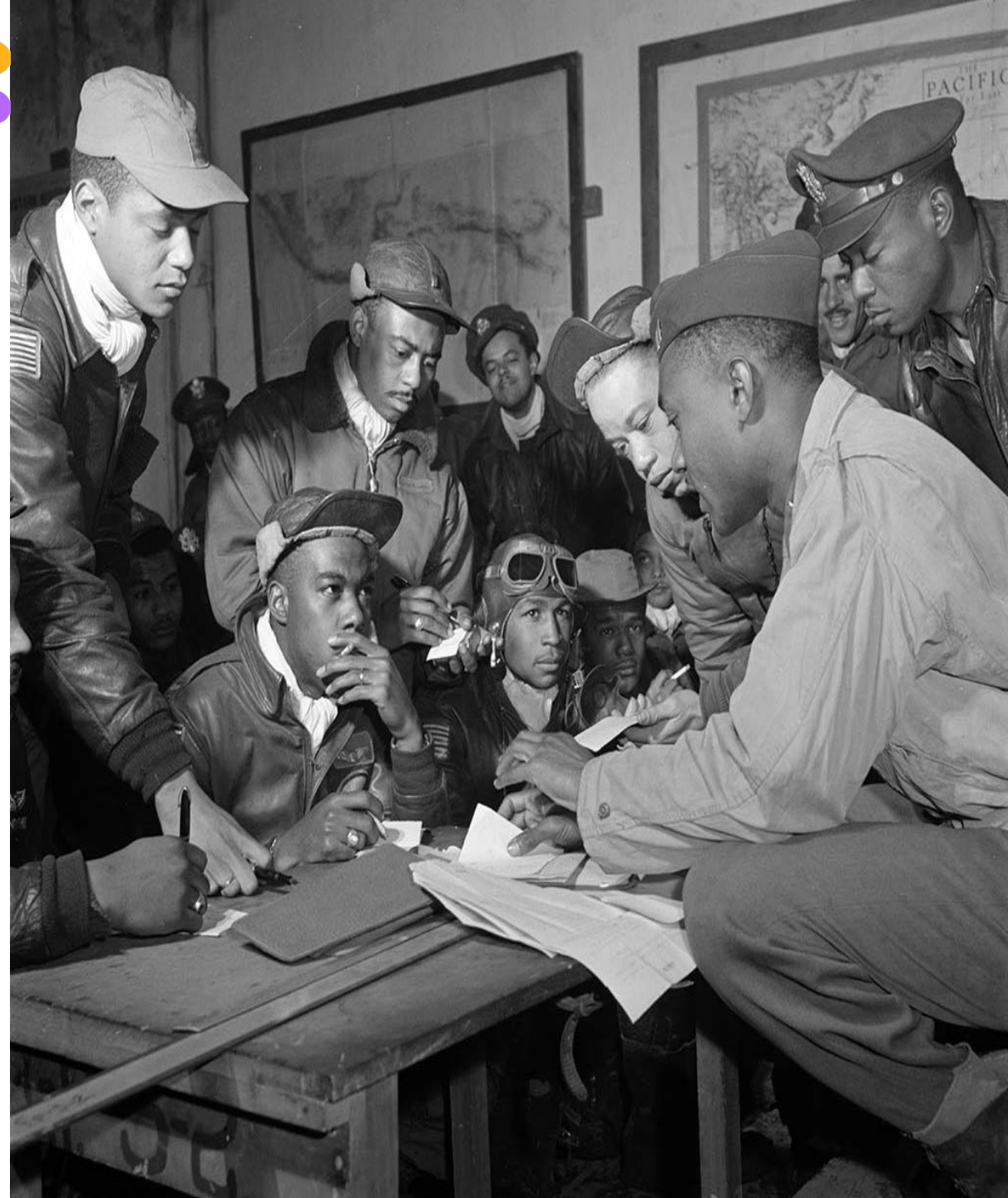
To learn more, visit:

[Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. - Their Story](#)

[Tuskegee University - Facts about the airmen History Channel](#)

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# Spotlight Speech Disabilities



As we look to wrap up National Disability Awareness Month, and keeping with the theme of showing empathy, support and communicating kindly with others, the Family AG would like to draw awareness around a disability that has directly impacted another Waystar family.

**Stuttering** is defined as “a speech disorder involving frequent and significant problems with normal fluency and flow of speech.”

It can cause you to repeat whole or parts of words, stretch out sounds, try to speak but nothing comes out. This disability affects how you speak, feel about yourself and interact with others.

Recommendations on how to approach conversations if speaking with someone who is affected by a speech impediment and/or who stutters:

- Listen to the person the same way you would as others
- Be patient
- Do not interrupt or try to finish their sentence
- Listen to what they are saying, not how they are saying it
- Don't ask them to slow down or start over

To learn more: <https://westutter.org/>

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# Admiral Rachel L. Levine, MD

## 17<sup>th</sup> Assistant Secretary for Health (HHS)

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Admiral Rachel L. Levine serves as the 17th Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), after being nominated by President Joe Biden and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2021. Dr. Levine's historical confirmation as the highest-ranking openly transgender government official in US history was further highlighted in October 2021 when she became the nation's first transgender four-star officer as Admiral of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

ADM Levine graduated from both Harvard College and Tulane University School of Medicine and during her extensive career has focused strongly on the connections between mental and physical health, treating children, adolescents, and young adults.

Assigned male at birth, ADM Levine's journey through gender identity crested in her 40s with full transition in 2011. During this time, ADM Levine worked with the Penn State Hershey Medical Center to craft the "Levine Policy" to include gender identity and expression in their existing non-discrimination policy.

In 2018, ADM Levine was named Pennsylvania Secretary of Health where she focused on the opioid crisis with life-saving measures enabling physicians and law enforcement to combat the epidemic.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/rachel-levine>

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/leadership/rachel-levine.html>

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