



**James  
Flowers**

*Army Air Corps*

## **James Flowers**

**Dec 25, 1915 -**

**BIRTHPLACE: Surry County, Virginia**

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**HIGHEST RANK: First Lieutenant**

**DIVISION: Army Air Corps, 99th Fighter Squadron,  
322nd Fighter Group**

**THEATER OF OPERATION: European**

**MILITARY HONORS: Congressional Gold Medal**

**HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

James Flowers was born in Surry County Virginia. Around 1939, the NAACP began challenging military policies of only whites flying aircraft. With the threat of legal action, the US Army Air Corps created a program to train back pilots, bombardiers, navigators and aircraft maintenance crews at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Flowers joined the Army Air Corps in 1940 and became a pilot. He served until 1945 with the Tuskegee Airmen. Flowers flew with the Red Tails who have inspired books and stories in Hollywood because of their successful escorting bombers over European war zones. They did receive damages but never lost a bomber. He returned to the US and became a teacher in New York, married Evelyn and had two children. Courtesy of [ICSun-News.com/news/story](http://ICSun-News.com/news/story)