



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Subject: Silver Spring Library	Executive Order No. #030-22	Subject Suffix
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Brigadier General Charles E. McGee (December 7, 1919 – January 16, 2022) was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, the first black aviators to serve in the US military. By the time he left the US Air Force 30 years later, he had flown 409 combat missions in the Second World War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, more than any other US pilot, and was the first African American to command an Air Force wing and base.

McGee received numerous military citations including the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Presidential Unit Citation. In 2007, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award, along with all other surviving and deceased Tuskegee Airmen. He was enshrined in the National Aviation museum in 2011. In 2020, shortly after his 100th birthday, McGee was promoted to Brigadier General by act of Congress sponsored by Senator Chris Van Hollen and Representative Anthony Brown.

Brigadier General McGee was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1919, the second of three children of Lewis McGee, a Methodist minister. His mother, Ruth, died shortly after the birth of his young sister. His grandfather had been a slave. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated for 81 years. General McGee resided in Montgomery County for nearly 30 years until he died.

Montgomery County is naming the Silver Spring library in Brigadier General McGee's honor, for his public service, passion and dedication to the Nation, and his indelible mark that he left on this County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that to properly acknowledge and remember Brigadier General McGee's public service, passion and dedication to the Nation, and the indelible mark he has left on the Montgomery County community, the Silver Spring library will be named the Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Library.

Approved as to Form and Legality
Office of the County Attorney

By: Neal Anker
Date: 2/22/2022

APPROVED

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