

PALMER SULLINS, JR. Class of 1968

Palmer Sullins, Jr., sprinter, long distance swimmer and diver, punter, an exceptional athlete. For four years while at Tuskegee University he demanded respect from his competitors. As swimming team captain (1966-68), he was named most valuable swimmer in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference after winning the championship in 1966. His athletic prowess did not end with swimming. His command, control and strength gave him integrity as a punter on the football team where he earned letters two years, 1967 and 1968.

Palmer graduated in 1968 and was commissioned in the United States Army. He remained at Alma Mater after graduation and worked as head swimming coach and coach of football special teams. In 1969 he entered active duty and earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (promotable to Colonel) and is currently with the Louisiana National Guard as the Director of Command Logistics.

Under the Tutuledge of Chief Alfred S. Anderson, Palmer began his flying career at age nine. Chief Anderson had a tremendous influence on my life ..."I am a pilot today because of him." Palmer is employed as a pilot and oilfield sales engineer for X-Chem.

He is also actively involved in many civic and social activities. Some of his community service activities are youth challenge facilitator, reserve deputy sheriff, President of New Orleans Chapter, Tuskegee National Alumni and Treasurer for the Western Region. He is a member of Negro Airmen International, Organization of Black Airline Pilots and the National Guard Association and serves as President of the New Orleans Golden Eagles Flying Club.