



GENERAL DANIEL (CHAPPIE) JAMES, JR.
Class of 1942

General Daniel (Chappie) James, Jr., is Commander in Chief, North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), a bi-national military command consisting of United States and Canadian air defense forces. He also serves as Commander in Chief, United States Air Force Aerospace Defense Command (ADCOM), the United States element of NORAD, with headquarters in Colorado Springs, California.

A 1942 graduate of Tuskegee Institute, he received a B.S. degree in physical education from the school where he played football.

He completed civilian pilot training at Tuskegee and served there as a civilian instructor pilot in the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet Division until 1943, when he received his commission as a second lieutenant. His military accomplishments since then are outstanding and numerous.

He has had assignments in air command in Korea, Thailand, the Phillipines, England, the Libyan Arab Republic and various parts of the United States. In 1966 and 1967 he flew 78 combat missions into North Vietnam.

General James became Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) in March 1970 and was designated Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) on April 1973. He assumed duties as Vice Commander of the Military Airlift Command, with headquarters at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, on September 1, 1974. He was promoted to four-star rank and assigned to his present duties as Commander of Chief NORAD/ADCOM of September 1, 1975.

General James has received many civilian awards, including the George Washington Freedoms Foundation Medal in 1967 and 1968. Florida's Outstanding American award in 1969, Phenix Urban League Man of Year award, 1970 and honorary doctor of laws degrees from the University of West Florida, The University of Akron, Virginia State College, Delaware State College, and St. Louis University.

His military awards and decorations include the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Emblem, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation Medal.