



RET. COL. EDWARD "EDDIE" LEVELL, JR.
Class of 1953

Winner of several USAF "Top Gun" awards and the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal, Legion of Merit Award, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and dozens of other honors, this inductee into the Athletic Hall of Fame was a "top gun" pitcher for the Tuskegee Institute Baseball Team from 1949-1953. Under the intensive training of Coach Figaro, he earned a won/lost record of 24/25 and this record still stands as one the best yet.

Currently the Deputy Director of Aviation at the New Orleans International Airport, Edward (Eddie) Levell, Jr. lettered in baseball in 1951-1953 and served as Co-Captain of the baseball team during 1952 and 1953. Not only did Eddie excel in baseball, he also lettered in the Marching Crimson Pipers Band from 1950-1953 and served as a Band Captain during 1952-1953.

Prior to Eddie's acceptance of his current position, he was appointed in 1984 by Mayor Harold Washington as Deputy Commissioner for Operations at Chicago O'Hare International Airport. His expertise in this line of work stems from a 30 year military career in which he commanded an Air Division, a Tactical Fighter Training Wing, a Special Operations Wing, and skills which earned him recognition as one of the military's most famous fighter pilots and command leaders. In addition to his 1953 degree earned at Tuskegee Institute, Retired Colonel Edward Levell received his masters degree in Urban Sociology (1974) from the University of Northern Colorado. He subsequently completed a second masters in Management at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF and The Air War College).

In addition to the various awards and medals received by Eddie Levell, he was also named Who's Who Among Black Americans (1990-91), and he is a life member of the Retired Officers Association, the Daedalian Foundation and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He and his wife Kitty (nee) Casellas are the proud parents of six sons who are affectionately called Chico (deceased), Rusty, Skipper, Raymo, Randy, Mila and one Daughter, Tortie.