

TITUS HALL Class of 1952

Titus C. Hall . . . Retired Major General . . . USAF.

After serving two years in the Navy, Titus enrolled at Tuskegee Institute and earned a Commercial Industries degree in Electricity in 1952. Having earned distinguished military graduate honors in ROTC, he joined the Air Force and retired in 1982 after 32 years of military service.

A native of Pflugerville, TX, Titus "Mr. 15" was an accomplished fullback and tailback for the Tuskegee Institute Tigers from 1948 to 1952 under the tutelage of Coach Cleve Abbott. However, his reservoir of accomplishments that prompted his induction to the Athletic Hall of Fame are tied to other endeavors . . . military, educational activities, and community activities. Among his most notable accomplishments are his efforts which initiated a \$9 million grant for the construction of the "Chappie" James Center, the designing of electronics for the B-1 Bomber which provides offensive/defensive system technology for our current stealth aircraft, and the designing of the \$13 million Brevard Community College Palm Bay Technical Center. Titus' many accomplishments in designing electronic systems for high technology are far too many to list, but his accomplishment in this field makes him one of the most requested national keynote speakers on the subject of large technical systems development, defensive systems, American defense and managing satellite tracking systems. Accomplished in the field of education, he serves as educational advisor to the World Conference of Mayors, a member of the Florida Education Commission, and as Chairperson of Starsat 12000, Inc., high school students are provided strategies on how to improve their SAT scores (by up to 300 points).

Titus Hall, a master navigator who has flown the FB-111, the F4G Wild Weasel and the Navy A-70, is a 33rd degree Mason, a member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, and he serves as Vice-President of Technology Programs at Brevard Community College. Also, as a member of the Delta Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and an Archon of the Boule, Titus has earned the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster), the Air Medal (two oak leaf clusters), the Legion of Merit, and the Distinguished Service Cross for design of B-1 Avionic Suite.

Titus' most cherished memories include beating Alabama State 25-12 in 1951 after being down 12-0 at halftime, and Cleve Abbott, who was a great Coach, but was equally concerned about his military career. He remembers that Head Majorette Clarissa told him that her mother was in the stands and that their pending marriage was in serious jeopardy if he didn't get busy. He ran 4 key long runs of 40, 35, 55 and 15 yards in the second half which led to that victory over the Hornets and Clarissa's hand in marriage. The Pittsburgh Courier called his halfback cut back on play 15, led by "Radio Red" Porter, the turning point that put the energy back into the Tigers.

"Mr. 15" continued athletics in the Air Force and coached the Shiriao AFB Team of Japan. He helped lead the Far East Air Force to All-Star team victories over the Army (25-12) and Navy (47-50). He also coached the Baldwin Hill Tigers (including Dallas Cowboys star "Butch Johnson") to three consecutive YMCA championships.

"Mr. 15" and Clarissa were married at Tuskegee Institute on graduation day in 1952. They have three children and two grandchildren who are named Titus III and Clarissa.