

AMERICA THE GREATEST®

America is the greatest nation in the world because she has allowed her citizens the opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness." Citizens such as
GENERAL DANIEL "CHAPPIE" JAMES, JR.

Born: February 11, 1920 (Aquarius)
the youngest of seventeen
children in Pensacola, Florida

Died: February 25, 1978.

Father: Daniel James, Sr.,
lamplighter and coal-dolly man.

Mother: Lillie Anna (Brown) James,
teacher.

Education: Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee,
Alabama.

Accomplishment: First black four-star general in
United States military history.



**GENERAL DANIEL "CHAPPIE"
JAMES, JR.**

Daniel was born and raised in Pensacola, Florida, where his closely-knit family gave him great moral strength. His childhood ambition was to become a pilot, having been exposed to the Navy pilots at the base in Pensacola. After graduation from Pensacola's Washington High School in 1937, he went to Tuskegee Institute as a physical education major, where he was a tackle on the Tuskegee football team. In January, 1943, he was accepted into the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet Program. During the final two years of World War II, Chappy trained fighter pilots for the all-black 99th Pursuit Squadron. As a captain during the Korean conflict, Chappie flew 101 combat missions in F-51 and F-80 fighters; later as a colonel based in Thailand, he flew seventy-eight combat missions over Viet Nam in 1967. He rose rapidly through the ranks to become the first black four-star general in United States military history. As Commander-in-Chief of the North American Air Defense Command, General Chappie James was responsible for the air defense of the United States and Canada.

A nation is as great as the sum total of the greatness of its individuals. America offers her people more opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness" than any other nation on earth. I challenge you to develop yours!

Today we honor GENERAL DANIEL "CHAPPIE" JAMES, JR. Tomorrow could we honor you?

Dr. Michael R. Loss.

DR. MICHAEL R. LOSS
President, America The Greatest, Inc.®