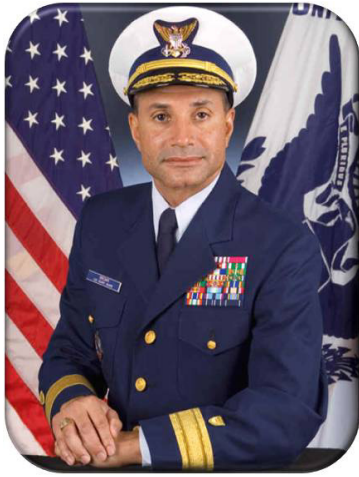




Rear Admiral Manson Brown
First Black Admiral of US Coast Guard



Colin Powell
First Black Four Star General, Army



Cadet 1st Class Jacqueline Fitch
First Black Female Regimental Commander, US Coast Guard Academy



General William Kip Ward, AFRICOM Commander with
Ambassador Robin Sanders



Vernice Armour
First African-American female combat pilot in the United States
military; first black female naval aviator in the Marine Corps



Shauna Kimbrell
First Black Female Fighter Pilot



Togo West, Jr. , Former Secretary
US Dept. of the Veterans Affairs



Shoshana Johnson
the first black female prisoner of war



DeCarol Davis
U.S. Coast Guard Academy Class of 2008
First in the Class: academically, physically and militarily



Lt. (JG) Jeanine McIntosh
First Black Female Coast Guard aviator



Capt. Bruce Grooms (now Rear Admiral) first black Commandant of the Naval Academy with Wesley Brown (Lt Commander, ret.) first black graduate of the Naval Academy



Rear Admiral Stephen Rochon (ret.)
Chief Usher at the White House



Irene Trowell-Harris, RN, Ed.D.
Major General, Air National Guard
Director, Women's Bureau, Department of Veterans Affairs



Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.
Commander, Tuskegee Airmen
First African-American General in the U.S. Air Force



Vice Admiral David Brewer
Head of Military Sealift Command



Benjamin Oliver Davis, Sr.
First African-American General of the U.S. Army



Tuskegee Airmen
Recipients of the Gold Medal