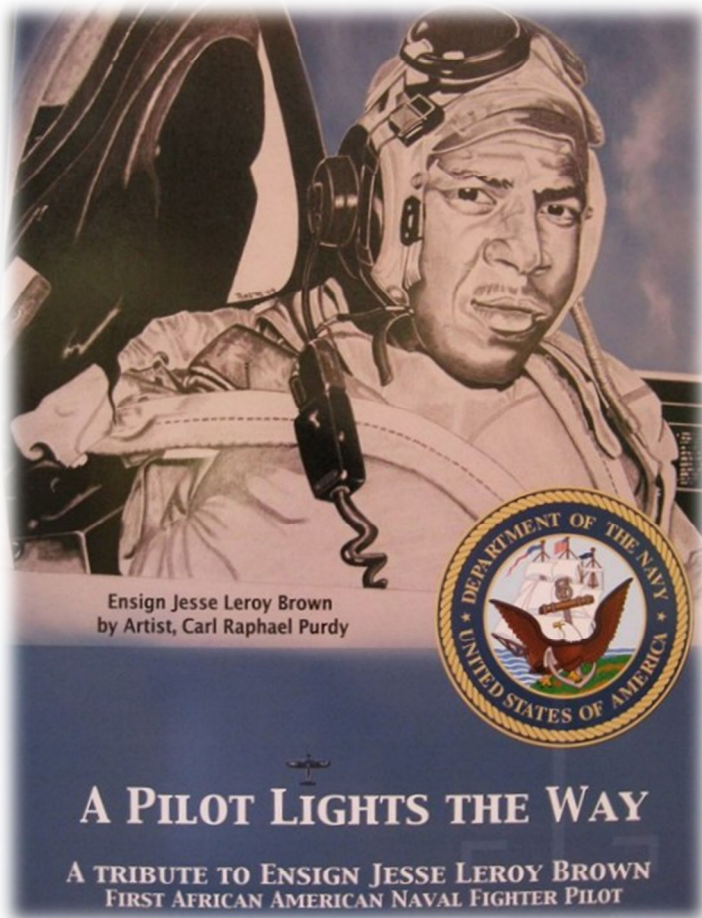


# ***Pioneers in the Sky***

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Pioneers in a turbulent sky  
They flew  
Weathering storms of injustice  
Clouds of prejudice  
Fogs of inequality  
Winds of change  
They flew

Gallant beacons of light  
Who entered the cockpit  
With authority and took flight  
Opening doors that others might  
They flew

With love and appreciation  
We salute you Black pilots  
Pioneers of Aviation  
With confidence and reverence  
You would always pray  
Knowing God  
The Pilot lights the way