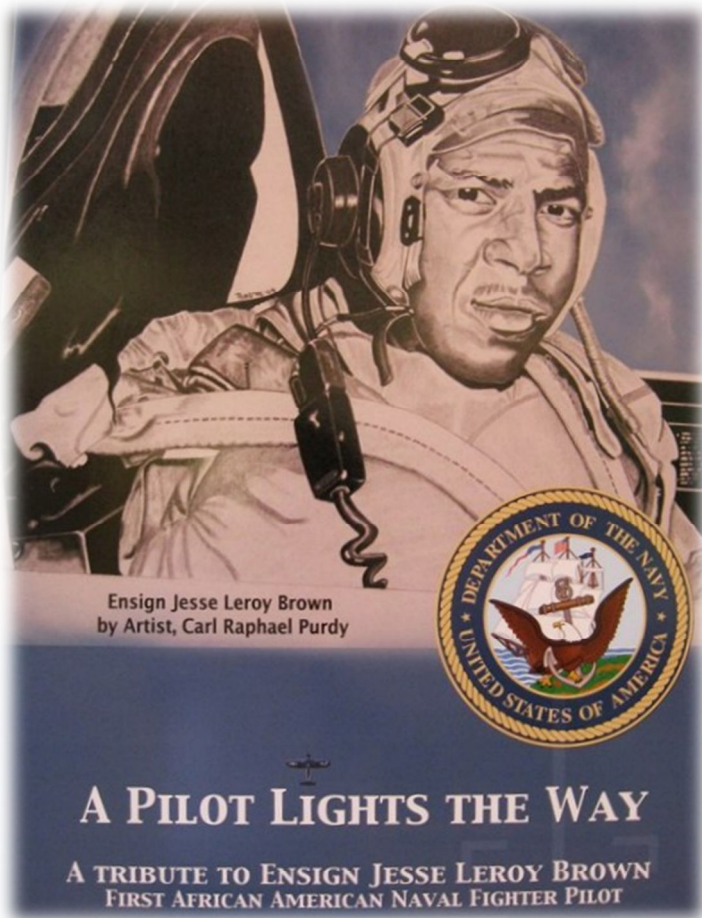


Pioneers in the Sky

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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