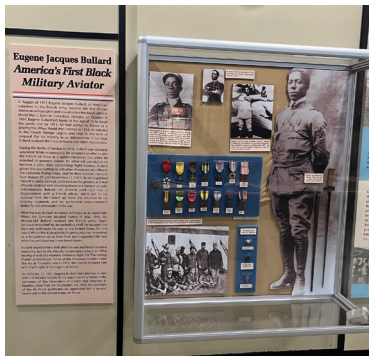


This self tour will educate and inspire visitors in identifying the diversity of Airmen and some achievements and contributions displayed at the NMUSAF.

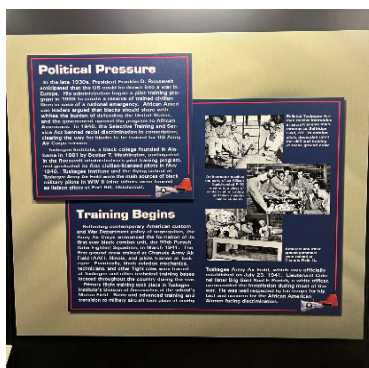
Start in the Early Years Gallery at station 1, then follow the History journey to each station until you reach the end in building 4.



1. In August of 1917, who became the first African American military pilot and one of only a few black pilots in WWI?



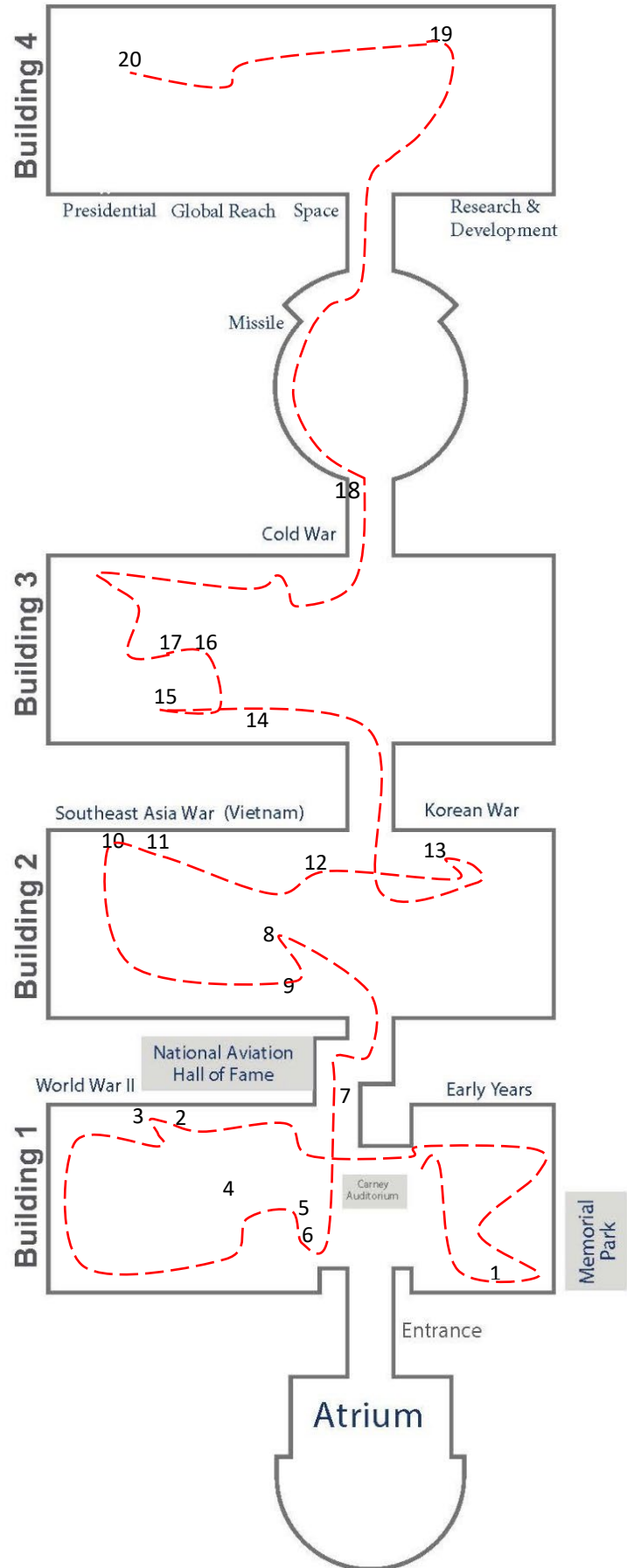
2. Lt. Scottie Hathcock was a POW in WWII. What did he do after the war that helped the U.S. Air Force?



3. What act banned racial discrimination in the draft, clearing the way for blacks to be trained for U.S. Army Air Corps service?



4. Which President signed Executive Order 9981, which ordered desegregation of the Armed Forces? * On your way out of the gallery, be sure to read about SSgt James Meredith and how this impacted him.





5. What significant change did General Carl Spaatz publicly announce for the Air Force in April 1948?



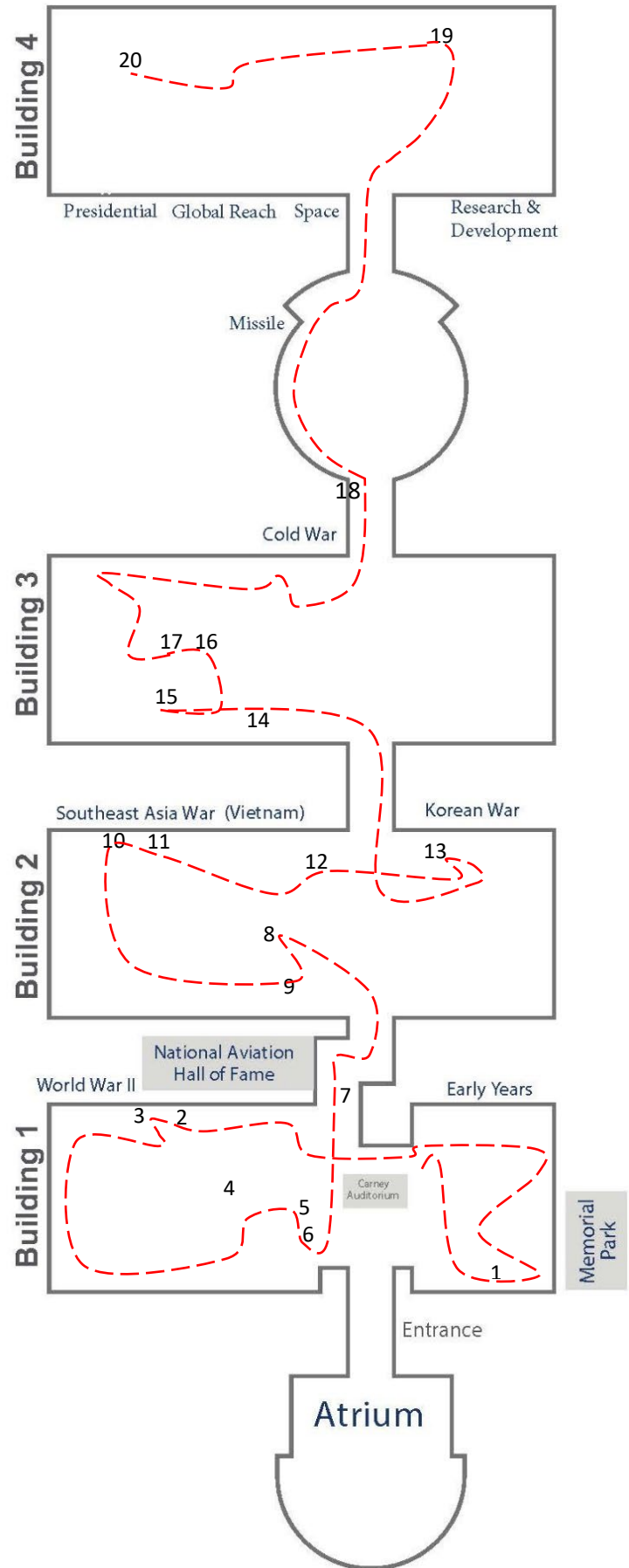
6. What was the result of the inactivation of the 332nd Fighter Group?



7. Gen Charles Q. Brown is Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force. He also happens to be the first African American Chief of Staff of the Air Force. What is he responsible for?

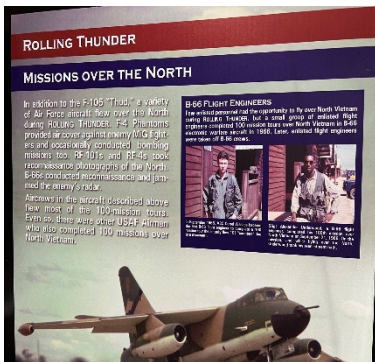


8. After being denied entrance to flying school due to her race and gender, Bessie Coleman took lessons in Europe. When did she earn her pilot's license and become the first black female pilot with a civil aviation license?

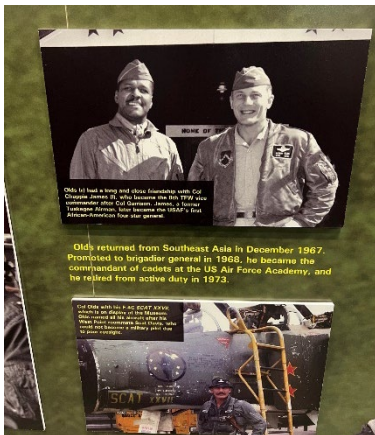




9. In April 1962, The Dirty Thirty were sent to fly as advisors in the South Vietnamese Air Force 43rd Air Transport Group. What did their missions include?



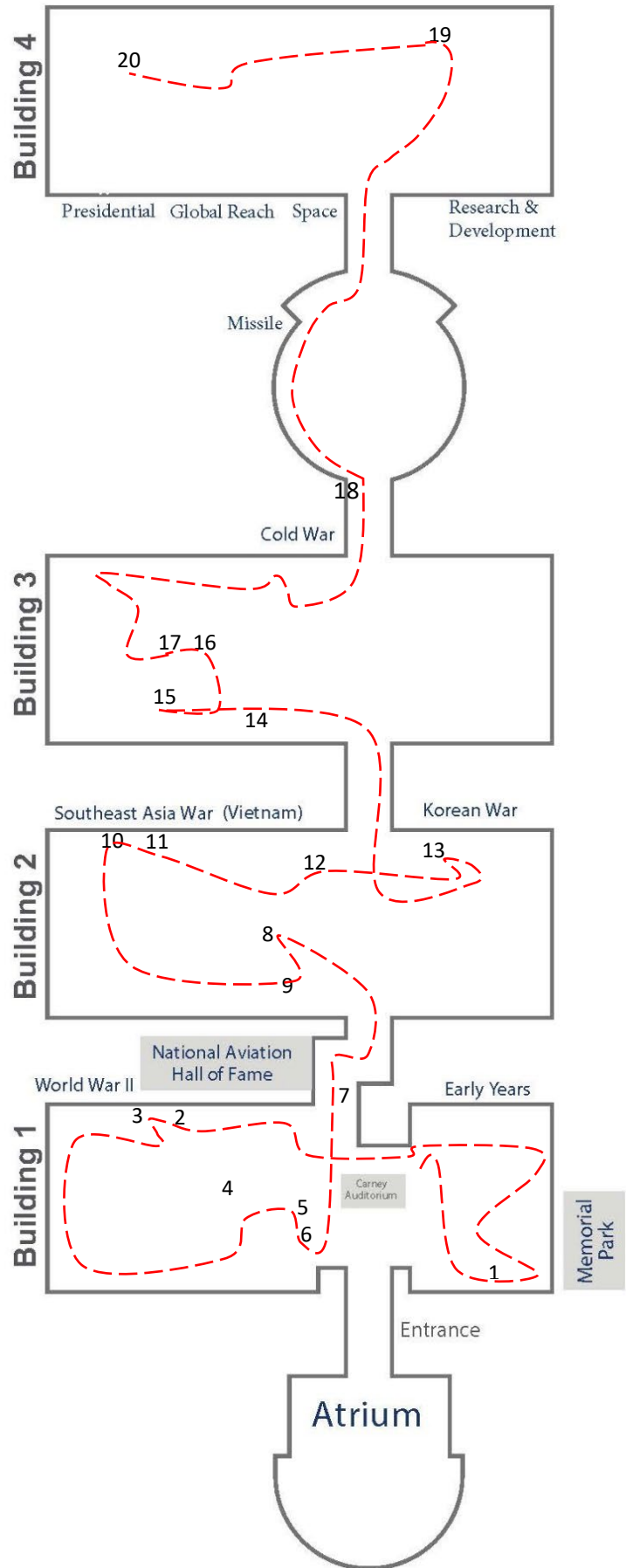
10. What was the job of the African American identified in this photo who completed his 100th mission during ROLLING THUNDER?



11. Previously seen in WWII, Lt Col "Chappie" James became the 8th TFW Vice Commander after Col Garrison. Lt Col James was the first African American to make what rank?



12. Lt Col James C. Warren was the first navigator to fly into Hanoi to pick up returning POWs. What aircraft was he on to complete this mission? Maj Fred Cherry, pictured here, was in one of the first groups of Americans released by the North Vietnamese.




Army Green to Air Force Blue

After the US Air Force became a separate service in 1947, it created new blue uniforms. Even so, Air Force personnel during the Korean War continued wearing US Army uniforms from existing stocks, including the famed "pinks and greens" clothing and "crush cap" hats from World War II. In some cases, Airmen wore a combination of Army green and Air Force blue uniforms.

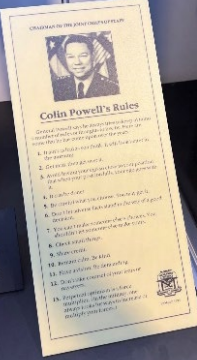
For the enlisted, yellow Army rank chevrons were replaced with silver Air Force stripes. Another notable change was the renaming of some enlisted ranks in 1952—the Army ranks of private and corporal became "Airman."

An interesting result of this uniform change was the nickname "brown-shoe Air Force." The old Army uniform had brown shoes, while the new Air Force blue uniform had black shoes. So, "brown-shoe Air Force" referred to the old US Army Air Forces or to a person who had served in the USAF.



Right: The Air Force also created a new summer uniform, which 2nd Lt Gilreath, a member of the 6147th Tactical Control Group, is wearing here.

13. When did the US Air Force become a separate service?
2nd Lt Gilreath, a member of the 6147th Tactical Control Group, is seen here wearing a new summer uniform during this time.




Colin Powell's Rules

1. Know your own mind. Know your own strengths and weaknesses. Know your own limits. Know your own values.
2. Know your own history. Know your own past. Know your own mistakes. Know your own successes.
3. Know your own people. Know your own subordinates. Know your own superiors. Know your own colleagues.
4. Know your own mission. Know your own objectives. Know your own priorities. Know your own responsibilities.
5. Know your own environment. Know your own culture. Know your own politics. Know your own economics.
6. Know your own future. Know your own goals. Know your own dreams. Know your own aspirations.
7. Know your own destiny. Know your own fate. Know your own luck. Know your own chance.
8. Know your own power. Know your own influence. Know your own authority. Know your own respect.
9. Know your own words. Know your own actions. Know your own deeds. Know your own words.
10. Know your own character. Know your own integrity. Know your own honesty. Know your own truth.
11. Know your own courage. Know your own bravery. Know your own valor. Know your own honor.
12. Know your own faith. Know your own belief. Know your own conviction. Know your own hope.
13. Know your own love. Know your own compassion. Know your own kindness. Know your own mercy.
14. Know your own God. Know your own Creator. Know your own Savior. Know your own Lord.

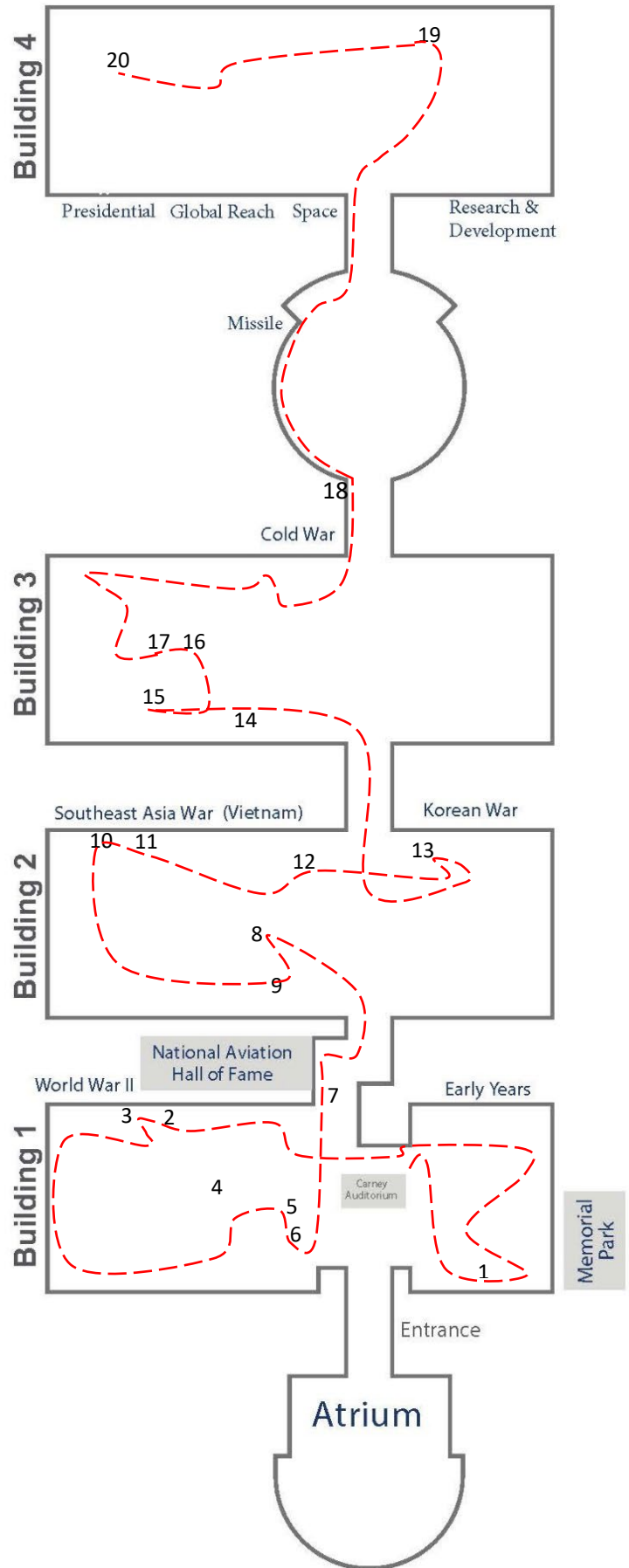
14. Colin Powell was the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and U.S. Secretary of State. How many rules did he have publicized?

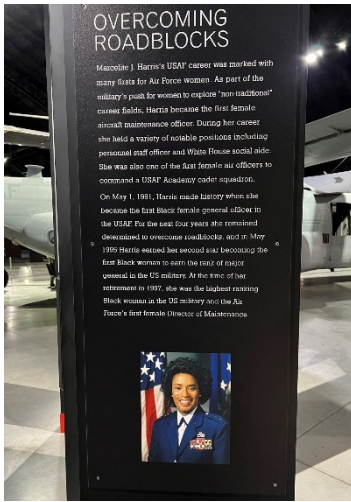
FIRST BLACK FEMALE FIGHTER PILOT



The courage of Kimbrell's leadership challenges... (text is partially obscured and small)

15. Lt Col Kimbrell graduated in 2000 from initial F-16 training, becoming the first Black US Air Force female fighter pilot. She was the first black female to do what during her deployment?

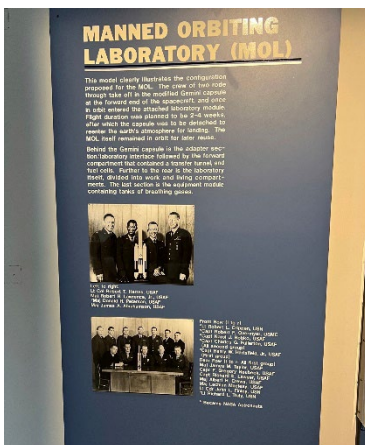




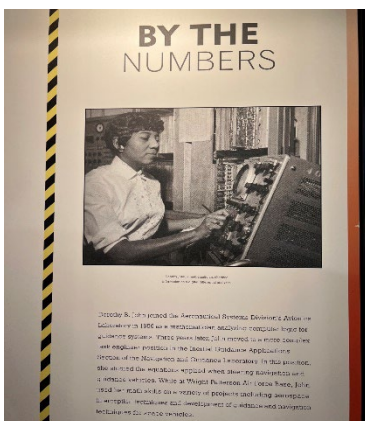
16. Marcelite J. Harris's USAF career was marked with many firsts for Air Force women. She also became the first female maintenance officer. During her career, she held a variety of notable positions, including personnel staff officer and White House social aide. On May 1, 1991, Harris made history when she became the first Black female general officer in the USAF. For the next four years she remained determined to overcome roadblocks, and in May 1995 Harris earned her second rank, becoming the first Black woman to earn the rank of major general in the US military. In the year of her retirement in 1997, she was the highest ranking Black woman in the US military and the Air Force's first female Director of Maintenance.



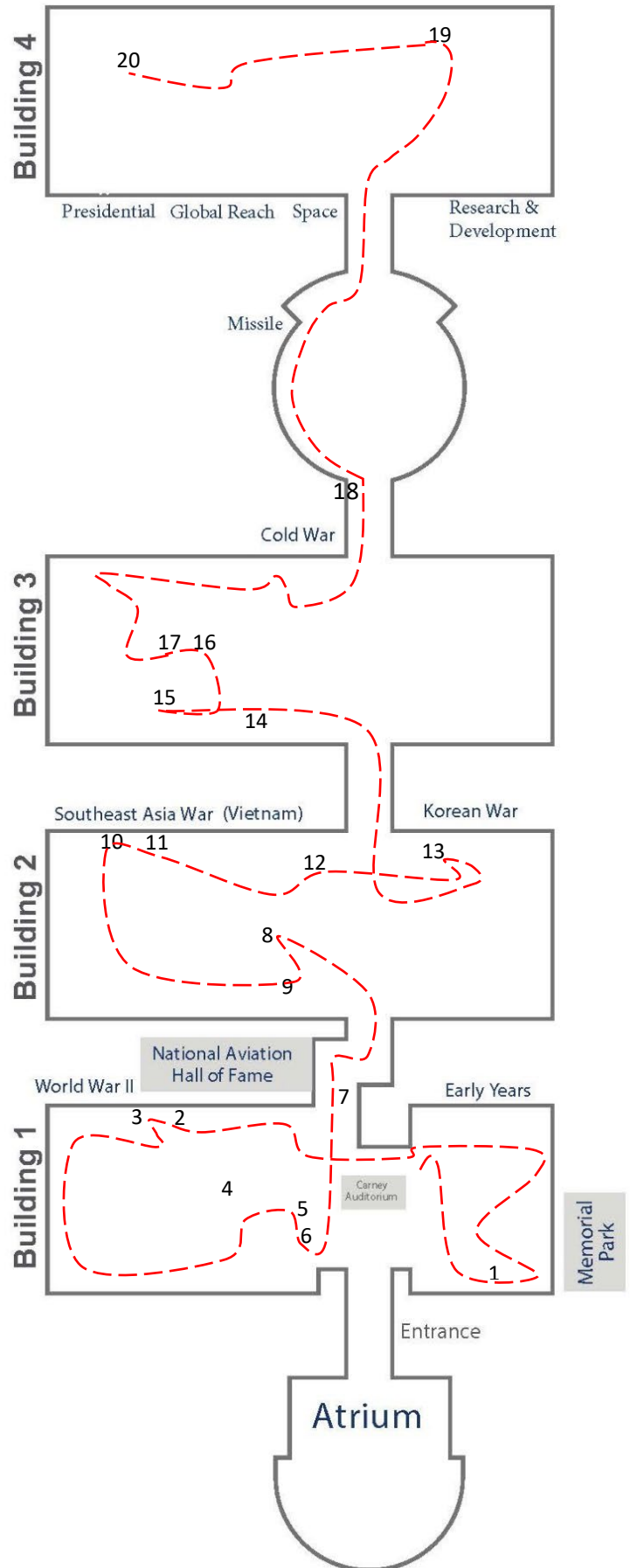
17. On August 19, 2016, Stayce D. Harris was the first Black woman to be promoted to what rank? Her promotion was also the first time an Air Force reservist was promoted to this rank.



18. What did all of the men listed in these photos become? Major Robert H. Lawrence, Jr. was a member of the third group of aerospace research pilots for the MOL program.

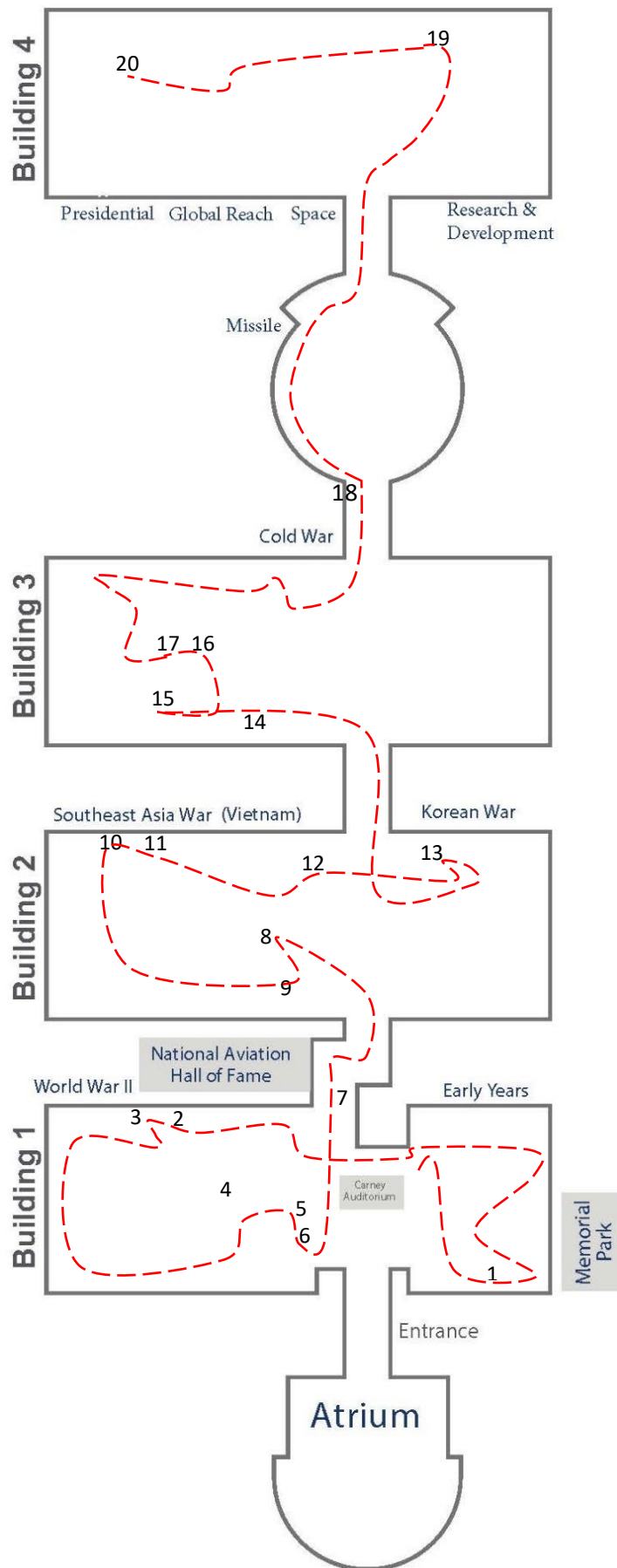


19. While working at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dorothy B. John used her math skills on a variety of projects. What projects were they?





20. What is the rank and name of the African American flight attendant who served on Air Force One?



USAF Black History Matching Sheet

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- A. Aerospace interception and development of guidance and navigation techniques for space vehicles.
 - B. Employ weapons in combat.
 - C. Four-star general.
 - D. June 15, 1921.
 - E. In April 1948, Carl Spaatz publicly announced the Air Force would desegregate to improve its combat effectiveness.
 - F. Eugene Jacques Bullard.
 - G. The Selective Training and Service Act.
 - H. Flare drops, airborne assaults, airborne resupply, leaflet drops, loudspeaker broadcasts, and cargo and troop movements.
 - I. Became the first Black female general officer in the USAF.
 - J. Flight engineer.
 - K. Lieutenant General.
 - L. He stayed in service to help desegregate the Air Force.
 - M. A Presidential Order to integrate the Armed Forces of the United States, and the personnel of the 332nd were reassigned to other units, thus integrating the United States Air Force.
 - N. 13
 - O. The organization, training and equipping of active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian services.
 - P. The C-141.
 - Q. 1947.
 - R. NASA Astronauts.
 - S. SMSgt Wanda Joel.
 - T. President Harry Truman.