

## **Dr. Stewart B. Fulbright**

*Military/Professor*

Stewart B. Fulbright was born on December 11, 1919 in Springfield, Missouri. He enrolled at Lincoln in 1937 and became a member of Kappa Delta A Cappella Choir, Stagecrafters, The Clarion newspaper staff, Pan-Hellenic Council and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Dr. Fulbright majored in French, minored in Business Administration and was awarded his BA degree in 1941. After graduating, Fulbright became a faculty member at his alma mater, serving as an assistant instructor in French. During this time he also taught French at the Lincoln Laboratory School.

Fulbright enlisted to become a participant in a “military experiment” that was later to be called the “Tuskegee Experience”, so named because the unit trained at segregated facilities in Tuskegee, Alabama. Overcoming segregation and prejudices, the participants of the Tuskegee Experiment proved African Americans could expertly fly and maintain sophisticated military aircraft. Many of the pilots went on to become some of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II. Fulbright was one of the first pilots on the B-25 in charge of the crew. Dr. Fulbright was present with his Tuskegee Airmen colleagues in Washington, DC when they were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in March 2007.

Upon completing his military service, Fulbright attended the University of Chicago, Graduated School of Business where he earned his MBA in 1947. Later he enrolled in a doctoral program at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio where he was awarded a Ph.D. in Business Administration in 1953. Dr. Fulbright help organized and then became the first dean of the business school at North Carolina Central University. After many years of service as a faculty member and administrator he retired from NCCU in 1962. He keeps active with church and Wilson V. Eagleson chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.