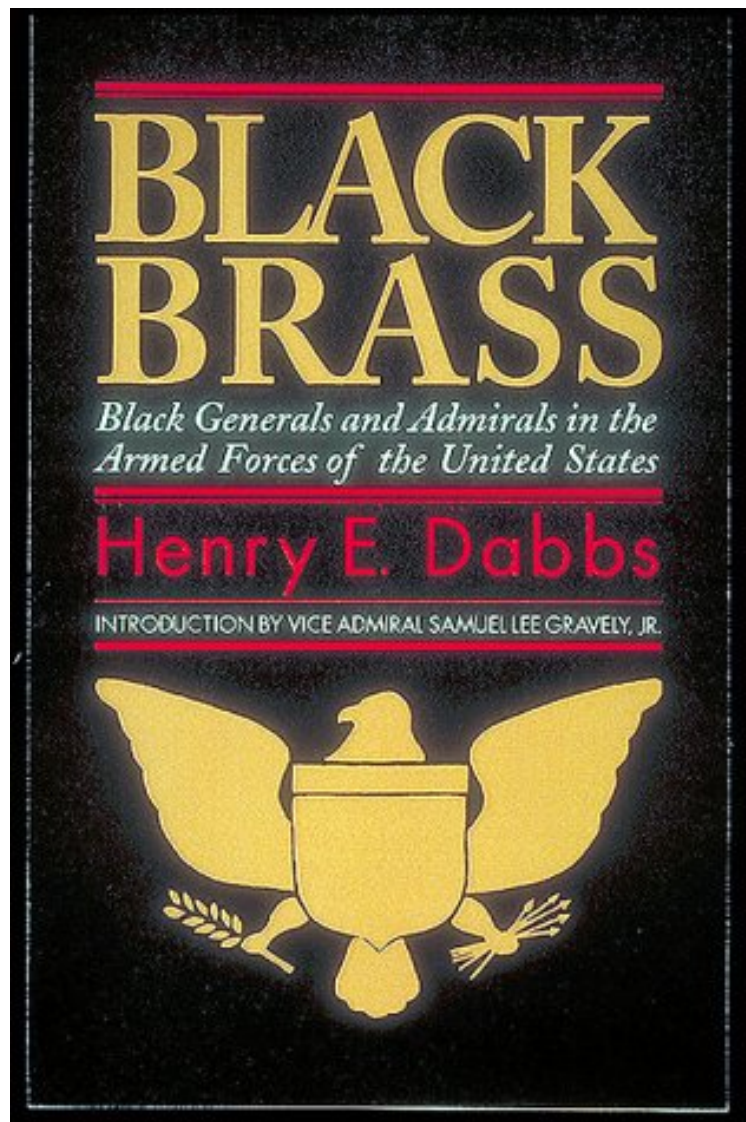


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African American flag officer in the United States Military to General Colin Powell, the first Black American to be appointed to Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military post, Henry Dabbs has done a splendid job assembling information on African Americans who have been appointed to the rank of general or admiral in the United States armed forces. In this book you will be introduced to individuals such as General Daniel "Chappie" James, USAF, who bulldozed his way through prejudice and closed doors and at the end of his career, 1975 protected all Americans as Commander-in-Chief (CINC) of NORAD. You will also learn about the General Roscoe Robinson, JR, United States Army. In 1982 he became the second African American to hold the rank of four-star general and appointed as the United States Representative to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Military Committee. Then there is Marine Corps General Frank Petersen who started out as an Electronics Technician (ET) in the US Navy. Inspired by the Ensign Jesse L. Brown, Petersen applied for a program leading to a commission as an officer. Petersen flew in Korea and Vietnam, and in 1979 at the age of only 43 became a Brigadier General in the Marine Corps. In 1988 Petersen retired with three-stars and awarded the distinguished title of Silver-Hawk-the senior ranking aviator in the Marine Corps as well as the Navy. There are other individuals, Admiral J.P. Reason, the first African American to hold the rank of full admiral (four-stars). In 2004, as part of a college assignment, I had the distinct honor of interviewing Admiral Reason. There is Brigadier General Hazel Johnson, first African American female to achieve the rank of general officer. This book is abundant with African Americans who met challenges head-on. They seized a time to make a difference. They showed that African Americans possessed the ability to serve in the capacity of Commanding General, Fleet Commander, and Chairman Joint Chief of Staff. When viewing this book and reading the information that Henry Dabbs has compiled, don't just see the individuals as someone to become the first to achieve a certain rank or hold a particular office. Rather see them as individuals who seized a time to make a difference and helped bring African Americans in the armed forces to their much better places in history. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Required Reading By Customer This is the most comprehensive book on the experiences and successes of African American senior military leaders. It details the history, assignments and challenges experienced by this body of patriotic individuals. Every person who believes in diversity MUST read this book.

This is the first book dedicated exclusively to the study of the African-American general officer. This reference work includes an essay on the black commander tradition and an historical survey of black Americans in the U.S. military. 53 bw photos, with index.