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Benjamin O. Davis Sr.

Benjamin Davis was born in 1877 in Washington D.C. He became the first African American General Officer in the military. He volunteered for the armed forces in 1898 during the War with Spain. He then enlisted in the armed forces in 1899.

Benjamin held many rankings during his career in the armed forces. His highest rank was a brigadier general in 1940. He retired from active duty in 1941. He didn't quit serving the military until 1948. During his later years, he served as an assistant to the Inspector General. He spent 50 years in the U.S. Armed Forces serving the United States.

General Davis was given the Bronze Star Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal. He was honored for helping bring equality to all races in the military. During his service, he was a professor of military science and tactics at several universities around the United States. He died in 1970.

His son is the fourth African American graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and the nation's second African American general.

Who is this passage about?

What is he famous for?

What did he do to help other African Americans?

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For this task, imagine you are going to interview Benjamin about his time in the military. Write 5 questions you would like to ask him.

Question 1:

Question 2:

Question 3:

Question 4:

Question 5: