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Dr. Granville C. Coggs' awards and accomplishments tell a rich story of a life filled with courage and public service.

First, there are his honors from World War II. At age 18, Coggs enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and became a Tuskegee Airman, the first group of black airmen in the military. He received military badges as an aerial gunner, aerial bombardier and pilot of the B-25 medium bomber.

Next came his degrees from the University of Nebraska and Harvard Medical School, followed by an award-winning career as a radiologist and professor. He inspired his students, and he invented patented medical equipment. All the while, he served in the Army Reserves and continued to do so until he was 60 years old.

Coggs then became an acclaimed mammogram screener. Over the course of two years, he never missed identifying a cancer. "Early detection saves lives, and that's why I continue to do this work. I want to use my skills to help women," he said.

In addition to his service to others, Coggs has been recognized with gold and silver medals. An avid runner, Coggs competes in the 400-meter dash in senior games across the country.

"Part of my mission is to help others stay physically and mentally fit as they age," said Coggs. "I've become a motivational speaker. I'm proud to have the opportunity to help and inspire."



1989
General Colin Powell is appointed chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, becoming the first African American to achieve the highest military ranking in the U.S. Armed Forces.



1990
L. Douglas Wilder, Bronze Star recipient and Korean War hero, is inaugurated as the first African American governor in Virginia since Reconstruction.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1996: Lt. Gen. Joe Ballard becomes first black to head the Army Corps of Engineers.	2 2000: James Perkins Jr. sworn in as Selma, Alabama's, first African American mayor.
3 1956: Nat "King" Cole becomes first black performer to host his own TV show.	4 1864: First black daily newspaper, <i>The New Orleans Tribune</i> , founded.	5 1872: Booker T. Washington enters Hampton Institute, Virginia.	6 1917: Political activist Fannie Lou Hamer born.	7 1993: Toni Morrison becomes the first African American to win the Nobel Prize in literature.	8 1941: Rev. Jesse Jackson, political activist and civil rights leader, born.	9 2001: Dr. Ruth Simmons, first African American leader of an Ivy League institution, elected 18th president of Brown University.
10 1899: Isaac R. Johnson patents bicycle frame.	11 1887: Granville T. Woods patents telephone system and apparatus. Columbus Day Observed	12 2005: C. Delores Tucker, civil rights activist and founder of the National Black Congress, dies.	13 1579: Martin de Porres, first black saint in the Roman Catholic church, born.	14 1964: At age 35, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. becomes youngest man to win Nobel Peace Prize.	15 1991: Clarence Thomas confirmed as an associate justice of U.S. Supreme Court.	16 1984: Bishop Desmond Tutu wins Nobel Peace Prize.
17 1888: Capital Savings Bank of Washington, D.C., first bank for blacks, organized.	18 1948: Playwright Ntozake Shange, author of <i>For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf</i> , born.	19 1943: Paul Robeson opens in <i>Orhelo</i> at the Shubert Theater in New York City.	20 1898: The first black-owned insurance company, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., founded.	21 1917: Trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, pioneer of bebop, born.	22 1953: Dr. Clarence S. Green becomes first black certified in neurological surgery.	23 1947: NAACP petitions United Nations on racial conditions in the U.S.
24 2005: Rosa Parks, civil rights pioneer who sparked 1955 Montgomery bus boycott, dies. United Nations Day	25 1992: Toronto Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston becomes first African American to manage a team to a World Series title.	26 1911: Mahalia Jackson, gospel singer, born.	27 1954: Benjamin O. Davis Jr. becomes first black general in U.S. Air Force.	28 1998: President Bill Clinton declares HIV/AIDS a health crisis in racial minority communities.	29 1949: Alonzo G. Moron becomes first black president of Hampton Institute, Virginia.	30 1979: Richard Arrington elected first African American mayor of Birmingham, Alabama.
31 1899: William F. Burr patents switching device for railways. Halloween						