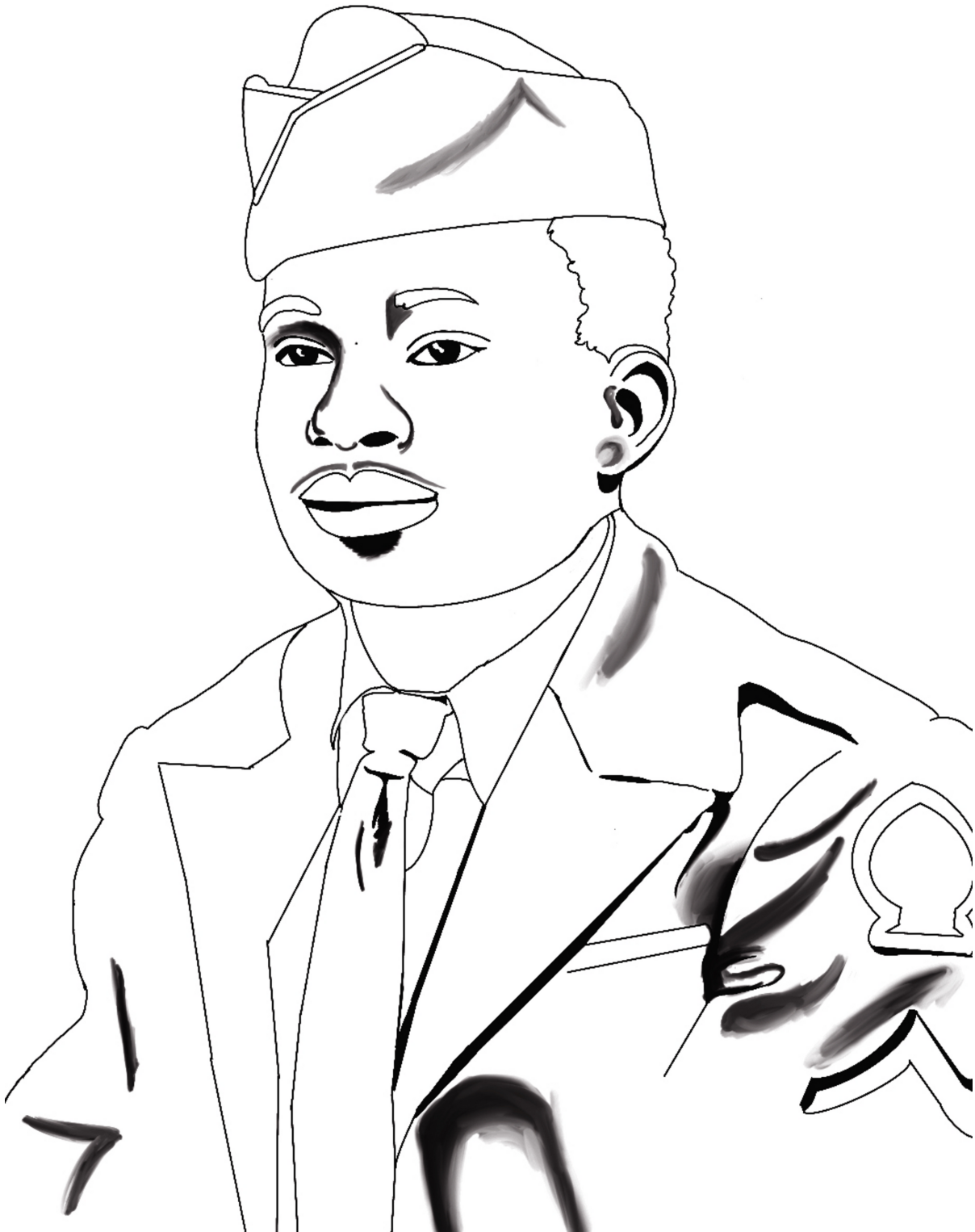


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The Tuskegee Airmen became the first African American military aviators when the 99th Pursuit Squadron was formed on March 19, 1941. Robert Lee 'Bob' Peeples (pictured) served with the Airmen after their return from combat.



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