

2ND LT. JERRY HODGES



Jerry Hodges Jr. was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on June 29, 1925, to Jerry Hodges Sr. and Mae Paterson Hodges. He attended Porter Elementary in Memphis and graduated as the class of 1943 Robert Moten High School valedictorian in Arkansas. Hodges went on to serve as a Documented Original Tuskegee Airman. He later pursued a career in accounting, becoming the vice president of Casualty Insurance Company, one of the first African American owned insurance companies in California. Hodges is a successful businessman and has been involved in many civic activities. He was one of the founders of the Los Angeles Branch of the David Rockefeller Interracial Council on Business Opportunity. He also chaired and served as president of the nonprofit Tuskegee Airman Scholarship Foundation.

This Memphis native was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame in 2012.