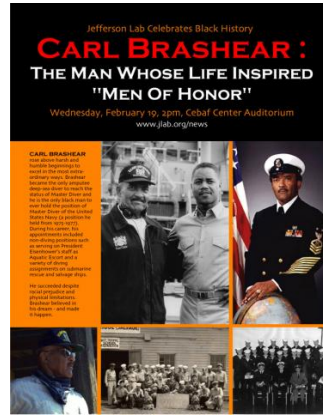


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Poster for a presentation by Carl Brashear at the Jefferson Lab in Newport News, Va. on February 19, 2003. Image online, courtesy [jlab.org](http://jlab.org). Click on the image for a better view.

*To be the first  
black master diver in the Navy -  
that was my goal.*

The Reminiscences of Carl Brashear  
U.S. Naval Institute,  
1998

Before [Carl Brashear](#) became the U.S. Navy's first black master diver, he used his incredible strength of will to ignore old rules so he could break new ground.

Before he became the U.S. Navy's only amputee master diver, he relied on innate courage so he could stare-down death.

Before he became one of only seven enlisted men whose oral histories are profiled by the U.S. Naval Institute, he had already inspired other men of honor and courage.

This is the story of a man who rose above harsh and humble beginnings to excel in the most extraordinary ways. It is the story of a man who succeeded despite racial prejudice and physical limitations.

It is the story of a man who believed in his dream - and made it happen.

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**Questions 2 Ponder**

**What Does "Dare to Dream" Mean to You?**

Carl Brashear had to rise above the most-humble circumstances to achieve his dream of becoming a master-diver for the U.S. Navy. If he could accomplish that goal, he would become the first African-American to hold that designation.

Although he had many strikes against him, Brashear held on to his dreams. What kind of determination and

discipline does it take to accomplish what others say is not accomplishable?

Do you have a dream for your life? Do you think your dream is attainable?

Do you have a plan to achieve it? Explain your answer.

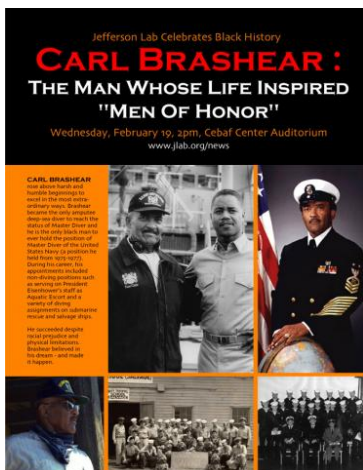
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