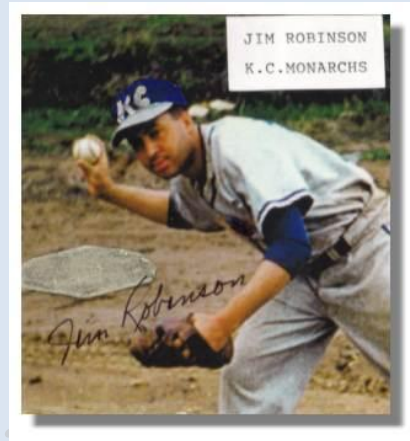




## Jim Robinson

Jim Robinson was a shortstop, third baseman and second baseman in the Negro Leagues. Jim played college baseball at North Carolina A&T State University and as his 1952 college season came to a close, he agreed to play for the Philadelphia Stars and its manager Oscar Charleston, a Negro Leagues superstar who would later be voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. It would turn out however that Jim's arm, which had been broken in the middle of the season, was not quite healed. Jim was only able to join the team for the last 7 or 8 games of the season.



In 1953, Jim moved on to play 3rd base for the Indianapolis Clowns in a post season "barnstorming tour" of approximately 30 games. His play was outstanding and at the close of the tour, Quincy Troupe, another star of the Negro Leagues, signed him to a minor league contract with the St. Louis Cardinal organization.

In December of 1953, Jim was drafted by the United States Army serving in Fort Bliss, Texas and would later be transferred to serve a tour in Korea. While stationed in Korea, Jim played 2nd base for a strong Post Team that saw their team play in the division championship game of the All Army Championship.

Jim returned from military service in October of 1955 and in the spring of 1956 he returned to the fields of the Negro Leagues, playing 2nd base and shortstop for the Kansas City Monarchs. His performance throughout the season earned him a spot on the West All-Star Team at the annual East-West All-Star Game played at Comiskey Park in Chicago. Jim returned to play for the Monarchs in 1957 and 1958 and was named a team captain. He was again selected to represent the West All-Stars in both the 1957 and 1958 East-West All-Star Games. He was cited for the "Most Outstanding Defensive Play" while playing shortstop for the West in the 1958 game.



Jim's goal is to educate younger generations who may not be familiar with the history of the Negro Leagues and its players. He shares the stories of men who quietly fought against segregation and racism so that all men could one day play major league baseball.

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