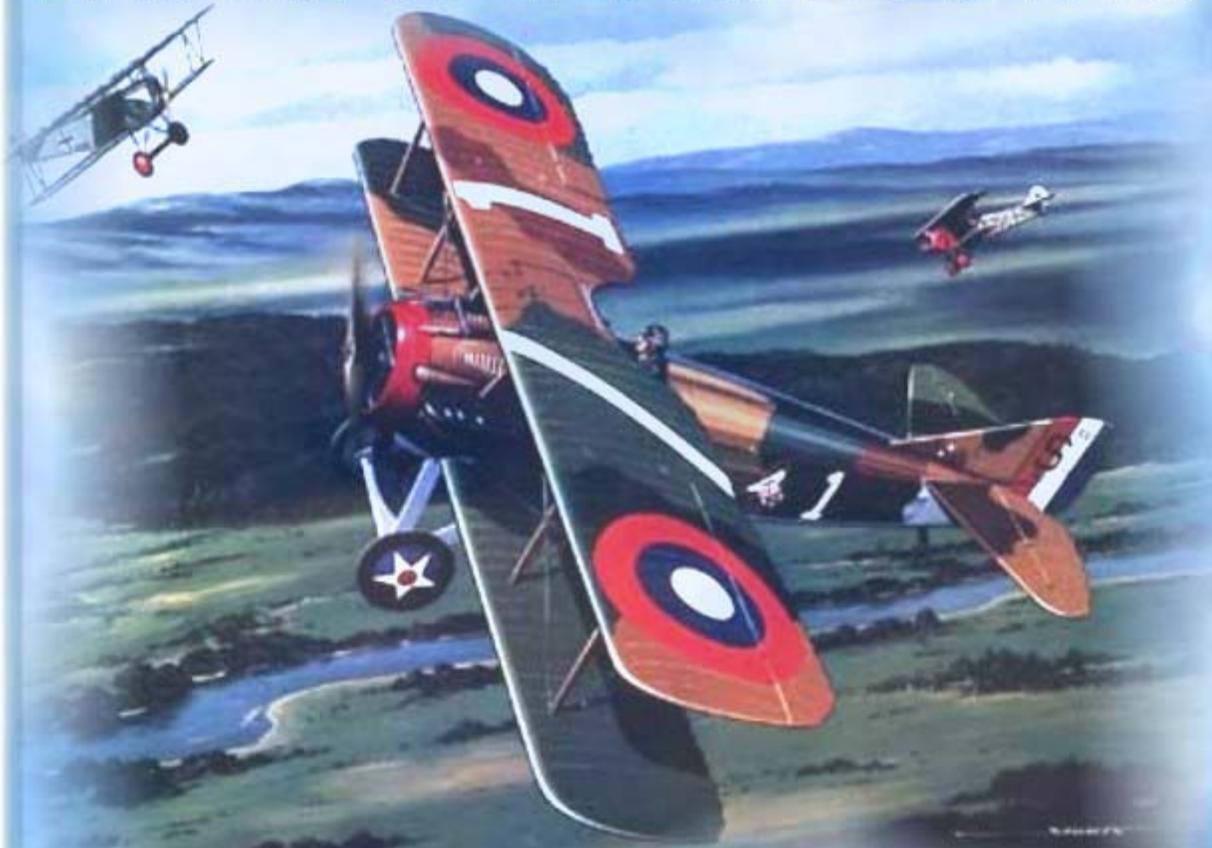




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## U.S. Air Force

# Medal of Honor Recipients

Listed Chronologically By War



For Acts of Valor

*"Above and Beyond the Call of Duty"*

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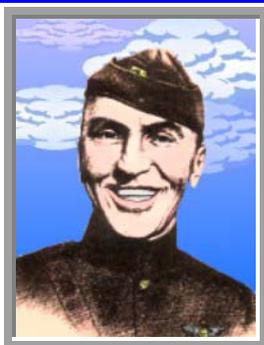
*Sketches Courtesy of the US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO*



**For the first time since the medieval period, when knights mounted on horseback faced each other in individual combat, World War I began to change the face of warfare. A new breed of soldier emerged, mounting steeds with horsepower and propelled through the heavens by wings. They were US Army aviators, often overlooked and under-rated in strategic battle planning. The airplane was still in its adolescent stage, less than 15 years old, as these new Knights of the Skies took to the clouds over Europe to write a new chapter in military history. They were independent enough to ignore detractors, stubborn enough to do that which was thought impossible, and courageous enough to gradually earn the respect of the foot-soldiers and their commanders on the ground.**

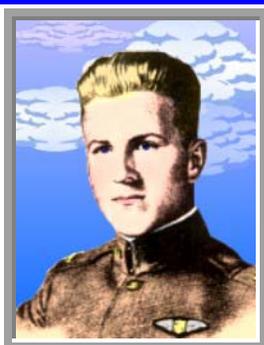
**The earliest airplanes were open-cockpit, single-seat mounts and a pilot's only weapon was a sidearm and perhaps a few bricks to drop on enemy troops below. Shortsighted planners limited the use of these aircraft to observation missions, innocuous jobs that could none-the-less, quickly turn deadly. Aerial combat grew quickly however, as the independent young men with a thirst for adventure joined the new ARMY AIR SERVICE.**

**In the brief period of World War I these brave American airmen wrote their own instruction manual as they lived it, and began new traditions in valor. All were heroic, many became aces, and far too many died in the defense of freedom. Four of them were later awarded their Country's highest award for military valor, the Medal of Honor. Three of the four never lived to wear their award, the fourth surviving to become an American legend. These brave knights of the skies not only wrote history, they created a future.**



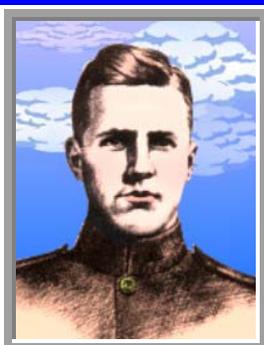
**Edward Vernon Rickenbacker**  
**First Lieutenant, US Army Air Service**

**Born:** October 08, 1890 at Columbus, OH  
**Entered Service:** Columbus, OH  
**Date/Place of Action:** September 25, 1918 - Billy, France  
**Unit:** 94th Aero Squadron  
**Presentation:** *Presented at Bolling Field near Washington, DC  
by President Herbert Hoover on November 6, 1930*  
**Date of Death:** July 23, 1973  
**Buried at:** Greenlawn Cemetery - Columbus, OH



**Frank Luke, Jr.**  
**Second Lieutenant, US Army Air Service**

**Born:** May 19, 1897 at Phoenix, AZ  
**Entered Service:** Phoenix, AZ  
**Date/Place of Action:** September 29, 1918 - Murvaux, France  
**Unit:** 27th Aero Squadron, 1st Pursuit Group  
**Presentation:** *Presented to his father in Phoenix, AZ  
by Brigadier General Howard R. Hickock on May 29, 1919*  
**Date Of Death:** September 29, 1918 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Meuse-Argonne Cemetery - Romagne Meuse, France



**Erwin Russel Bleckley**  
**Second Lieutenant, US Army Air Service**

**Born:** December 30, 1894 at Wichita, KS  
**Entered Service:** Wichita, KS  
**Date/Place of Action:** October 06, 1918 - Binarville, France  
**Unit:** 50th Aero Squadron, 130th Field Artillery, Air Service  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 56, WD - December 30, 1922*  
**Date of Death:** October 06, 1918 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Meuse-Argonne Cemetery - Romagne Meuse, France



**Harold Ernest Goettler**  
**First Lieutenant, US Army Air Service**

**Born:** July 21, 1890 at Chicago, IL  
**Entered Service:** Chicago, IL  
**Date/Place of Action:** October 06, 1918 - Binarville, France  
**Unit:** 50th Aero Squadron  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 56, WD - 1922*  
**Date of Death:** October 06, 1918 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Graceland Cemetery - Chicago, IL



While the heroism of the World War I aviator could not be discounted, the value of the airplane as a military weapon faced an uphill battle among traditional military planners. In the two decades of relative peace the United States enjoyed after *The War to End all Wars*, military aviators continued to prove their courage to demonstrate the value of flight. Congress recognized the non-combat heroism of aviators who *pushed the envelope* with specially authorized Medals of Honor. Two Naval aviators, Commander Richard Byrd and Machinist Floyd Bennett received Medals of Honor for their aerial expedition to the North Pole in 1926. The Army Air Corps followed that historic flight the following year when the *LONE EAGLE*, a reserve pilot, demonstrated that aerial flight knew no geographical boundaries, and flew alone across the Atlantic Ocean.



## Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr. Captain, US Army Air Corps (Reserve)

**Born:** February 04, 1902 at Detroit, MI  
**Entered Service:** Little Falls, MN  
**Date/Place of Action:** May 20 & 21, 1927 - Atlantic Flight, In the Air  
**Unit:** U.S. Army Air Corps  
**Presentation:** *By Special Act of Congress, 1928*  
**Date of Death:** August 26, 1974  
**Buried at:** Kipahulu Church Cemetery - Maui, HI



Any doubts about the value of airpower or the effectiveness of the airplane as a military weapon were quickly dispelled in the stunning December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. In less than two hours 360 Japanese airplanes literally destroyed the American Pacific fleet, killing nearly 2,500 Americans, and with a loss of less than a dozen of their own aircraft.

Reeling from the staggering losses, America needed a glimmer of hope in the early dark days of World War II. Four months after the Day of Infamy, 80 Army aviators performed the unthinkable, flying 16 B-25 bombers from the deck of an aircraft carrier 400 miles from the Japanese homeland, to strike back. The first moral victory of World War II was appropriately achieved by the *knights of the air*, and was achieved not only because of their great valor, but also because of their ingenuity. America's airmen continued to *push the envelope*.

Airmen from all branches of service gained a new respect, and the sole surviving Medal of Honor aviation hero of World War I found himself returning to the combat airfields less than a year after the Pearl Harbor attack, to share his experiences and encourage a new generation of fliers. (Eddie Rickenbacker was paid \$1 per day for this special mission, during which his transport plane crashed in the Pacific and he spent 21 days surviving in a small life raft adrift in the war zone.)

For more than four years pilots and co-pilots, gunners, bombardiers and navigators continued to build the legacy of the American airman. And, just as the pilots of the Army Air Corps gave our Nation its first ray of hope in the early days of the war, it was Army aviators who brought it all to a conclusion with the historic flight of the *Enola Gay*. Along the way, our Nation gained...and lost...many heroes.



**James Harold Doolittle**  
**Brigadier General, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** December 14, 1896 at Alameda, CA  
**Entered Service:** Berkeley, CA  
**Date/Place of Action:** April 18, 1942 - Tokyo, Japan  
**Unit:** Army Air Force Headquarters, Washington, DC  
**Presentation:** *Presented at the White House*  
*by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on May 20, 1942*  
**Date of Death:** September 27, 1993  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



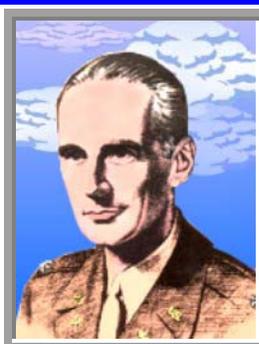
**Harl Pease, Jr.**  
**Captain, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** April 10, 1917 at Plymouth, NH  
**Entered Service:** Boston, MA  
**Date/Place of Action:** August 06 & 07, 1942 - Rabaul, New Britain  
**Unit:** Heavy Bomb Squadron, 19th Bomb Group, 509th Bombardment Wing, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *Presented to his parents at the White House*  
*by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Dec 2, 1942*  
**Date Of Death:** October 08, 1942 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** A.B.M.C. Manila - Manila, Philippine Islands



**Demas Thurlow Crow**  
**Colonel, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** April 09, 1900 at Traverse City, MI  
**Entered Service:** Michigan  
**Date/Place of Action:** November 08, 1942 - Port Lyautey, French Morocco  
**Unit:** XII Ground Air Support Command  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 11 - March 04, 1943*  
**Date of Death:** November 08, 1942 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Cremated - Ashes Scattered at Weisbaden, Germany



**Pierpont Morgan Hamilton**  
**Major, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** August 03, 1898 at Tuxedo Park, NY  
**Entered Service:** New York, NY  
**Date/Place of Action:** November 08, 1942 - Port Lyautey, French Morocco  
**Unit:** Western Task Force, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 4 - January 23, 1943*  
**Date of Death:** March 04, 1982  
**Buried at:** Santa Barbara Cemetery - Santa Barbara, CA



**Kenneth Newton Walker**  
**Brigadier General, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** July 17, 1898 at Cerrillos, NM  
**Entered Service:** Denver, CO  
**Date/Place of Action:** January 05, 1943 - Rabaul, New Britain  
**Unit:** 5th Bomber Command, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *Presented to his son Kenneth Walker, Jr. at the White House by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Mar 25, 1943*  
**Date of Death:** January 05, 1943 (**Missing In Action**)  
**Buried at:** A.B.M.C. Manila - Manila, Philippine Islands (Marker)



**Jack Warren Mathis**  
**First Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** September 25, 1921 at San Angelo, TX  
**Entered Service:** San Angelo, TX  
**Date/Place of Action:** March 18, 1943 - Vegesack, Germany  
**Unit:** 359 Bombardment Squadron, 303d Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *Presented to his mother at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, TX by Major General Barton K. Yount on Sep 21, 1943*  
**Date Of Death:** March 18, 1943 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Fairmount Cemetery - San Angelo, TX



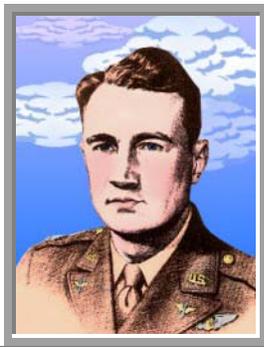
**Maynard Harrison Snuffy Smith, Sr.**  
**Sergeant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** May 19, 1911 at Cairo, MI  
**Entered Service:** Cairo, MI  
**Date/Place of Action:** May 01, 1943 - Brest, France  
**Unit:** 423d Bombardment Squadron, 306th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *At the Eight Army Airfield, England by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson - G.O. 38 - July 12, 1943*  
**Date of Death:** May 11, 1984  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA  
*\*\*First enlisted airman to receive the Medal of Honor*



**Joseph Raymond Sarnoski**  
**Second Lieutenant, US Army Air corps**

**Born:** January 30, 1915 at Simpson, PA  
**Entered Service:** Simpson, PA  
**Date/Place of Action:** June 16, 1943 - Buka area, Solomon Islands  
**Unit:** 65th Bombardment Squadron, 43d Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** Presented to his widow, *G.O. 85 - Dec 17, 1943*  
**Date of Death:** June 16, 1943 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific - Honolulu, HI



**Jay Zeamer**  
**Major, US Army Air corps**

**Born:** July 25, 1918 at Carlisle, PA  
**Entered Service:** Machias, ME  
**Date/Place of Action:** June 16, 1943 - Buka, Solomon Islands  
**Unit:** 65th Bombardment Squadron, 43d Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *At The Pentagon*  
*By General Henry H. (Hap) Arnold on January 16, 1944*  
**Currently Living In :** Florida and New Mexico



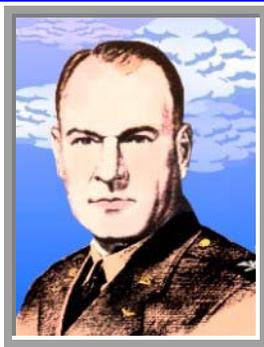
**John Cary Red Morgan**  
**Second Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** August 24, 1914 at Vernon, TX  
**Entered Service:** London, England  
**Date/Place of Action:** July 28, 1943 - Kiel, Germany  
**Unit:** 326 Bombardment Squadron, 92nd Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *At Widewing, England on December 19, 1943*  
**Date Of Death:** January 17, 1991  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



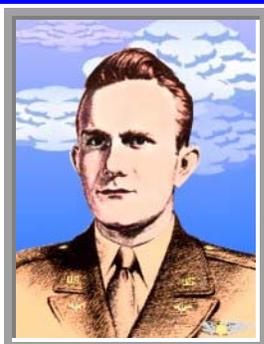
**Lloyd Herbert Hughes**  
**Second Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** July 12, 1921 at Alexandria, LA  
**Entered Service:** San Antonio, TX  
**Date/Place of Action:** August 01, 1943 - Ploesti, Rumania  
**Unit:** 564 Bombardment Squadron, 389th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 17, Feb 26, 1944*  
**Date of Death:** August 01, 1943 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery - San Antonio, TX



**John Riley Kane**  
**Colonel, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** January 05, 1907 at McGregor, TX  
**Entered Service:** Shreveport, LA  
**Date/Place of Action:** August 01, 1943 - Ploesti, Rumania  
**Unit:** 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *Presented at Gezira Sporting Club, Cairo, Egypt*  
*by Major General Lewis H. Brereton on Sep 7, 1943*  
**Date of Death:** May 29, 1996  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



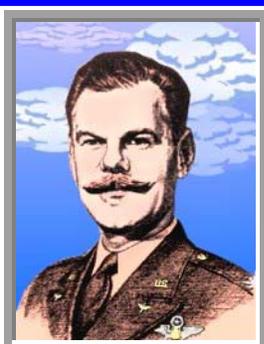
**John Louis Jerstad**  
**Major, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** February 12, 1918 at Racine, WI  
**Entered Service:** Racine, WI  
**Date/Place of Action:** August 01, 1943 - Ploesti, Rumania  
**Unit:** 201st Provisional Combat Wing, 9th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 72 - October 28, 1943*  
**Date of Death:** August 01, 1943 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** A.B.M.C. Ardennes - Neuvile-En-Condroz, Belgium



**Addison Earl Baker**  
**Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** January 01, 1907 at Chicago, IL  
**Entered Service:** Akron, OH  
**Date/Place of Action:** August 01, 1943 - Ploesti, Rumania  
**Unit:** 328 Bombardment Squadron, 93d Heavy Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *At Akron, Ohio - 1944*  
**Date Of Death:** August 01, 1943 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** A.B.M.C. Florence - Florence, Italy



**Leon William Johnson**  
**Colonel, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** September 13, 1904 at Columbia, MO  
**Entered Service:** Moline, KS  
**Date/Place of Action:** August 01, 1943 - Ploesti, Rumania  
**Unit:** 44th Bombardment Group, 2d Bomb Division, 9th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *Presented in England*  
*by Lieutenant General Jacob L. Devers on Nov 22, 1943*  
**Date of Death:** November 10, 1997  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



**Ralph Cheli**  
**Major, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** October 29, 1919 at San Francisco, CA  
**Entered Service:** Brooklyn, NY  
**Date/Place of Action:** August 18, 1943 - Wewak, New Guinea  
**Unit:** 405 Bombardment Squadron, 38th Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 72 - October 28, 1943*  
**Date of Death:** March 06, 1944 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery - St. Louis, MO



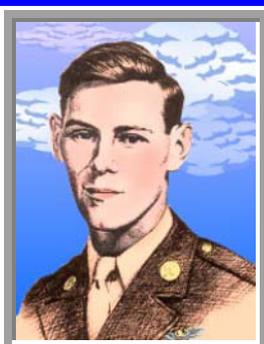
**Neel Ernest Kearby**  
**Colonel, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** June 05, 1911 at Wichita Falls, TX  
**Entered Service:** Dallas, TX  
**Date/Place of Action:** October 11, 1943 - Wewak, New Guinea  
**Unit:** 309th Bomb Wing, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *Presented in Brisbane, Australia*  
*By General Douglas MacArthur on Jan 23, 1944*  
**Date of Death:** March 05, 1944  
**Buried at:** Hillcrest Memorial Park - Dallas, TX



**Raymond Harrell Wilkins**  
**Major, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** September 28, 1917 at Portsmouth, VA  
**Entered Service:** Portsmouth, VA  
**Date/Place of Action:** November 02, 1943 - Rabaul, New Britain, Pacific Ocean  
**Unit:** 89th Bombardment Squadron, 3d Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *Presented to his family*  
*at Vandalia, Ohio on Dec 1, 1944*  
**Date Of Death:** November 02, 1943 (Killed In Action)  
**Buried at:** A.B.M.C. Manila - Manila, Philippine Islands



**Forrest Lee Woody Vosler**  
**Technical Sergeant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** July 29, 1923 at Lyndonville, NY  
**Entered Service:** Rochester, NY  
**Date/Place of Action:** December 20, 1943 - Bremen, Germany  
**Unit:** 358th Bombardment Squadron, 303d Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *At the White House*  
*By President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 31, 1944*  
**Date of Death:** February 17, 1992  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



**James Howell Howard**  
**Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** April 08, 1913 at Canton, China  
**Entered Service:** St. Louis, MO  
**Date/Place of Action:** January 11, 1944 - Oschersleben, Germany  
**Unit:** 356 Fighter Squadron, 354th Fighter Group, 9th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *Presented at London England*  
*By Lieutenant General Carl A. Spaatz on June 27, 1944*  
**Date of Death:** March 18, 1995  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



**Walter Edward Truemper**  
**Second Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** October 31, 1918 at Aurora, IL  
**Entered Service:** Aurora, IL  
**Date/Place of Action:** February 20, 1944 - Leipzig, Germany  
**Unit:** 510th Bombardment Squadron, 351st Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 52 - Jun 22, 1944*  
**Date of Death:** February 20, 1944 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery - Aurora, IL



**William Robert Lawley, Jr.**  
**First Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** August 23, 1920 at Leeds, AL  
**Entered Service:** Birmingham, AL  
**Date/Place of Action:** February 20, 1944 - Leipzig, Germany  
**Unit:** 1st Air Div, 40th Cbt Wing, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *Presented at Headquarters, US Army Air Forces, Europe in High Wycomb, England by Lieutenant General Carl A Spaatz on Aug 8, 1944*  
**Date Of Death:** May 29, 1999  
**Buried at:**



**Archibald Mathies**  
**Sergeant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** June 03, 1918 at Scotland  
**Entered Service:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Date/Place of Action:** February 20, 1944 - In the Air, Europe  
**Unit:** 510 Bombardment Squadron, 351st Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *Presented to his mother, G.O. 52, Jun 22, 1944*  
**Date of Death:** February 20, 1944 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Finleyville Cemetery - Finleyville, PA



**Edward Stanley Michael**  
**First Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** May 02, 1918 at Chicago, IL  
**Entered Service:** Chicago, IL  
**Date/Place of Action:** April 11, 1944 - Stettin, Germany  
**Unit:** 364th Bomb Sq., 305th Bomb Group, 40th Combat Wing, 2d Air Div., 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *At the White House*  
*By President Franklin D. Roosevelt - January 10, 1945*  
**Date of Death:** May 10, 1994  
**Buried at:** Springfield Cemetery - Springfield, UT



**Leon Robert Vance, Jr.**  
**Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** August 11, 1916 at Enid, OK  
**Entered Service:** Garden City, NY  
**Date/Place of Action:** June 05, 1944 - Wimereaux, France  
**Unit:** 489th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *To His Widow and Daughter At Enid Air Force Base, Enid, OK  
By Major General James P. Hodges - October 11, 1946*  
**Date of Death:** July 26, 1944 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** A.B.M.C. Cambridge - Cambridge, England



**David Richard Kingsley**  
**Second Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** June 27, 1918 at Portland, OR  
**Entered Service:** Portland, OR  
**Date/Place of Action:** June 23, 1944 - Ploesti, Rumania  
**Unit:** 341 Bombardment Squadron, 97th Bombardment Group, 15th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *To His Brother Thomas E. Kingsley In Portland, OR  
By Major General Ralph P. Cousins - G.O 26 - April 09, 1945*  
**Date Of Death:** June 23, 1944 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



**Donald Dale Pucket**  
**First Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** December 19, 1915 at Longmont, CO  
**Entered Service:** Boulder, CO  
**Date/Place of Action:** July 09, 1944 - Ploesti, Rumania  
**Unit:** 343d Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** G.O. 48 - June 23, 1945  
**Date of Death:** July 09, 1944 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery - St. Louis, MO



**Darrell Robins Lindsey**  
**Captain, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** December 30, 1919 at Jefferson, IA  
**Entered Service:** Storm Lake, IA  
**Date/Place of Action:** August 09, 1944 - L'Isle Adam RR Bridge, seine River, France  
**Unit:** 585th Bombardment Squadron, 394th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 43 - May 30, 1945*  
**Date of Death:** August 09, 1944 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** A.B.M.C. Ardennes - Neuvile-En-Condroz, Belgium



**Richard Ira Bong**  
**Major, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** September 24, 1920 at Superior, WI  
**Entered Service:** Poplar, WI  
**Date/Place of Action:** October 10 - November 15, 1944 - Borneo and Leyte, Phil. Is.  
**Unit:** 49th Fighter Group, 5th Fighter Command, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *At Tacloban Air Strip, Leyte, Phillipine Islands*  
*By General Douglas MacArthur on December 12, 1944*  
**Date of Death:** August 06, 1945  
**Buried at:** Poplar Cemetery - Poplar, WI



**Horace Seaver Carswell, Jr.**  
**Major, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** July 16, 1916 at Fort Worth, TX  
**Entered Service:** San Angelo, TX  
**Date/Place of Action:** October 26, 1944 - South China Sea, China  
**Unit:** 374 Bombardment Squadron, 308th Bombardment Group, 14th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 14 - February 04, 1946*  
**Date Of Death:** October 26, 1944 **(Killed In Action)**  
**Buried at:** Oakwood Cemetery - Fort Worth, TX



**Robert Edward Femoyer**  
**Second Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** October 31, 1921 at Huntington, WV  
**Entered Service:** Jacksonville, FL  
**Date/Place of Action:** November 02, 1944 - Merseburg, Germany  
**Unit:** 711th Bombardment Squadron, 447th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 35 - May 09, 1945*  
**Date of Death:** November 02, 1944 **(Killed In Action)**  
**Buried at:** Greenlawn Cemetery - Jacksonville, FL



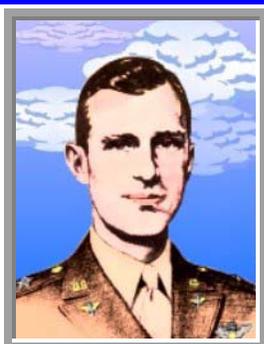
**Donald Joseph Gott**  
**First Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** June 03, 1923 at Arnett, OK  
**Entered Service:** Arnett, OK  
**Date/Place of Action:** November 09, 1944 - Saarbrucken, Germany  
**Unit:** 729th Bombardment Squadron, 452d Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 38 - May 16, 1945*  
**Date of Death:** November 09, 1944 **(Killed In Action)**  
**Buried at:** Harmon Cemetery - Harmon, OK



**William Edward Metzger, Jr.**  
**Second Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** February 09, 1922 at Lima, OH  
**Entered Service:** Lima, OH  
**Date/Place of Action:** November 09, 1944 - Saarbrucken, Germany  
**Unit:** 729 Bombardment Squadron, 452d Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *G.O. 38 - May 16, 1945*  
**Date of Death:** November 09, 1944 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Woodlawn Cemetery - Lima, OH



**Frederick Walker Castle**  
**Brigadier General, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** October 14, 1908 at Manila, Philippine Islands  
**Entered Service:** Mountain Lakes, NJ  
**Date/Place of Action:** December 24, 1944 - Germany  
**Unit:** 4th Bombardment Wing, 8th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *To His Mother At Mountain Lakes, NJ  
By General Ira Eaker on February 28, 1946*  
**Date Of Death:** December 24, 1944 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** A.B.M.C. Henri-Chapelle - Henri-Chapelle, Belgium



**Thomas Buchanan McGuire, Jr.**  
**Major, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** August 01, 1920 at Ridgewood, NJ  
**Entered Service:** Sebring, FL  
**Date/Place of Action:** December 25 & 26, 1944 - Luzon, Philippine Islands  
**Unit:** 475th Fighter Group, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *To His Family At City Hall in Patterson, NJ  
By General George C. Kenney - May 08, 1946*  
**Date of Death:** January 07, 1945 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



**William Arthur Shomo**  
**Major, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** May 30, 1918 at Jeannette, PA  
**Entered Service:** Westmoreland County, PA  
**Date/Place of Action:** January 11, 1945 - Luzon, PI, Pacific Ocean  
**Unit:** 82d Tactical Recon Squadron, 71st Recon Group, 308th Bomb Wing, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *At Luzon, Philippine Islands  
By Major General Ennis C. Whitehead - April 03, 1945*  
**Date of Death:** June 25, 1990  
**Buried at:** St. Clair Cemetery - Greenburg, PA



**Henry Eugene *Red* Erwin**  
**Staff Sergeant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** May 08, 1921 at Adamsville, AL  
**Entered Service:** Bessemer, AL  
**Date/Place of Action:** April 12, 1945 - Koriyama, Japan  
**Unit:** 52d Bomb Squadron, 29th Bomb Group, 314th Bombardment Wing, 20th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *At Fleet Hospital 103, Guam*  
*By General Curtis LeMay - April 19, 1945*  
**Date of Death:** January 16, 2002  
**Buried At:** Birmingham, AL



**Raymond Larry Knight**  
**First Lieutenant, US Army Air Corps**

**Born:** June 15, 1922 at Houston, TX  
**Entered Service:** Houston, TX  
**Date/Place of Action:** April 24 & 25, 1945 - Northern Po Valley, Italy  
**Unit:** 346th Fighter Squadron, 350th Fighter Group, 12th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *G.O 81 - September 24, 1945*  
**Date Of Death:** April 25, 1945 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Houston National Cemetery - Houston, TX

## **Birth of the United States Air Force**



Shortly after noon on July 26, 1947 the engines on President Harry S Truman's airplane were warming up to ferry the President to the bedside of his dying mother. Before the plane could lift off the runway at the National Airport in Washington, DC a courier drove up to deliver a briefcase. Inside were three important documents, the result of months of debate in both the halls of the Pentagon and the chambers of Congress.

The first was a Congressional action, the National Security Act of 1947 establishing the Department of Defense. The second was Executive Order No. 9877 defining the roles and missions of the United States Armed Forces. The third was the nomination of James V. Forrestal as our Nation's first Secretary of Defense. On his plane, before departing, the President signed all three historic documents, charting the course for the future of the United States military. That course was based upon the historic lessons of nearly two centuries of struggle by a young nation for survival. It was bolstered by the experience of decisive victories in two world wars. Among the lessons learned...the importance of air power and the need for aerial supremacy.

Thus it was that the first document, the National Security Act of 1947 not only established a Department of Defense to unite the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. It recognized the unique role of the American airman and separated him from the rest, establishing a whole new branch of military service. From the embryo nurtured in two world wars was born the United States Air Force.



The jet age, and the new United States Air Force, came to Korea when American and South Korean forces were still reeling from the surprise invasion from the North. Within a month our Nation's newest branch of service proved its superiority, wiping out the 150-plane air force of North Korea. For six months American pilots ruled the skies and gave ground troops necessary support to turn the tide of the ground war. Then, China entered the war.

In the three years that followed more than 1,000 US Air Force airplanes went down. The newest branch of service suffered more than 1,700 casualties. Along the way, however, the brave *knights of the skies* destroyed more than 1,000 enemy tanks, 18,000 bunkers and gun emplacements, and put more than 100,000 enemy vehicles out of service.

Air Force fighter pilots not only found themselves pitted against the jet-powered Soviet MiGs, but restrictive rules of engagement that prevented them from following their prey across the Yalu River. The traditional ingenuity of the American airman faced new tests in *MiG Alley* and elsewhere over North and South Korea, and the men of the US Air Force rose to the challenge. They won ten out of every eleven engagements of the war.

Victory in the air came at a great price during every war. During World War I, 3 of the 4 men awarded Medals of Honor died in their moment of valor. During World War II of the 38 airmen awarded Medals of Honor, only 15 survived. Four airmen of the new United States Air Force received their Nation's highest military award in Korea. **NONE SURVIVED!**



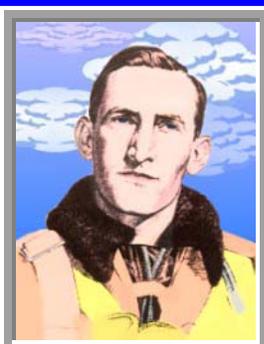
**Louis Joseph Seville**  
**Major, US Air Force**

**Born:** November 21, 1915 at Harbor Beach, MI  
**Entered Service:** Chicago, IL  
**Date/Place of Action:** August 05, 1950 - Hanchang, Korea  
**Unit:** 67th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 18th Fighter-Bomber Group, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *To His Widow At March Air Force Base, Riverside, CA*  
*By General Hoyt Sanford Vandenberg on August 24, 1951*  
**Date of Death:** August 05, 1950 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Forrest Home Cemetery - Chicago, IL



**John Springer Walmsley, Jr.**  
**Captain, US Air Force**

**Born:** January 07, 1920 at Baltimore, MD  
**Entered Service:** Baltimore, MD  
**Date/Place of Action:** September 14, 1951 - Yangdok, Korea  
**Unit:** 8th Bombardment Squadron, 3d Bombardment Group  
**Presentation:** *To His Widow At Bolling Air Force Base*  
*By Secretary of the Air Force Talbott on June 12, 1954*  
**Date Of Death:** September 14, 1951 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific - Honolulu, HI



**George Andrew Davis, Jr.**  
**Major, US Air Force**

**Born:** December 01, 1920 at Dublin, TX  
**Entered Service:** Lubbock, TX  
**Date/Place of Action:** February 10, 1952 - Sinuiju-Yalu River, Korea  
**Unit:** 4th Fighter Group, 334th Fighter Squadron, 5th Air Force  
**Presentation:** *To His Widow At Reese Air Force Base, TX*  
*By General Nathan F. Twining - May 14, 1954*  
**Date of Death:** February 10, 1952 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** City of Lubbock Cemetery - Lubbock, TX



**Charles Joseph Loring, Jr.**  
**Major, US Air Force**

**Born:** October 02, 1918 at Portland, ME  
**Entered Service:** Portland, ME  
**Date/Place of Action:** November 22, 1952 - Sniper Ridge, North Korea  
**Unit:** 80th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing  
**Presentation:** *To His Widow At the White House*  
*By President Dwight D. Eisenhower on May 05, 1954*  
**Date of Death:** November 22, 1952 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific - Honolulu, HI

## The Air Force Medal of Honor



The Medal of Honor, often called The Congressional Medal of Honor, was established by the United States Congress during the Civil War. The Navy's Medal was first, and was introduced in Congress in December, 1861 as a means to "promote the efficiency of the Navy". The following February legislation was introduced authorizing a similar award for members of the US Army. On July 12, 1861 President Lincoln signed the bill authorizing the Army's Medal of Honor. (The Navy's had been authorized by the President seven months earlier.)

From the Civil War to the pre-World War I days, Medals of Honor were awarded to less than 2,500 American soldiers, sailors and Marines. Of 119 Medals of Honor awarded for World War I service, four went to men of the US Army Air Service. During World War II an additional 38 airmen of the Army Air Corps received Medals of Honor.

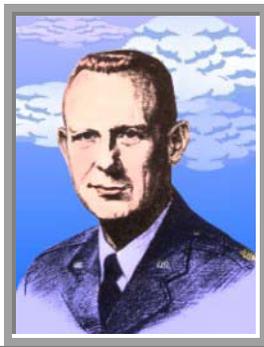
The four brave Korean War heroes of the new United States Air Force each received the same award as their predecessors in the Air Service and Air Corps...the Army Medal of Honor. In 1965 all that changed, and the Air Force introduced its own design for a Medal of Honor. Almost twice the size of the Army and Navy designs, it most closely resembles the Army award, maintaining the down-pointing star inside the green enamel laurel wreath. The Air Force made only two major changes (beyond the size) from the Army award. The profile of Minerva in the center of the Medal is replaced with the head of the Statue of Liberty. The eagle that perches atop the Army's Medal of Honor is replaced by the thunderbolt sprays of the US Air Force Coat of Arms.



Few combat fields have ever tested the versatility and courage of the American airman like the skies over Vietnam during America's longest war. Air Force pilots flew bombing missions over North Vietnam and ground support missions over the South. They flew jet fighters in air-to-air encounters with Soviet-made MiGs, and they flew helicopters to drop into enemy infested jungles to extract other downed pilots as well as wounded infantrymen. They flew into dense fog, heavy rains, and hails of enemy gunfire. They braved SAMs (surface to air missiles), anti-aircraft fire, and heavy small-arms and machinegun fire from the ground to perform and finish their missions. They risked their lives to fly over isolated American outposts to provide support or drop supplies, and landed on battle scarred runways in the midst of their enemies to pluck from danger, Americans at risk.

Many were killed, others listed as Missing in Action....their fate unknown. Some survived long tenures of torture as Prisoners of War. One was captured AFTER his Medal of Honor action, another survived to wear the Medal of Honor for his heroism as a prisoner of the enemy. One Medal of Honor hero died in captivity, resisting the will of his captors.

The newly designed Medal of Honor was awarded to twelve airmen in the years immediately following the end of the Vietnam war. For the first time, living heroes outnumbered the dead, eight of the twelve surviving to wear their Nation's highest award. Long after the end of the war a thirteenth airman received the Medal of Honor for heroism in Vietnam...an enlisted man who had left the relative safety of his helicopter to voluntarily join and treat wounded soldiers on the ground. His Medal of Honor was posthumously presented to his father 35 years after he gave his life to save the lives of others.



**Bernard Francis Fisher**  
**Major, US Air Force**

**Born:** January 11, 1927 at San Bernardino, CA  
**Entered Service:** Kuna, ID  
**Date/Place of Action:** March 10, 1966 - Bien Hoa and Pleiku, Vietnam  
**Unit:** 1st Air Commandos  
**Presentation:** *At the White House*  
*By President Lyndon B. Johnson on January 19, 1967*  
**Currently Living In:** Idaho



**William H. Pitsenbarger**  
**Airman First Class, US Air Force**

**Born:** Jul 8, 1944 at Piqua, OH  
**Entered Service:** Piqua, OH  
**Date/Place of Action:** Apr 11, 1966 - near Cam My, Vietnam  
**Unit:** Det. 6, 38th Aero Rescue and Recovery Sqd, Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam  
**Presentation:** Presented to his father at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
*By Secretary of the Air Force on Dec 8, 2000*  
**Date Of Death:** Apr 11, 1966 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Ohio



**Hilliard Almond Wilbanks**  
**Captain, US Air Force**

**Born:** July 26, 1933 at Cornelia, GA  
**Entered Service:** Atlanta, GA  
**Date/Place of Action:** February 24, 1967 - Dalat, Vietnam  
**Unit:** 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron, Nha Trang Air Force Base  
**Presentation:** *To His Family At The Pentagon*  
*By Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown on January 28, 1968*  
**Date of Death:** February 24, 1967 (**Killed In Action**)  
**Buried at:** Fayette Methodist Cemetery - Fayette, MS



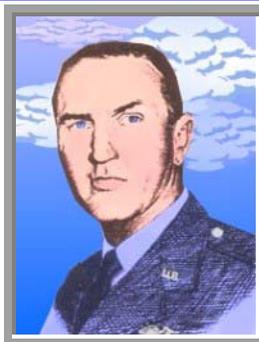
**Merlyn Hans Dethlefsen**  
**Major, US Air Force**

**Born:** June 29, 1934 at Greenville, IA  
**Entered Service:** Royal, IA  
**Date/Place of Action:** March 10, 1967 - Thai Nguyen, North Vietnam  
**Unit:** 354th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Takhli Royal Thai AFB, Thailand  
**Presentation:** *At the White House*  
*By President Lyndon B. Johnson on February 01, 1968*  
**Date of Death:** December 14, 1987  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



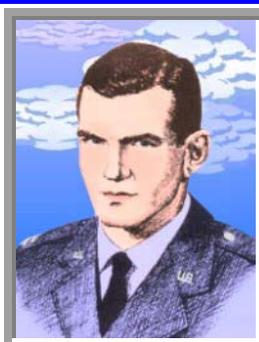
**Leo Keith Thorsness**  
**Lieutenant Colonel, US Air Force**

**Born:** February 14, 1932 at Walnut Grove, MN  
**Entered Service:** Walnut Grove, MN  
**Date/Place of Action:** April 19, 1967 - North Vietnam  
**Unit:** 357th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 355th Tactical Fighter Wing  
**Presentation:** *At the White House*  
*By President Richard M. Nixon on October 15, 1973*  
**Currently Living In:** Virginia  
*\*LTC Thorsness later served time as a Prisoner of War*



**George Everett Bud Day**  
**Colonel, US Air Force**

**Born:** February 24, 1925 at Sioux City, IA  
**Entered Service:** Sioux City, IA  
**Date/Place of Action:** August 26, 1967 - POW, North Vietnam  
**Unit:** Misty Super FAC's F-100 Squadron, Phu Cat Air Base  
**Presentation:** *At the White House*  
*By President Gerald R. Ford on March 06, 1976*  
**Currently Living In:** Florida



**Lance Peter Sijan**  
**Captain, US Air Force**

**Born:** April 13, 1942 at Milwaukee, WI  
**Entered Service:** Milwaukee, WI  
**Date/Place of Action:** Nov 09, 1967 - Ban Loboy Ford, Laos, Ban Kai, Hoa Lo, North VN  
**Unit:** 480th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Da Nang AFB  
**Presentation:** *To His Family At the White House*  
*By President Gerald R. Ford on March 06, 1976*  
**Date of Death:** January 22, 1968 (Killed In Action While a POW)  
**Buried at:** Arlington Park Cemetery - Milwaukee, WI  
*\*The ONLY US Air Force Academy Graduate to receive the Medal of Honor*



**Gerald Orren Young**  
**Captain, US Air Force**

**Born:** May 19, 1930 at Chicago, IL  
**Entered Service:** Colorado Springs, CO  
**Date/Place of Action:** November 09, 1967 - Khe Sanh, Vietnam  
**Unit:** 37th Air Rescue Service, Da Nang AFB  
**Presentation:** *At The Pentagon*  
*By President Lyndon B. Johnson on May 14, 1968*  
**Date of Death:** June 06, 1990  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



**Joe Madison Jackson**  
**Lieutenant Colonel, US Air Force**

**Born:** March 14, 1923 at Newnan, GA  
**Entered Service:** Newnan, GA  
**Date/Place of Action:** May 12, 1968 - Kham Duc, Vietnam  
**Unit:** 311th Air Commando Squadron, Da Nang Air Base  
**Presentation:** *At the White House*  
*By President Lyndon B. Johnson on January 16, 1969*  
**Currently Living In:** Washington State



**William Atkinson Jones, III**  
**Colonel, US Air Force**

**Born:** May 31, 1922 at Norfolk, VA  
**Entered Service:** Charlottesville, VA  
**Date/Place of Action:** September 01, 1968 - Dong Hoi, North Vietnam  
**Unit:** 602d Special Ops Squadron, Nakon Phanom Royal Thai AFB, Thailand  
**Presentation:** *To His Family At the White House*  
*By President Richard M. Nixon on August 06, 1970*  
**Date Of Death:** November 15, 1969 **(Killed In Action)**  
**Buried at:** Saint John's Church Cemetery - Warsaw, VA



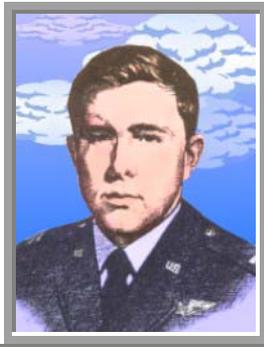
**James Philip Fleming**  
**Captain, US Air Force**

**Born:** March 12, 1943 at Sedalia, MO  
**Entered Service:** Pullman, WA  
**Date/Place of Action:** November 26, 1968 - Duc Co, Vietnam  
**Unit:** 20th Special Operations Squadron  
**Presentation:** *At the White House*  
*By President Richard M. Nixon on May 14, 1970*  
**Currently Living In:** Washington State



**John Lee Levitow**  
**Sergeant, US Air Force**

**Born:** November 01, 1945 at Hartford, CT  
**Entered Service:** New Haven, CT  
**Date/Place of Action:** February 24, 1969 - Long Binh Army Post (In the Air), Vietnam  
**Unit:** 3rd Special Operations Squadron  
**Presentation:** *At the White House*  
*By President Richard M. Nixon on May 14, 1970*  
**Date of Death:** Nov 8, 2000  
**Buried at:** Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA



**Steven Logan Bennett**  
**Captain, US Air Force**

**Born:** April 22, 1946 at Palestine, TX

**Entered Service:** Lafayette, LA

**Date/Place of Action:** June 29, 1972 - Quang Tri Province, Vietnam

**Unit:** 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron, Da Nang Air Base, Pacific Air Forces

**Presentation:** *To His Family At Blair House, Washington, DC*

*By Vice President Gerald R. Ford on August 08, 1974*

**Date of Death:** June 29, 1972 (**Killed In Action**)

**Buried at:** Lafayette Memorial Park - Lafayette, LA



The stories of America's *knights of the skies* cannot properly be told without a tribute to perhaps the greatest pioneer of American air power. He was the World War I hero of American aviation that made a former racecar driver his personal driver, and then encouraged that young man to fly in the Army Air Service. His driver was Eddie Rickenbacker.



His independent, outspoken advocacy for American air power led to his courts martial in the period between the two world wars. Rickenbacker and a young general named Douglas MacArthur were among his few allies. His proclamation that "A qualified air service is the life insurance of our national integrity," went unheeded. He resigned his distinguished and heroic career after fighting in vain for what he believed in. He died before his vindication by a new generation of American airmen in World War II.

In 1939, three years after General William *Billy* Mitchell's death, the United States Congress ordered a special medal of honor be awarded Mitchell "in recognition of his outstanding pioneer service and foresight in the field of American military aviation."

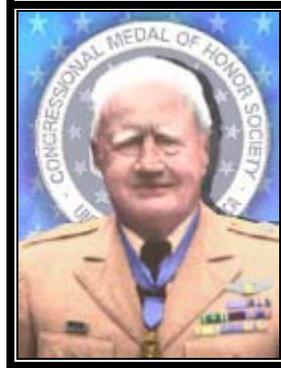
Often mistakenly listed among America's Medal of Honor recipients, Billy Mitchell DID NOT receive the Medal of Honor. Both the citation and the medal itself reflect that difference. That difference, however, can never refute the courage and heroism of the greatest pioneer of American air power.



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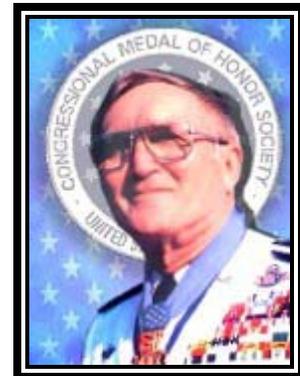
**Jay Zeamer**  
World War II



**Bernard Fisher**  
Vietnam



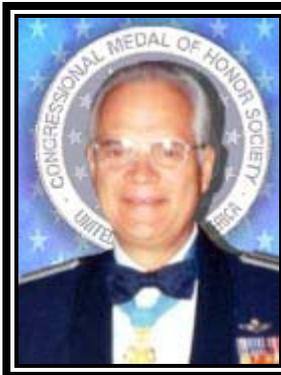
**Leo Thorsness**  
Vietnam



**George Bud Day**  
Vietnam



**Joe Jackson**  
Vietnam



**James Fleming**  
Vietnam

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Mount Pleasant, SC 29464**

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Name	Rank	War	Status	Date of Action
<b>Adams, Victor R.</b>	TSgt	Vietnam		Nov 27, 1968
* <b>Allee, Richard K.</b>	Col	Vietnam	MIA	Dec 21, 1968
<b>Allison, John V.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Nov 21, 1970
* <b>Anderson, Rudolph</b>	Maj	Cuba		Oct 14, 1962
<b>Andrews, Bill</b>	CPT	Desert Storm	POW	Feb 27, 1991
<b>Armstrong, Larry D.</b>		Vietnam		
* <b>Atterberry, Edwin L.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Aug 12, 1967
<b>Backlund, Donald R.</b>	1Lt	Vietnam		May 15, 1975
<b>Baer, Allan R.</b>		Vietnam		
* <b>Baldwin, Robert L.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Mar 31, 1967
<b>Beale, Robert T</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Black, Arthur N.</b>	A3c	Vietnam	POW	Sep 20, 1965
<b>Bode, John R.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Jun 5 - 7, 1969
<b>Boyd, Charles G.</b>	Gen	Vietnam		
<b>Boyd, William, Jr.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Brickel, James R.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Nov 30, 1966
<b>Brims, Richard C.</b>	1Lt	Vietnam		May 15, 1975
* <b>Britt, Aquilla F.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Oct 25, 1967
<b>Britton, Warner A.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Nov 21, 1970
<b>Broughton, Jacksel M.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Feb 05, 1967
* <b>Brower, Ralph W.</b>	Maj	Vietnam	MIA	Nov 09, 1967
* <b>Bucher, Bernard L.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		May 12, 1968
<b>Burroughs, William D.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Jul 11, 1966
<b>Caldwell, William R.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Apr 15, 1972
Name	Rank	War	Status	Date of Action

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<b>Campbell, Jesse W.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		May 12, 1968
<b>Campbell, Thomas A.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Jun 02, 1968
<b>* Carroll, John L.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Nov 07, 1972
<b>Carter, William R.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Mar 6 - 7, 1971
<b>Cherry, Fred V.</b>	Col	Vietnam	POW	Oct 1965 to Mar 1973
<b>Clarke, Colin A.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Nov 17, 1972
<b>* Clay, Eugene L.</b>	SSG	Vietnam		Nov 09, 1967
<b>* Cobeil, Earl G.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Nov 05, 1967
<b>* Cody, Howard R.</b>	Capt	Vietnam	MIA	Nov 24, 1963
<b>* Collins, Willard M.</b>	Capt	Vietnam	MIA	Mar 09, 1966
<b>* Conley, Eugene O.</b>	LTC	Vietnam	MIA	Jan 21, 1967
<b>Conran, Philip J.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Oct 06, 1969
<b>* Cooper, William E.</b>	Col	Vietnam	MIA	Apr 24, 1966
<b>Corder, John A.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Courtney, Terence F.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Curtis, Thomas J.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Dallman, Howard M.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Feb 05, 1968
<b>Damesi, John A.</b> <i>Oak Leaf Cluster for 2nd Award</i>	Col	Vietnam	POW	Apr 02, 1967
<b>Day, George E.</b> <i>Also received Medal of Honor</i>	Col	Vietnam	POW	Aug 26, 1967
<b>Dayton, Thomas</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Debellvue, Charles B.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Sep 09, 1972
<b>DeTar, Dean E.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Mar 21, 1970
<b>Donelson, Nicholas j.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Donohue, Frederic M.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Nov 21, 1970
<b>Dorsett, Tracey K., Jr.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>* Draeger, Walter F., Jr.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam	MIA	Apr 04, 1965
<b>Drew, Urban L.</b>	Maj	WWII		Sep 18, 1944
<b>Engle, Charles E.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Eppinger, Dale L.</b>	Col	Vietnam		
<b>* Etchberger, Richard L.</b>	CMS	Vietnam		Mar 11, 1968
<b>Etzel, Gregory A. M.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Jul 2 - 3, 1967
<b>Feinstein, Jeffrey S.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Feuerriegel, Karl T.</b>	Col	Vietnam		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>War</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date of Action</b>

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<b>Finck, George C.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Firse, John A.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Jun 11, 1967
<b>Fish, Michael E.</b>	Sgt	Vietnam		Feb 18, 1969
<b>Fleener, Delbert W:</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Flynn, John P.</b>	LtGen	Vietnam	POW	Oct 27 - Nov 10, 1967
<b>Francisco, Michael C.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Apr 06, 1972
<b>Funderburk, Leonard J.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Mar 22, 1971
<b>Gamlin, Theodore R.</b>	Sgt	Vietnam		Oct 25, 1969
<b>Gibson, James K.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Feb 02, 1968
<b>Gilroy, Kevin A.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Mar 10, 1967
<b>Gonzales, Leonard A.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Nov 26, 1968
<b>Green, Joe B.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Mar 30, 1968
<b>Griggs, Jerry M.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Gruver, John C.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Guarino, Lawrence N.</b>	Col	Vietnam		
<b>Gustafson, Gerald C.</b>	Col	Vietnam		
<b>Guy, Theodore W.</b>	Col	Vietnam	POW	Jan 25 - May 25, 1972
<b>Hackney, Duane D.</b>	A2c	Vietnam		Feb 06, 1967
<b>Hackney, Hunter F.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Aug 25, 1968
<b>Hall, James H.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>* Hamilton, John S.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Apr 19, 1967
<b>Harding, James C.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Apr 10 - 13, 1972
<b>Harp, Tilford W</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Apr 03, 1975
<b>Harston, Jon D.</b>	SSG	Vietnam		May 15, 1975
<b>Henning, Hal P.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>* Hickman, Vincent J.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam	MIA	Jan 16, 1964
<b>Hoggatt, Ralph S.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Nov 11, 1967
<b>* Holland, Lawrence T.</b>	Maj	Vietnam	MIA	Jun 12, 1965
<b>Hopkin's, James R.</b>	Col	Vietnam		
<b>Horinek, Ramon A.</b>	LTC	Vietnam	POW	Feb 16 - 19, 1966
<b>Hudson, Jackson L.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Hunt, Russell M.</b>	Sgt	Vietnam		Mar 31, 1967
<b>Jeannotte, Alfred J., Jr.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Johnson, Harold E.</b>	Maj	Vietnam	POW	Apr 19, 1967
<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>War</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date of Action</b>

## Recipients of the Air Force Cross

<b>Johnson, Paul</b>	Cpt	Desert Storm		Jan 21, 1991
<b>Kalen, Herbert D.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Nov 21, 1970
<b>Kasler, James H.</b> 2 OLC for 2nd/3rd Award	Maj	Vietnam	POW	Jun 29, 1966
<b>Kennedy, Leland T.</b> Oak Leaf Cluster for 2nd Award	Cpt	Vietnam		Oct 05, 1966
<b>Kent, Nacey, Jr.</b>	Sgt	Vietnam		May 05, 1968
* <b>Killian, Melvin J.</b>	Col	Vietnam	MIA	Sep 30, 1965
* <b>King, Charles D.</b>	A1c	Vietnam	MIA	Dec 25, 1968
<b>Kirk, Thomas H., Jr.</b>		Vietnam		
* <b>Knight, Roy A., Jr.</b>	Col	Vietnam	MIA	May 19, 1967
<b>Koeltzow, Paul F.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Lackey, John E.</b>		Vietnam		
* <b>Leetun, Darel D.</b>	LTC	Vietnam	MIA	Sep 17, 1966
* <b>Lielmanis, Atis K.</b>	1Lt	Vietnam		Nov 24, 1963
* <b>Lukasik, Bernard F.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Dec 19, 1964
<b>Madden, Joseph B.</b>		Vietnam		
* <b>Maisey, Reginald V., Jr.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Jan 31, 1968
* <b>Martin, Duane W.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Sep 20, 1965
* <b>Martin, William R.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Nov 18, 1964
<b>Marx, Donald L.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Nov 12, 1968
<b>Mason, Larry B.</b>		Vietnam		
* <b>Maysey, Larry W.</b>	Sgt	Vietnam	MIA	Nov 09, 1967
<b>Maywald, Phillip V.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Mc Tasney, John B.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		November 8 - 9, 1967
* <b>McAllister, William W.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Apr 22, 1965
<b>McCarthy, James R.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Dec 26, 1972
<b>McGrath, Charles D.</b>	Sgt	Vietnam		Jun 27, 1972
<b>McInerney, James E., Jr.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>McKnight, George G.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Mehr, Richard L.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Jul 2 - 3, 1967
* <b>Mitchell, Carl B.</b>	Maj	Vietnam	MIA	Nov 14, 1964
<b>Mize, John D.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Dec 27, 1972
<b>Mongillo, Paul J.</b>		Vietnam		
* <b>Moorberg, Monte L.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam	MIA	Dec 02, 1966
<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>War</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date of Action</b>

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<b>Nagel, Richard A., Jr.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Newman, Thomas A.</b>	Sgt	Vietnam		May 30, 1968
<b>Norris, William C.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Aug 11, 1967
<b>O'Mara, Oliver E.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Oct 05, 1966
<b>Olds, Robin</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Olsen, Don P.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Orrell, Bennie D.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Parr, Ralph S.</b>	Col	Vietnam		Mar 16, 1968
<b>Personett, Joseph A.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Sep 16-17, 1967
* <b>Peterson, Del</b>	Cpt	Vietnam	MIA	Mar 09, 1966
* <b>Pitsenbarger, William H.</b> <i>Upgraded to Medal of Honor</i>	A1c	Vietnam		Apr 11, 1966
* <b>Pogreba, Dean A.</b>	Col	Vietnam	MIA	Oct 05, 1965
<b>Poling, Richard L.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Sep 16-17, 1967
<b>Price, Donald S.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Nov 14, 1966
<b>Purser, Rowland W.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		May 15, 1975
* <b>Richter, Karl W.</b>	1Lt	Vietnam		Jul 28, 1967
<b>Risner, Robinson</b> <i>Oak Leaf Cluster for 2nd Award</i>		Vietnam		
<b>Ritchie, Richard S.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Robinson, William A.</b>	A1c	Vietnam	POW	Sep 20, 1965
<b>Robinson, William P.</b>		Vietnam		
* <b>Ronca, Robert F.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Feb 19, 1965
<b>Rowan, John M,</b>		Vietnam		
* <b>Schaneberg, Leroy C.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam	MIA	Jun 30, 1970
* <b>Schmidt, Norman</b>	Col	Vietnam		Sep 01, 1966
<b>Schurr, Harry W.</b>		Vietnam		
* <b>Scott, Travis H. Jr.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Apr 15, 1970
* <b>Sellers, Jerry A.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Dec 25, 1967
<b>Sellers, Kenneth H.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Shannon, Fred</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Shaub, Charles L.</b>	SSG	Vietnam		Apr 15, 1972
<b>Smith, Donald G.</b>	TSgt	Vietnam		Oct 24, 1969
<b>Smith, Robert W.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Smith, Ronald E.</b>		Vietnam		
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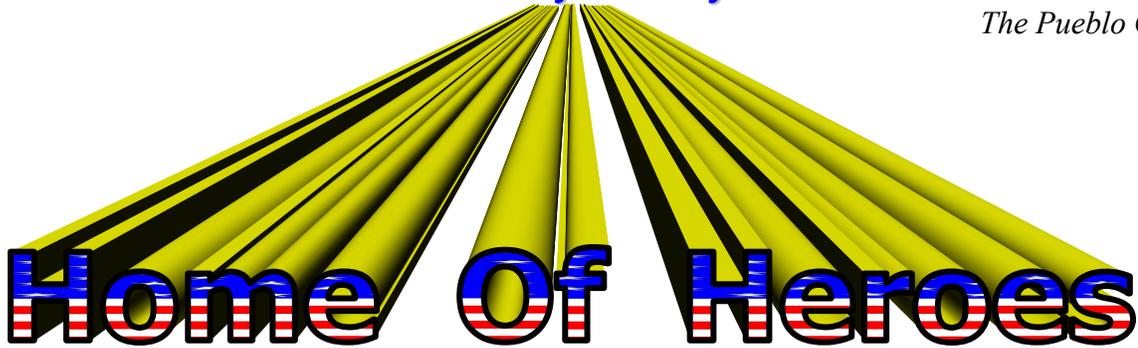
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<b>Smith, Rowland F., Jr.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Smith, Weston T.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Stevens, Donald D.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Stocks, Bruce D.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>* Storz, Ronald E.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Apr 28, 1965
<b>Stovall, Dale E.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Jun 27, 1972
<b>Talley, Joel E.</b>	A1c	Vietnam		Jul 02, 1968
<b>Titus, Robert F.</b>	Maj	Vietnam		May 22, 1966
<b>Trautman, Konrad W.</b>	Col	Vietnam		
<b>Traynor, Dennis W., III</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Apr 03, 1975
<b>Tsouprake, Peter</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Turner, Robert E.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>* Weatherby, Jack W.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam		Jul 29, 1965
<b>Wells, Norman L.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Whatley, Wayne N.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Jun 30, 1966
<b>White, Robert M.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>* Whitesides, Richard L.</b>	Cpt	Vietnam	MIA	Mar 26, 1964
<b>* Wilke, Robert F.</b>	Col	Vietnam	MIA	Jan 17, 1968
<b>Wilkinson, Timothy A.</b>	TSgt	Somalia		Oct 03, 1993
<b>Williams, David H.</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Wofford, Travis</b>		Vietnam		
<b>* Wood, Patrick H.</b>	Col	Vietnam	MIA	Feb 06, 1967
<b>Worrell, Rowland H., III</b>		Vietnam		
<b>Wright, Garth A.</b>	LTC	Vietnam		Jan 26, 1969
<b>Wright, LeRoy</b>	TSgt	Vietnam		Nov 21, 1970
<b>York, Glen P,</b>	Maj	Vietnam		Jul 18, 1967

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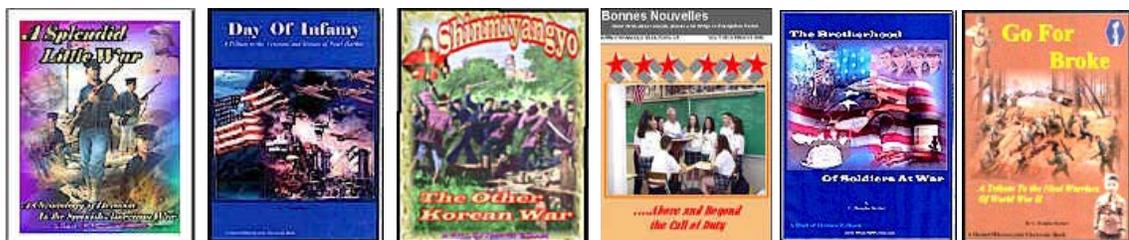
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