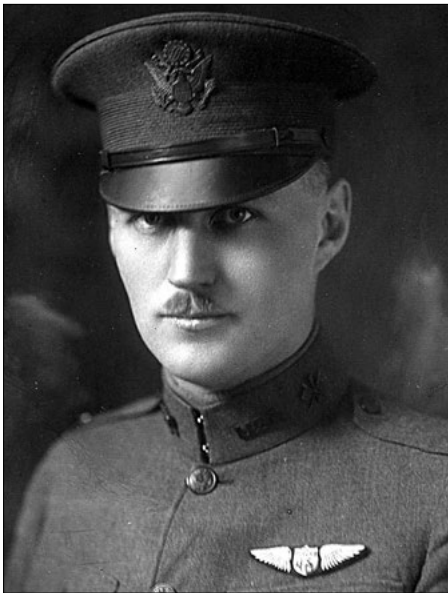


# GUIDE TO ACES AND HEROES

# MAJOR DECORATIONS



Harold Goettler



Horace Carswell Jr.



John Jerstad



Neel Kearby



John Levitow



William Pitsenbarger

## USAF Recipients of the Medal of Honor

NAME AND RANK AT TIME OF ACTION	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF ACTION	PLACE OF ACTION
<b>World War I</b>			
Bleckley, 2nd Lt. Erwin R.	Wichita, Kan.	Oct. 6, 1918	Binarville, France
Goettler, 1st Lt. Harold E.	Chicago	Oct. 6, 1918	Binarville, France
Luke, 2nd Lt. Frank Jr.	Phoenix	Sept. 29, 1918	Murvau, France
Rickenbacker, 1st Lt. Edward V.	Columbus, Ohio	Sept. 25, 1918	Billy, France
<b>World War II</b>			
Baker, Lt. Col. Addison E.	Chicago	Aug. 1, 1943	Ploesti, Romania
Bong, Maj. Richard I.	Superior, Wis.	Oct. 10-Nov. 15, 1944	Southwest Pacific
Carswell, Maj. Horace S. Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas	Oct. 26, 1944	South China Sea
Castle, Brig. Gen. Frederick W.	Manila, Philippines	Dec. 24, 1944	Liège, Belgium
Cheli, Maj. Ralph	San Francisco	Aug. 18, 1943	Wewak, New Guinea
Craw, Col. Demas T.	Traverse City, Mich.	Nov. 8, 1942	Port Lyautey, French Morocco
Doolittle, Lt. Col. James H.	Alameda, Calif.	April 18, 1942	Tokyo
Erwin, SSgt. Henry E.	Adamsville, Ala.	April 12, 1945	Koriyama, Japan
Femoyer, 2nd Lt. Robert E.	Huntington, W.Va.	Nov. 2, 1944	Merseburg, Germany
Gott, 1st Lt. Donald J.	Arnett, Okla.	Nov. 9, 1944	Saarbrücken, Germany
Hamilton, Maj. Pierpont M.	Tuxedo Park, N.Y.	Nov. 8, 1942	Port Lyautey, French Morocco
Howard, Lt. Col. James H.	Canton, China	Jan. 11, 1944	Oschersleben, Germany
Hughes, 2nd Lt. Lloyd H.	Alexandria, La.	Aug. 1, 1943	Ploesti, Romania
Jerstad, Maj. John L.	Racine, Wis.	Aug. 1, 1943	Ploesti, Romania
Johnson, Col. Leon W.	Columbia, Mo.	Aug. 1, 1943	Ploesti, Romania
Kane, Col. John R.	McGregor, Texas	Aug. 1, 1943	Ploesti, Romania
Kearby, Col. Neel E.	Wichita Falls, Texas	Oct. 11, 1943	Wewak, New Guinea
Kingsley, 2nd Lt. David R.	Portland, Ore.	June 23, 1944	Ploesti, Romania
Knight, 1st Lt.	Raymond L. Houston	April 25, 1945	Po Valley, Italy
Lawley, 1st Lt. William R. Jr.	Leeds, Ala.	Feb. 20, 1944	Leipzig, Germany
Lindsey, Capt. Darrell R.	Jefferson, Iowa	Aug. 9, 1944	Pontoise, France
Mathies, Sgt. Archibald	Scotland	Feb. 20, 1944	Leipzig, Germany
Mathis, 1st Lt. Jack W.	San Angelo, Texas	March 18, 1943	Vege sack, Germany
McGuire, Maj. Thomas B. Jr.	Ridgewood, N.J.	Dec. 25-26, 1944	Luzon, Philippines
Metzger, 2nd Lt. William E. Jr.	Lima, Ohio	Nov. 9, 1944	Saarbrücken, Germany
Michael, 1st Lt. Edward S.	Chicago	April 11, 1944	Brunswick, Germany
Morgan, 2nd Lt. John C.	Vernon, Texas	July 28, 1943	Kiel, Germany
Pease, Capt. Harl Jr.	Plymouth, N.H.	Aug. 7, 1942	Rabaul, New Britain
Pucket, 1st Lt. Donald D.	Longmont, Colo.	July 9, 1944	Ploesti, Romania
Sarnoski, 2nd Lt. Joseph R.	Simpson, Pa.	June 16, 1943	Buka, Solomon Islands
Shomo, Maj. William A.	Jeannette, Pa.	Jan. 11, 1945	Luzon, Philippines
Smith, Sgt. Maynard H.	Caro, Mich.	May 1, 1943	Saint-Nazaire, France
Truemper, 2nd Lt.	Walter E. Aurora, Ill.	Feb. 20, 1944	Leipzig, Germany
Vance, Lt. Col. Leon R. Jr.	Enid, Okla.	June 5, 1944	Wimereux, France
Vosler, TSgt. Forrest L.	Lyndonville, N.Y.	Dec. 20, 1943	Bremen, Germany
Walker, Brig. Gen. Kenneth N.	Cerrillos, N.M.	Jan. 5, 1943	Rabaul, New Britain
Wilkins, Maj. Raymond H.	Portsmouth, Va.	Nov. 2, 1943	Rabaul, New Britain
Zeamer, Capt. Jay Jr.	Carlisle, Pa.	June 16, 1943	Buka, Solomon Islands
<b>Korean War</b>			
Davis, Maj. George A. Jr.	Dublin, Texas	Feb. 10, 1952	Sinuiju, Yalu River, North Korea
Loring, Maj. Charles J. Jr.	Portland, Maine	Nov. 22, 1952	Sniper Ridge, North Korea
Sebille, Maj. Louis J.	Harbor Beach, Mich.	Aug. 5, 1950	Hamchang, South Korea
Walmsley, Capt. John S. Jr.	Baltimore	Sept. 14, 1951	Yangdok, North Korea
<b>Vietnam War</b>			
Bennett, Capt. Steven L.	Palestine, Texas	June 29, 1972	Quang Tri, South Vietnam
Day, Maj. George E.	Sioux City, Iowa	Aug. 26, 1967-March 14, 1973	Conspicuous gallantry while POW
Dethlefsen, Capt. Merlyn H.	Greenville, Iowa	March 10, 1967	Thai Nguyen, North Vietnam
Etchberger, CMSgt. Richard L.	Hamburg, Pa.	March 11, 1968	Phou Pha Thi, Laos
Fisher, Maj. Bernard F.	San Bernardino, Calif.	March 10, 1966	A Chau Valley, South Vietnam
Fleming, 1st Lt. James P.*	Sedalia, Mo.	Nov. 26, 1968	Duc Co, S. Vietnam
Jackson, Lt. Col. Joe M.*	Newnan, Ga.	May 12, 1968	Kham Duc, South Vietnam
Jones, Col. William A. III	Norfolk, Va.	Sept. 1, 1968	Dong Hoi, North Vietnam
Levitow, A1C John L.	Hartford, Conn.	Feb. 24, 1969	Long Binh, South Vietnam
Pitsenbarger, A1C William H.	Piqua, Ohio	April 11, 1966	Cam My, South Vietnam
Sijan, Capt. Lance P.	Milwaukee	Nov. 9, 1967-Jan. 22, 1968	Conspicuous gallantry while POW
Thorsness, Maj. Leo K.	Walnut Grove, Minn.	April 19, 1967	North Vietnam
Wilbanks, Capt. Hilliard A.	Cornelia, Ga.	Feb. 24, 1967	Da Lat, South Vietnam
Young, Capt. Gerald O.	Anacortes, Wash.	Nov. 9, 1967	Khe Sanh, South Vietnam

\*Living Medal of Honor recipient

## USAF Recipients of the Air Force Cross

### World War II

Brown, 2nd Lt. Charles L.  
Drew, 1st Lt. Urban L.  
Sloan, Lt. Col. William J.

### Cuban Missile Crisis

Anderson, Maj. Rudolph Jr.

### Vietnam War

Adams, TSgt. Victor R.  
Allee, Maj. Richard K.  
Allison, Lt. Col. John V.  
Armstrong, Maj. Larry D.  
Atterberry, Lt. Col. Edwin L.  
Baer, Lt. Col. Allan R.  
Baldwin, Maj. Robert L.  
Beale, Maj. Robert S.  
Black, A3C Arthur N.  
Bode, Maj. John R.  
Boyd, Capt. Charles G.  
Boyd, Lt. Col. William Jr.  
Brickel, Lt. Col. James R.  
Britt, Maj. Aquilla F.  
Britton, Col. Warner A.  
Broughton, Col. Jacksel M.  
Brower, Capt. Ralph W.  
Bucher, Maj. Bernard L.  
Burroughs, Maj. William D.  
Caldwell, Capt. William R.  
Campbell, Maj. Jesse W.  
Campbell, Maj. Thomas A.  
Carroll, Maj. John L.  
Carter, 1st Lt. William R.  
Cherry, Col. Fred V.  
Clarke, Maj. Colin A.  
Clay, SSgt. Eugene L.  
Cobeil, Lt. Col. Earl G.  
Cody, Capt. Howard R.  
Collins, Capt. Willard M.  
Conley, Lt. Col. Eugene O.  
Conran, Maj. Philip J.  
Cooper, Lt. Col. William E.  
Corder, Capt. John A.  
Courtney, Capt. Terence F.  
Curtis, Capt. Thomas J.  
Dallman, Lt. Col. Howard M.



**Howard Dallman**

Day, Col. George E.  
Dayton, Maj. Thomas E.  
DeBellevue, Capt. Charles B.  
DeTar, Maj. Dean E.  
Donelson, Capt. Nicholas J.

### RANK ABBREVIATIONS

**Cpl.:** Corporal  
**F.O.:** Flight Officer  
**Pfc.:** Private First Class  
**Pvt.:** Private  
**Sfc.:** Sergeant First Class  
**Sgt.:** Sergeant

For other ranks, see USAF Grades and Insignia.

Donohue, Maj. Frederic M.  
Dorsett, Capt. Tracey K. Jr.  
Draeger, Capt. Walter F. Jr.  
Dramesi, Col. John A. (2)  
Engle, Capt. Charles E.  
Eppinger, Maj. Dale L.  
Etsel, Capt. Gregory A. M.  
Feinstein, Capt. Jeffrey S.  
Feuerriegel, Lt. Col. Karl T.  
Finck, Maj. George C.  
Firse, Capt. John A.  
Fish, Sgt. Michael E.  
Fleener, Capt. Delbert W.  
Flynn, Lt. Gen. John P.  
Francisco, Capt. Michael C.  
Funderburk, Capt. Leonard J.  
Gamlin, Sgt. Theodore R.  
Gibson, Maj. James K.  
Gilroy, Capt. Kevin A.  
Gonzales, Maj. Leonard A.  
Green, Maj. Joe B.



**Jerry Hoblit**

Griggs, Maj. Jerry M.  
Gruver, Capt. John C.  
Guarino, Col. Lawrence N.  
Gustafson, Maj. Gerald C.  
Guy, Col. Theodore W.  
Hackney, A2C Duane D.  
Hackney, Maj. Hunter F.  
Hall, 1st Lt. James H.  
Hamilton, Col. John S.  
Harding, Maj. James C.  
Harp, Capt. Tilford W.  
Henning, Capt. Hal P.  
Hickman, Capt. Vincent J.  
Hoblit, Capt. Jerry N.  
Hoggatt, Lt. Col. Ralph S.  
Holland, Maj. Lawrence T.  
Hopkins, Lt. Col. James R.  
Horinek, Capt. Ramon A.  
Hudson, Capt. Jackson L.  
Hunt, Sgt. Russell M.



**William Andrews**

Jeanotte, Lt. Col. Alfred J. Jr.  
Johnson, Capt. Harold E.  
Kalen, Maj. Herbert D.  
Kasler, Lt. Col. James H. (3)  
Kennedy, Capt. Leland T. (2)  
Kent, Sgt. Nacey Jr.  
Killian, Col. Melvin J.  
King, A1C Charles D.  
Kirk, Col. Thomas H. Jr.  
Knight, Col. Roy A. Jr.  
Koeltzow, Maj. Paul F.  
Lackey, Capt. John E.  
Leetun, Capt. Darel D.  
Lielmanis, 1st Lt. Atis K.  
Lukasik, Capt. Bernard F.  
Madden, Maj. Joseph B.  
Maisey, Capt. Reginald V. Jr.  
Martin, 1st Lt. Duane W.  
Martin, Capt. William R.  
Marx, Capt. Donald L.  
Mason, Capt. Larry B.  
Maysey, Sgt. Larry W.  
Maywald, Capt. Phillip V.  
McAllister, Maj. William W.

McCarthy, Col. James R.  
McGrath, Sgt. Charles D.  
McInerney, Lt. Col. James E. Jr.  
McKnight, Lt. Col. George G.  
McTasney, Capt. John B.  
Mehr, Maj. Richard L.  
Mitchell, Maj. Carl B.  
Mize, Capt. John D.  
Mongillo, Maj. Paul J.  
Moorberg, Capt. Monte L.  
Nagel, Capt. Richard A. Jr.  
Newman, Sgt. Thomas A.  
Norris, Lt. Col. William C.  
O'Mara, Capt. Oliver E.  
Olds, Col. Robin  
Orrell, Capt. Bennie D.  
Parr, Col. Ralph S. Jr.  
Personett, Capt. Joseph A.  
Peterson, Capt. Delbert R.  
Pogreba, Lt. Col. Dean A.  
Poling, Capt. Richard L.  
Price, Capt. Donald S.  
Richardson, Sgt. Dennis M.



**Zachary Rhyner**

## USAF Recipients of the Air Force Cross (continued)



**Christopher Baradat**

Richter, 1st Lt. Karl W.  
 Risner, Lt. Col. James R. (2)  
 Ritchie, Capt. Richard S.  
 Robinson, A1C William A.  
 Robinson, Maj. William P.  
 Ronca, Maj. Robert F.  
 Rowan, Maj. John M.  
 Schaneberg, Capt. Leroy C.  
 Schmidt, Col. Norman  
 Schurr, Lt. Col. Harry W.  
 Scott, Capt. Travis H. Jr.  
 Sellers, Maj. Jerry A.  
 Sellers, Capt. Kenneth H.  
 Shannon, Capt. Fred  
 Shaub, SSgt. Charles L.  
 Smith, TSgt. Donald G.  
 Smith, Lt. Col. Robert W.  
 Smith, Capt. Ronald E.  
 Smith, Capt. Rowland F. Jr.  
 Smith, Maj. Weston T.  
 Stevens, Capt. Donald D.  
 Stocks, Maj. Bruce D.  
 Storz, Lt. Col. Ronald E.  
 Stovall, Capt. Dale E.  
 Talley, Amn. Joel E.  
 Titus, Lt. Col. Robert F.  
 Trautman, Maj. Konrad W.

Traynor, Capt. Dennis W. III  
 Tsouprake, Maj. Peter  
 Turner, Maj. Robert E.  
 Weatherby, Capt. Jack W.  
 Wells, Capt. Norman L.  
 Whatley, Maj. Wayne N.  
 White, Col. Robert M.  
 Whitesides, Capt. Richard L.  
 Wilke, Col. Robert F.  
 Williams, Capt. David H.  
 Wofford, Maj. Travis  
 Wood, Maj. Patrick H.  
 Worrell, 1st Lt. Rowland H. III  
 Wright, Capt. Garth A.  
 Wright, TSgt. LeRoy M.  
 York, Maj. Glen P.

### Mayaguez Incident

Backlund, 1st Lt. Donald R.  
 Brims, 1st Lt. Richard C.  
 Harston, SSgt. Jon D.  
 Purser, Capt. Rowland W.

### Operation Desert Storm

Andrews, Capt. William F.  
 Johnson, Capt. Paul T.



**Robert Gutierrez**

### Somalia

Wilkinson, TSgt. Timothy A.

### War In Afghanistan

Baradat, SSgt. Christopher G.  
 Chapman, TSgt. John A.

Crawford, Capt. Barry F. Jr.  
 Cunningham, SrA. Jason D.  
 Gutierrez, SSgt. Robert Jr.  
 Hunter, SSgt. Richard  
 Miller, MSgt. Keary J.  
 Rhyner, SSgt. Zachary J.  
 Ruiz, MSgt. Ivan M.  
 Temple, SrA. Dustin H.

## USAF Recipients of Special Congressional Medals (highest noncombat award)

NAME AND RANK AT TIME OF AWARD	TYPE	DATE APPROVED	ACHIEVEMENT
Aldrin, Col. Buzz	Gold	Aug. 7, 2009	Second person to walk on the moon, Apollo 11 mission, July 20, 1969
American Fighter Aces	Gold	May 19, 2014	Heroic military service and defense of freedom
Collins, Maj. Gen. Michael	Gold	Aug. 7, 2009	Command module pilot, Apollo 11 mission, July 20, 1969
Doolittle Tokyo Raiders	Gold	May 23, 2014	Bombing raid over Japan's capital, April 18, 1942
Eaker, Lt. Gen. Ira C.	Gold	Oct. 10, 1978	Distinguished aviation pioneer and Air Force leader
Filipino World War II Veterans	Gold	Dec. 14, 2016	Courage and perseverance during the war
Lindbergh, Col. Charles A.	Gold	May 4, 1928	Achievements, specifically New York City-Paris flight, May 20-21, 1927
Mitchell, Brig. Gen. William	Gold	Aug. 8, 1946	Outstanding pioneer service and foresight in American military aviation
Tuskegee Airmen	Gold	April 11, 2006	Unique military record, inspiring revolutionary reform in US armed forces
Women's Airforce Service Pilots	Gold	July 2, 2009	Pioneering military service and exemplary record
World War II members of CAP	Gold	May 30, 2014	Wartime civilian volunteers for patrol and humanitarian missions
Yeager, Brig. Gen. Charles E.	Silver	Dec. 23, 1975	Risking life, piloting X-1 aircraft faster than speed of sound, Oct. 14, 1947

# Air Force Aces

**B**y tradition, anyone with five official aerial victory credits is an ace. In compiling this list of aces who flew with the US Air Force and predecessor organizations (the Air Service, Air Corps, and Army Air Forces), *Air Force Magazine* relies on USAF's official accounting of air-to-air aerial victory credits, which is the responsibility of the Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

This record does not include some 300 pilots credited by Eighth Air Force in World War II with destroying aircraft on the ground. Eighth was the only numbered air force to count ground kills, and the Air Force subsequently limited its official recognition of World War II aces to air-to-air victories.

Air Force historians have kept the official records of aerial victories by USAF pilots and crew members since 1957. The Office of the Air Force Historian initially published four separate listings—for World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The four volumes were corrected, updated, and combined into one comprehensive volume. AFHRA continues to correct records and update its listing.

The criteria that the Air Force established for awarding aerial victory credits varied from war to war.

In many cases during World War I, several aviators worked together to down a single aircraft. The Air Service awarded one whole credit to each aviator who contributed to the victory. A single victory could—and often did—result in three or four victory credits.

In World War II and Korea, the criteria were changed. The service divided one credit among all aviators who contributed to destruction of an enemy airplane. With the awarding of fractional credits, a single victory could result in no more than one credit.

The rules were changed again in the Vietnam War. When an F-4 downed an enemy aircraft, USAF would award two full aerial victory credits—one to the frontseater and one to the backseater. As in World War I, a single victory resulted in multiple victory credits.

Thus, the standards for World War II and Korea were more restrictive than those for World War I and Vietnam.



**Boyd Wagner is the first AAF ace of World War II.**



**Richard Ritchie is the first USAF ace of the Vietnam War.**

## Some Famous Firsts

<b>April 23, 1918</b>	First Air Service ace in World War I: 1st Lt. Paul F. Baer
<b>Dec. 16, 1941</b>	First AAF ace of World War II: 1st Lt. Boyd D. Wagner
<b>May 20, 1951</b>	First USAF ace of the Korean War: Capt. James Jabara
<b>Nov. 30, 1951</b>	First USAF ace of two wars (World War II and Korea): Maj. George A. Davis Jr. (seven in World War II and 14 in Korea)
<b>Jan. 2, 1967</b>	First (and only) USAF ace with victories in World War II and Vietnam: Col. Robin Olds (12 in World War II and four in Vietnam)
<b>Aug. 28, 1972</b>	First USAF ace of Vietnam: Capt. Richard S. Ritchie

## American Aces of World War I



James Meissner (8)

Rickenbacker, Capt. Edward V.	26
Luke, 2nd Lt. Frank Jr.	18
Vaughn, 1st Lt. George A.	13
Kindley, 1st Lt. Field E.	12
Springs, 1st Lt. Elliott W.	12
Landis, 1st Lt. Reed G.	10
Swaab, 1st Lt. Jacques M.	10
Baer, 1st Lt. Paul F.	9
Cassady, 1st Lt. Thomas G.	9
Hamilton, 1st Lt. Lloyd A.	9
Wright, 1st Lt. Chester E.	9
Clay, 1st Lt. Henry R. Jr.	8
Coolidge, Capt. Hamilton	8
Donaldson, 2nd Lt. John O.	8
Erwin, 1st Lt. William P.	8
Hunter, 1st Lt. Frank O'D.	8
Jones, 2nd Lt. Clinton	8
Meissner, Capt. James A.	8

In World War I, pilots who shared victories were each given one credit. This list uses the World War I counting rule.

Stenseth, 1st Lt. Martinus	8
White, 2nd Lt. Wilbert W.	8
Burdick, 2nd Lt. Howard	7
Chambers, 1st Lt. Reed M.	7
Cook, 1st Lt. Harvey W.	7
Creech, 1st Lt. Jesse O.	7
Holden, 1st Lt. Lansing C.	7
Robertson, 1st Lt. Wendel A.	7
Rummell, 1st Lt. Leslie J.	7
Schoen, 1st Lt. Karl J.	7
Sewall, 1st Lt. Sumner	7
Beane, 1st Lt. James D.	6
Biddle, Capt. Charles J.	6
Brooks, 2nd Lt. Arthur R.	6
Campbell, 1st Lt. Douglas	6
Curtis, 1st Lt. Edward P.	6
Easterbrook, 1st Lt. Arthur E.	6
Guthrie, 1st Lt. Murray K.	6
Hammond, 1st Lt. Leonard C.	6
Hays, 2nd Lt. Frank K.	6
Hudson, 1st Lt. Donald	6
Knotts, 2nd Lt. Howard C.	6
Lindsay, 1st Lt. Robert O.	6
MacArthur, 2nd Lt. John K.	6
Ponder, 2nd Lt. William T.	6
Putnam, 1st Lt. David E.	6
Stovall, 1st Lt. William H.	6
Tobin, 1st Lt. Edgar G.	6
Vasconcells, 1st Lt. Jerry C.	6
Badham, 2nd Lt. William T.	5
Bair, 1st Lt. Hilbert L.	5
Bissell, 1st Lt. Clayton L.	5
Brooks, 2nd Lt. Arthur R.	5
Buckley, 1st Lt. Harold R.	5
Cook, 1st Lt. Everett R.	5
D'Olive, 1st Lt. Charles R.	5
Furlow, 1st Lt. George W.	5
George, 1st Lt. Harold H.	5
Grey, 1st Lt. Charles G.	5

Haight, 1st Lt. Edward M.	5
Healy, 1st Lt. James A.	5
Keating, 1st Lt. James A.	5
Knowles, 1st Lt. James Jr.	5
Larner, 1st Lt. G. DeFreest	5
Luff, 1st Lt. Frederick E.	5
O'Neill, 2nd Lt. Ralph A.	5
Owens, 2nd Lt. John S.	5
Porter, 2nd Lt. Kenneth L.	5
Ralston, 1st Lt. Orville A.	5
Seerley, 1st Lt. John J.	5
Strahm, Capt. Victor H.	5
Todd, 2nd Lt. Robert M.	5
Vernam, 1st Lt. Remington D. B.	5
Wehner, 1st Lt. Joseph F.	5
Williams, 1st Lt. Rodney D.	5



Charles Grey (5)

## Leading Army Air Forces Aces of World War II (Ten or more victories)



Walker Mahurin (20.75)

Ranks are as of last victory in World War II.

Bong, Maj. Richard I.	40
McGuire, Maj. Thomas B. Jr.	38
Gabreski, Lt. Col. Francis S.	28
Johnson, Capt. Robert S.	27
MacDonald, Col. Charles H.	27
Preddy, Maj. George E.	26.83
Meyer, Lt. Col. John C.	24
Schilling, Col. David C.	22.5
Johnson, Lt. Col. Gerald R.	22
Kearby, Col. Neel E.	22
Robbins, Maj. Jay T.	22
Christensen, Capt. Fred J.	21.5
Wetmore, Capt. Ray S.	21.25
Voll, Capt. John J.	21
Mahurin, Maj. Walker M.	20.75

Lynch, Lt. Col. Thomas J.	20
Westbrook, Lt. Col. Robert B.	20
Gentile, Capt. Don S.	19.83
Duncan, Col. Glenn E.	19.5
Carson, Capt. Leonard K.	18.5
Eagleston, Maj. Glenn T.	18.5
Beckham, Maj. Walter C.	18
Green, Maj. Herschel H.	18
Herbst, Lt. Col. John C.	18
Zemke, Col. Hubert	17.75
England, Maj. John B.	17.5
Beeson, Capt. Duane W.	17.33
Thornell, 1st Lt. John F. Jr.	17.25
Varnell, Capt. James S. Jr.	17
Johnson, Maj. Gerald W.	16.5

## Leading Army Air Forces Aces of World War II (continued)

Godfrey, Capt. John T.	16.33
Anderson, Capt. Clarence E. Jr.	16.25
Dunham, Lt. Col. William D.	16
Harris, Lt. Col. Bill	16
Welch, Capt. George S.	16
Beerbower, Capt. Don M.	15.5
Brown, Maj. Samuel J.	15.5
Peterson, Capt. Richard A.	15.5
Whisner, Capt. William T. Jr.	15.5
Bradley, Lt. Col. Jack T.	15
Cragg, Maj. Edward	15
Dahlberg, Capt. Kenneth H.	15
Foy, Maj. Robert W.	15
Hofer, 2nd Lt. Ralph K.	15
Homer, Capt. Cyril F.	15
Landers, Lt. Col. John D.	14.5
Powers, Capt. Joe H.	14.5
Brown, Capt. Henry W.	14.2
Carr, 1st Lt. Bruce W.	14
Curtis, Maj. Robert C.	14
DeHaven, Capt. Robert M.	14
Emmer, Capt. Wallace N.	14
Goodson, Maj. James A.	14
Jeffrey, Lt. Col. Arthur F.	14
McComas, Lt. Col. Edward O.	14
Roberts, Capt. Daniel T. Jr.	14
West, Capt. Richard L.	14
Bochkay, Maj. Donald H.	13.83
Strait, Maj. Donald J.	13.5
Bryan, Capt. Donald S.	13.33
Carpenter, Maj. George	13.33
Brooks, 1st Lt. James L.	13
Hampshire, Capt. John F. Jr.	13
Head, Capt. Cotesworth B. Jr.	13
Holloway, Col. Bruce K.	13
Millikan, Capt. Willard W.	13
Moran, 1st Lt. Glennon T.	13
Parker, Capt. Harry A.	13
Stephens, Maj. Robert W.	13
Williamson, Capt. Felix D.	13
Brueland, Maj. Lowell K.	12.5
Brown, Maj. Quince L.	12.33
Brezas, 1st Lt. Michael	12
Chase, Lt. Col. Levi R.	12
East, Capt. Clyde B.	12



Donald Bryan (13.33)



Richard Turner (11) in front of his P-51 Mustang "Short-Fuse Sallee"



Ray Wetmore (21.25)

Gleason, Capt. George W.	12
Hively, Maj. Howard D.	12
Ladd, Capt. Kenneth G.	12
Moore, Maj. Robert W.	12
Olds, Maj. Robin	12
Schreiber, Capt. Leroy A.	12
Skogstad, 1st Lt. Norman C.	12
Sloan, 1st Lt. William J.	12
Watkins, Capt. James A.	12
Megura, Capt. Nicholas	11.83
Blakeslee, Col. Donald J. M.	11.5
Conger, Maj. Paul A.	11.5
Kirla, 1st Lt. John A.	11.5
McDonald, Maj. Norman L.	11.5
Stewart, Maj. James C.	11.5
Yeager, Capt. Charles E.	11.5
Norley, Maj. Louis H.	11.33
Frantz, 1st Lt. Carl M.	11
Goebel, Capt. Robert J.	11
Lawler, Capt. John B.	11
Lent, 1st Lt. Francis J.	11
Leverette, Lt. Col. William L.	11

Loisel, Maj. John S.	11
Lowry, 1st Lt. Wayne L.	11
McCorkle, Col. Charles M.	11
McKennon, Maj. Pierce W.	11
Mitchell, Lt. Col. John W.	11
Molland, Capt. Leland P.	11
Quirk, Capt. Michael J.	11
Riddle, 1st Lt. Robert E.	11
Shubin, 1st Lt. Murray J.	11
Smith, Capt. Cornelius M. Jr.	11
Sparks, 1st Lt. Kenneth C.	11
Turner, Maj. Richard E.	11
O'Connor, Capt. Frank Q.	10.75
Ceuleers, Lt. Col. George F.	10.5
Clark, Lt. Col. James A. Jr.	10.5
Doersch, Capt. George A.	10.5
Halton, Maj. William T.	10.5
Hovde, Maj. William J.	10.5
Littge, Capt. Raymond H.	10.5
Storch, Lt. Col. John A.	10.5
Glover, Maj. Fred W.	10.33
Anderson, 1st Lt. Charles F.	10
Aschenbrener, Capt. Robert W.	10
Blickenstaff, Lt. Col. Wayne K.	10
England, Maj. James J.	10
Giroux, Capt. William K.	10
Gladych, Squadron Leader Michael*	10
Goehausen, Capt. Walter J. Jr.	10
Harris, Capt. Ernest A.	10
Lines, 1st Lt. Ted E.	10
Rankin, 1st Lt. Robert J.	10
Reynolds, 1st Lt. Andrew J.	10
Scott, Col. Robert L. Jr.	10
Stanch, Capt. Paul M.	10
Summer, Capt. Elliot	10

\*Squadron Leader Gladych was Polish and flew in service with American units, but because the Polish government in exile was headquartered in London, Polish pilots had British designations.

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McConnell, Capt. Joseph C. Jr.	16
Jabara, Maj. James	15
Fernandez, Capt. Manuel J. Jr.	14.5
Davis, Maj. George A. Jr.	14
Baker, Col. Royal N.	13
Blesse, Maj. Frederick C.	10
Fischer, Capt. Harold E.	10
Garrison, Lt. Col. Vermont	10
Johnson, Col. James K.	10
Moore, Capt. Lonnie R.	10
Parr, Capt. Ralph S. Jr.	10
Foster, Capt. Cecil G.	9
Low, 1st Lt. James F.	9
Hagerstrom, Maj. James P.	8.5
Risner, Capt. James R.	8
Ruddell, Lt. Col. George I.	8
Buttelmann, 1st Lt. Henry	7
Jolley, Capt. Clifford D.	7
Lilley, Capt. Leonard W.	7
Adams, Maj. Donald E.	6.5
Gabreski, Col. Francis S.	6.5
Jones, Lt. Col. George L.	6.5
Marshall, Maj. Winton W.	6.5
Bolt, Maj. John F.*	6
Kasler, 1st Lt. James H.	6
Love, Capt. Robert J.	6
Whisner, Maj. William T. Jr.	5.5
Baldwin, Col. Robert P.	5
Becker, Capt. Richard S.	5
Bettinger, Maj. Stephen L.	5
Cleveland, 1st Lt. Charles G.	5
Creighton, Maj. Richard D.	5
Curtin, Capt. Clyde A.	5
Gibson, Capt. Ralph D.	5



Vermont Garrison (10)

Kincheloe, Capt. Iven C. Jr.	5
Latshaw, Capt. Robert T. Jr.	5
Moore, Capt. Robert H.	5
Overton, Capt. Dolphin D. III	5
Thyng, Col. Harrison R.	5
Wescott, Maj. William H.	5

\*USMC exchange pilot.



Joseph McConnell (16)

## USAF Aces of the Vietnam War

DeBellevue, Capt. Charles B.	6
Feinstein, Capt. Jeffrey S.	5
Ritchie, Capt. Richard S.	5



Jeffrey Feinstein (5)



Richard Ritchie (left) (5) and Charles DeBellevue (right) (6). They scored four of their victories while flying together.



## AAF/USAF Aces With Victories in More Than One War



William Whisner Jr. is credited with 15.5 aerial victories in WW II and 5.5 in the Korean War. He also served in Vietnam.

	WW II	KOREA	VIETNAM	TOTAL
Gabreski, Col. Francis S.	28	6.5		34.5
Meyer, Col. John C.	24	2		26
Mahurin, Col. Walker M.	20.75	3.5		24.25
Davis, Maj. George A. Jr.	7	14		21
Whisner, Maj. William T. Jr.	15.5	5.5		21
Eagleston, Col. Glenn T.	18.5	2		20.5
Garrison, Lt. Col. Vermont	7.33	10		17.33
Baker, Col. Royal N.	3.5	13		16.5
Jabara, Maj. James	1.5	15		16.5
Olds, Col. Robin	12		4	16
Mitchell, Col. John W.	11	4		15
Brueland, Maj. Lowell K.	12.5	2		14.5
Hagerstrom, Maj. James P.	6	8.5		14.5
Hovde, Lt. Col. William J.	10.5	1		11.5
Johnson, Col. James K.	1	10		11
Ruddell, Lt. Col. George I.	2.5	8		10.5
Thyng, Col. Harrison R.	5	5		10
Colman, Capt. Philip E.	5	4		9
Heller, Lt. Col. Edwin L.	5.5	3.5		9
Chandler, Maj. Van E.	5	3		8
Hockery, Maj. John J.	7	1		8
Little, Maj. James W.	7	1		8
Creighton, Maj. Richard D.	2	5		7
Emmert, Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Jr.	6	1		7
Bettinger, Maj. Stephen L.	1	5		6
Visscher, Maj. Herman W.	5	1		6
Liles, Capt. Brooks J.	1	4		5
Mattson, Capt. Conrad E.	1	4		5
Shaeffer, Maj. William F.	2	3		5

## Leading Air Service/AAF/USAF Aces of All Wars

Bong, Maj. Richard I.	40	WW II	Baker, Col. Royal N.	16.5	WW II, Korea
McGuire, Maj. Thomas B. Jr.	38	WW II	Jabara, Maj. James	16.5	WW II, Korea
Gabreski, Col. Francis S.	34.5	WW II, Korea	Johnson, Maj. Gerald W.	16.5	WW II
Johnson, Capt. Robert S.	27	WW II	Godfrey, Capt. John T.	16.33	WW II
MacDonald, Col. Charles H.	27	WW II	Anderson, Capt. Clarence E. Jr.	16.25	WW II
Preddy, Maj. George E.	26.83	WW II	Dunham, Lt. Col. William D.	16	WW II
Meyer, Col. John C.	26	WW II, Korea	Harris, Lt. Col. Bill	16	WW II
Rickenbacker, Capt. Edward V.	26	WW I	McConnell, Capt. Joseph C. Jr.	16	Korea
Mahurin, Col. Walker M.	24.25	WW II, Korea	Olds, Col. Robin	16	WW II, Vietnam
Schilling, Col. David C.	22.5	WW II	Welch, Capt. George S.	16	WW II
Johnson, Lt. Col. Gerald R.	22	WW II	Beerbower, Capt. Don M.	15.5	WW II
Kearby, Col. Neel E.	22	WW II	Brown, Maj. Samuel J.	15.5	WW II
Robbins, Maj. Jay T.	22	WW II	Peterson, Capt. Richard A.	15.5	WW II
Christensen, Capt. Fred J.	21.5	WW II	Bradley, Lt. Col. Jack T.	15	WW II
Wetmore, Capt. Ray S.	21.25	WW II	Cragg, Maj. Edward	15	WW II
Davis, Maj. George A. Jr.	21	WW II, Korea	Dahlberg, Capt. Kenneth H.	15	WW II
Voll, Capt. John J.	21	WW II	Foy, Maj. Robert W.	15	WW II
Whisner, Capt. William T. Jr.	21	WW II, Korea	Hofer, 2nd Lt. Ralph K.	15	WW II
Eagleston, Col. Glenn T.	20.5	WW II, Korea	Homer, Capt. Cyril F.	15	WW II
Lynch, Lt. Col. Thomas J.	20	WW II			
Westbrook, Lt. Col. Robert B.	20	WW II			
Gentile, Capt. Don S.	19.83	WW II			
Duncan, Col. Glenn E.	19.5	WW II			
Carson, Capt. Leonard K.	18.5	WW II			
Beckham, Maj. Walter C.	18	WW II			
Green, Maj. Herschel H.	18	WW II			
Herbst, Lt. Col. John C.	18	WW II			
Luke, 2nd Lt. Frank Jr.	18	WW I			
Zemke, Col. Hubert	17.75	WW II			
England, Maj. John B.	17.5	WW II			
Beeson, Capt. Duane W.	17.33	WW II			
Garrison, Lt. Col. Vermont	17.33	WW II, Korea			
Thornell, 1st Lt. John F. Jr.	17.25	WW II			
Varnell, Capt. James S. Jr.	17	WW II			



The top two scoring aces of WW II, Richard Bong (left) (40) and Thomas McGuire Jr. (38).