



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

TAYLOR, MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT L. III '31

Major General Robert L. Taylor III died 16 March 2003. He was 89 years old.

He retired from a distinguished career with the military, the CIA, the Dew Line in Canada, and with the Pentagon. On his graduation from the Augusta Military Academy of Virginia, he was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, from which he graduated in June 1937. As a new Second Lieutenant, he was assigned to the Army Air Corps and completed primary flying school and received his rating as a pilot.

During World War II, he served as an adviser on military aviation with the Directorate of Civil Defense in Washington, DC, training private pilots to defend both coasts. He then joined his unit in England to engage in the Battle of Britain. Taylor was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for leading Allied bombers deep into Germany to destroy oil fields.

He graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, in 1946 and was named chief of the collection division, Directorate of Air Intelligence working with the CIA in Washington, D.C. After serving as chief of staff of Allied Air Forces of Southern Europe, he was assigned to Colorado Springs where he

performed duties as deputy chief of staff, intelligence, Continental Air Defense Command Headquarters. And in 1957, Taylor assumed command of the newly created NORAD.

General Taylor's decorations and medals include the Distinguished Flying Cross; Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Award; European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; Victory Medal World War II; Army Commendation Ribbon; Air Force Longevity Service Award with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster. He was rated a command pilot. He was listed in Who's Who in America in 1964.

Survivors include Merrill Ford, Fred Ford III, Robert Foerster, Mary Haverstock, Alison Rea, and Kim and David Floria.

At Augusta four years: First Lieutenant, Band; Manager of Boxing and Wrestling; Manager, Southern Prep Boxing Tournament; Senior Literary Society, *Recall* Staff, Y M C A, Monogram Club.

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