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Ahrens Ed	Pilot	Draino	135																		
Braun George	Pilot	Warlock	240									9						1	1	1	
Brown Don	Pilot	Ranger										17						1	1	1	
Clark Tom	RIO		356				1					26	1				1	1	1	1	1
Daly Pat	RIO																	1	1	1	
Deleidi Rick	Pilot	Grazin	KIA				1			1		1+						1	1	1	
Foltz Terry	RIO		172									12 w/ Bronze Star						1	1	1	
Frizell Bill	RIO	Fuzzy	207		1	1	1			1	1	15		1	1		1	1	4 Bronze Stars	1	2+other tours
Gibbs H. Wayne	RIO	Crabs	295									20 w/ Bronze Star			1		1	1	1	1	
Hajduk Jim	Pilot	Rooster	165									11			1 w/ "V"		1	w/B Star	3 Bronze Stars	1	2 MSM
Hanson Bill	RIO	Willy	325						1			21						1	1	1	
Holberton Terry	RIO	Hanratty	220						1 w/ Combat V			16 w/ Bronze Star					1 + Frame	1	4 Bronze Stars	1	3
Jackson Don	RIO	DJ	300									22	4				1	1	4 Bronze Stars	1	6
Laheney Brian	RIO		222									17 w/ Bronze Star	1					1	1	1	
Leist Jerry	RIO	The Lt	450									28	3					1	1	1	
Libey George	Pilot	Jungle	137				1			1		10			1 w/ Combat V		1	1	2 Bronze Stars	1	
Maillaird John	RIO	Duck	373									26	4					1	4 Bronze Stars	1	
Maxwell Joe	RIO	Max	156 1/2							1		13	2				1	1	1	1	
McMenamy Ed	RIO	Mac	400									31	2					1	1	1	
O'Connor Rick	Pilot	Joker	336				1					25 w/ Bronze Star	1		1		1	1	4 Bronze Stars	1	
Peters Art	RIO		363				1					24			1 w/"V"		1	1	1	1	
Rath Bill	Pilot	Blackhawk	122									8			1 w/"V"/"		1	1	1 Bronze Star	1	6
Richard Larry	Pilot	Stick	454	1			4					33	1		1 w/ "V"			1	1	1	
Richardson Mick	Pilot	Pogo	366															1	1	1	
Ryan Bill	RIO	Rhino	KIA							1		1+						1	1	1	
Sherman James	Pilot	Falcon 1				1	1		1 W/ V			17			1 w/ "			1	1	1	2
Sullivan Tom	RIO	Sully	366									27					1	1	4 Bronze Stars	1	1
Trachta Jon	Pilot	Tractor	230				1					23	4					1	1	1	
Yorkoff Ben	RIO	Doc	352					1	1 w/ V	1								1	1	1	2

### Purpose

Military awards and decorations serve many purposes for members. Awards worn on clothing are easily recognizable by fellow service members, and generate respect and morale.

### Heroism

Military awards are awarded for acts of heroism. Awards aren't given automatically; many members must be submitted for consideration by their commanders through the proper Department of Defense channels. Representatives then determine whether or not the act is deserving of the medal in question. Some acts may be deemed worthy of the medal of honor, while others would earn a bronze or silver star. Paul Smith received a medal of honor for singlehandedly defeating 50 enemies while enabling a wounded soldier evacuation. He died during these actions.