



Distinguished Flying Cross
Recipient:

Birth: July 26, 1917

Death: October 11, 2010

Roy E. Kaden

Branch: U.S. Army Air Corps & U.S. Air Force

Theatre: WWII, Korea

(National has no Citation) Research Information: Lt. Col. Kaden served 25 years in the U.S. Army and Air Force. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1937, joining the 38th Reconnaissance Squadron as an aircrew member flying in B-10, B-18, and B-17 aircraft. In May 1941, he was among the aircrews that ferried the first group of B-17's to the Pacific for the purpose of strengthening the pre-war defenses of the Philippines, for which he was awarded the Air Medal. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in February 1942. He entered flying school as a 1st Lt. and graduated as a Pilot in 1943. From 1943 to 1945, he was an advanced flying school Pilot Instructor and a B-17 pilot. After WWII, he was assigned to the 91st Reconnaissance Squadron, flying a photographic B-17. From 1945 to 1949, he engaged in the photo mapping of several South American countries. From 1949 to 1954, he was assigned as a RB-50 Pilot with the 38th Reconnaissance Squadron of the 55th Reconnaissance Wing. During these years while deployed to England, he flew photographic and electronic intercept missions adjacent to the Soviet Union. In September of 1952, he flew a "top secret" presidential directed reconnaissance photographic and electronic intercept mission against the "High Arctic", denied Soviet territory of the Franz Josef Land Archipelago, for which in 2002 (some 50 years later) Col. Kaden and his crew were awarded the *Distinguished Flying Cross*.