



Distinguished Flying Cross
Recipient:

Birth: January 13, 1921

Death: April 30, 2008

Herbert Joseph Parker, Sr.

Branch: U.S. Army Air Corps

Theatre: WWII

(National has no Citation) Research Information: Mr. Parker joined the Army Air Corps through the University of Arkansas ROTC program and flew numerous missions in and around Luzon, New Guinea, the Southern Philippines, and the Western Pacific as a Captain and Pilot. His military decorations included the *Distinguished Flying Cross* with two Oak Leaf Clusters for extraordinary achievement and the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters for superior airmanship. One of his most memorable experiences was as Co-Pilot of the lead aircraft in the early morning commando action to liberate the Los Banos POW camp in the Philippines, recognized by one of the *Distinguished Flying Cross* awards.