



## Distinguished Flying Cross

Recipient:

Birth: December 21, 1929

Death: April 22, 2014

**Joe A. Caple**

Branch: U.S. Air Force

Theatre: Korea

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**Obituary:** Joe Caple graduated from the USAF Aviation Cadet Program in 1951 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. He served in the Korean War where he flew 100 combat missions in P51 and P86 fighters. He then served as an instructor pilot for 3 years and then joined the Arkansas Air National Guard in 1956. In 1968, Joe was called back to active duty during the Pueblo Crisis as Squadron Commander. He retired as a Colonel and Group Commander of the 189th TRS. After military retirement, he worked for Boeing International in Athens, Greece. During his military service, Joe received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, United Nations Service Medal and the Adjutant General's Outstanding Commander Award.