



Distinguished Flying Cross  
Recipient:

Birth: July 20, 1928

Death: July 7, 2000

**Benn Harry Witterman**

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

Theatre: WWII, Korea, Vietnam

*(National has no Citation) Research Information:* Lieutenant Colonel Witterman's military career spanned more than 27 years and included over eight years of enlisted service. A highly decorated combat Pilot, he flew almost 600 sorties in Vietnam and was forced down twice over enemy territory. He earned the *Distinguished Flying Cross* for heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in "Operation Cricket" (a mission later named "Operation Raven"). ("Operation Cricket", May 13-July 16, 1967, 1st and 2nd Battalions, 26<sup>th</sup> Marines search and destroy operation in the Quang Tri Province.) Col. Witterman is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.