HAUSCHILDT, John C.
Class of 1962

First Lieutenant Hauschildt went down on 5 October 1965 as the pilot of an F-100 aircraft on a pre-strike mission. The plane was observed to go in on an ordnance run and then made contact with the ground and exploded about seven miles northwest of Tuy Hoa, Vietnam. The specific cause of the crash is unknown, but there was enemy ground fire in the area. He was a member of the 481st TFS at the time of his death and had flown over 75 combat missions. Hauschildt's military decorations (including posthumous awards) include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, three Air Medals, the National Defense Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam award. He gained the respect and friendship of those he came in contact with and served faithfully and loyally. As a cadet, he earned the Outstanding Cadet in Law award. Hauschildt was buried at the USAFA Cemetery on 23 May 1966. His name is on the USAFA War Memorial for his sacrifice for and dedication to this country.

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