HALBOWER, Harlow K.
Class of 1959
Captain

- killed on 2 January 1966 as an O-1F pilot when his plane was hit by intensive hostile ground fire and burst into flames, spiraling downwards out of control and crashing
- on a forward air controller mission, conducting an air strike about 15 miles west of Saignon, the Republic of Vietnam
- had flown about 300 combat missions at that time as a FAC and had flown well over 300 combat hours
- member of the 505th Tactical Control Group at the time
- military decorations included 1 SS, 1 DFC, 11 AM, number of South Vietnamese medals
- AFA Most Valuable Fencer award memorialized for him because as a cadet, he lettered in fencing four years, was the Western Intercollegiate Foil Champion three times, and earned a special award from the AFA Athletic Association in 1959
- dining hall in Bien Hoa and the 3641st Student Squadron building at Laredo AFB (on 9 June 1966) were also named after him
- named outstanding military training officer while stationed at Laredo AFB
- in high school, received five highly superior ratings at the State Music Festival (among many other accomplishments)
- as a cadet, made the Superintendent's Merit List his first year and the Dean's List
- name is on the USAFA War Memorial

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