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CARL C. BARTHEL
COLONEL, U. S. AIR FORCE (RET)

Carl Barthel had a distinguished career of 28 years service in the Air Force. He was a combat navigator in World War II and was the lead navigator on the 1943 raid on the Ploesti Oil Refinery. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and the French Croix de Guerre. Colonel Barthel was selected to be the first head of the Department of Flying Training at the new Air Force Academy. His effective organization trained the first three classes of cadets as rated navigators -- among the finest the Air Force has ever produced.

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