



*Man's Flight
Through Life Is
Sustained By The
Power Of His
Knowledge*

TO HONOR

JACOB E. SMART

GENERAL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, USMA '31
1909-2006

General Jacob E. Smart graduated from West Point in 1931 and earned his pilot's wings the following year. His World War II service included participation as a plans officer at the Casablanca, Washington, and Quebec conferences and combat assignments in North Africa and Italy. While flying his 29th combat mission as commanding officer of the 97th Bomb Group, his aircraft was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire; he was wounded and became a prisoner of war. Following the war, he served in a series of increasingly responsible command and staff assignments. Selected as deputy for operations of the Far East Air Force in June 1950, he was again wounded in the Korean War. He later held a number of key senior command positions, including Commander, US Forces in Japan; Commander, Pacific Air forces; and Deputy Commander in Chief, European Command. General Smart retired in 1966 and died on 12 November 2006.

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