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## HENRY A. "KORT" KORTEMEYER

### COLONEL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

*Colonel Henry A. "Kort" Kortemeyer joined the Oregon National Guard on the eve of World War II. Shortly thereafter he was appointed an Army Aviation Cadet and received his pilot's wings and a second lieutenant's commission in September 1942. Selected for advanced flying training in the B-25, he was assigned to the newly formed 345<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group based in Rabaul, New Guinea. He flew fifty-five combat missions in the Southwest Pacific Theater and was awarded numerous decorations for bravery and merit. Following the war he held command and staff positions in the United States, Europe, and the Far East. He retired from active duty in 1971 following a distinguished thirty-year military career. An ardent supporter of community organizations such as the Air Force Association and Rotary and the Air Force Academy where he served for many years as a member of the Blue and Silver Club, cadet sponsor, and First Vice President of The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library.*

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