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Colonel "Bill" Edwards learned to fly while still in high school. In 1940 he joined the Royal Air Force and flew Spitfires with one of the famed Eagle Squadrons. He later transferred to the US Army Air Forces and served on the staff of the Eighth Air Force and with the Fourth Fighter Group. His P-51 was downed by flak in July 1944 and he was interred in Stalag Luft I for the rest of the war. He remained in the Air Force and served in numerous command and diplomatic posts before retiring in 1968. Thereafter Bill continued to focus on aviation, taught many people to fly, and was inducted into the Colorado Hall of Fame and the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2001. Because of his example and encouragement, donations of photos and papers by Eagle Squadron members have made the Academy collection one of the largest in the world.

Dedicated Patriot. Respected Leader. Pilot Extraordinaire

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