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WILLIAM D. KYLE, JR.

COLONEL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, USMA '43

Colonel William D. Kyle, Jr. graduated from West Point in January 1943 and received a regular commission in the U.S. Army Air Forces. He and a number of his classmates were members of the only class in West Point history to win their pilot's wings while still cadets. Upon graduation, he was assigned as a B-24 pilot to the 446th Bombardment Group (H) at Bungay, England. He was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, four Air Medals and the French Croix-de-Guerre and completed his combat tour as the Group Operations Officer. Following the war, he served at Headquarters USAF and in a succession of increasingly responsible positions with Strategic Air Command. He culminated a distinguished thirty-year career in 1972 as the base commander at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Colonel Kyle died on 6 February 2006. He is survived by two children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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