



**Donald
Becher**

Army Air Corps

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Aug 9, 1922 - Sep 8, 2002

BIRTHPLACE: Chicago, Ill

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Colonel

DIVISION: Army Air Corps

THEATER OF OPERATION: American

MILITARY HONORS: Legion of Merit (One Oak Leaf Cluster) Meritorious Service Medal Air Metal Bronze Star Service Medal Air Force Commendation Medal (Three Oak Leaf Clusters) Presidential Unit Citation Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (One Oak Leaf Cluster)

HONORED BY: His Family

BIOGRAPHY

After graduating from Culver Military Academy in 1940 in Indiana Col. Becher was a reservist until activated in Sept 1942. As a Second Lt. in the Cavalry, he taught equestrian skills to recruits at Fort Riley, Kan. In February 1943 he was accepted into pilot training in San Antonio, TX, his career took a different direction. During WWII. Col Becher flew over 14 types of aircrafts in missions involving the defense of the Panama Canal & patrols in Central & South America. He remained in Panama serving in the 23rd Tow Target Squadron as pilot of B-25's & B-26's plus Engineering Officer. His last assignment was in the 20th troop carrier squadron serving all missions up & down Central & South America, flying C-47's & C-54's. During his military career Col Becher flew over 30 types of aircraft. Col Becher retired from the Air Force ~ throughout his military career, he gave faithful & conscientious service to his country. His high standards of conduct & leadership, provided an excellent example for those who served with him to emulate. Becher served his country from 1941 to 1980.