

# **Top Ten American Fighter Pilot Aces & Aircraft**

**Aerial Victories Only**

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**Maj. Thomas B. McGuire Jr., USAAF, PTO, 38, MOH, P-38**

**Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabreski, USAAF & USAF, ETO, 34.5 (6.5 in Korea), P-47 & F-86**

**Capt. David McCampbell, US Navy, PTO, 34, MOH, F6F**

**Capt. Robert S. Johnson, USAAF, ETO, 27, P-47**

**Col. Charles H. MacDonald, USAAF, PTO, 27, P-38**

**Maj. George E. Preddy, Jr., USAAF, ETO, 26.83, P-47 & P-51**

**Col. John C. Meyer, USAAF & USAF, ETO, 26 (2 in Korea), P-47, P-51 & F-86**

**BGen. Joseph J. Foss, US Marine Corps, PTO, 26, MOH, F4F**

**Capt. Robert M. Hanson, US Marine Corps, PTO, 25, MOH, F4U**

## **NOTES:**

- (1) MOH: Medal of Honor recipient**
- (2) ETO: European Theater of Operations; PTO: Pacific Theater of Operations**
- (3) Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, US Army Air Service, 24.33, MOH, if counted according to WW II rules. Rickenbacker shared two victories with one other pilot, and a third victory with two others. He is credited with 26 victories according to WW I rules and according to popular opinion.**
- (4) Dr. Olynyk said, "With regard to Boyington's AVG service, he claimed six victories in air-to-air combat, but was only paid for two. Boyington always claimed an additional four in the air, but was never paid for them, so the AFAA and I cannot give him credit for them."**