

Wife: Lelia Marion Hyer, of Pensacola, Fla.

Children: Mary Shelley, Lelia Marion, Victoria, Jennifer, and John T. Hayward, Jr.

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Education: Loyola School, New York City; Oakdale Military Academy, Long Island, N.Y.; U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. (BS, 1930); completed Naval War College correspondence courses in strategy and tactics and international law.

Promotions: Enlisted, June 29, 1925; honorably discharged, July 12, 1926; midshipman, July 13, 1926; commissioned ensign, June 5, 1930; lieutenant (jg), June 5, 1933; lieutenant, June 30, 1937; lieutenant commander (T), January 2, 1942; lieutenant commander, May 29, 1943, to rank from June 30, 1942; commander (T), August 20, 1943; captain (T), December 10, 1945; commander, August 7, 1947, to rank from December 30, 1941; temporary appointment as captain terminated, January 1, 1948; captain (T), August 1, 1948; captain, July 1, 1951, to rank from August 1, 1948; rear admiral, to rank from August 1, 1957; vice admiral, to rank from April 25, 1959.

Decorations and medals: Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit with Combat "V", Distinguished Flying Cross with two gold stars and Oak Leaf Cluster (Army), Air Medal with four gold stars, letter of commendation with ribbon and one bronze star, Army Distinguished Unit Citation (Fifth Air Force), Purple Heart Medal, Silver Life Saving Medal, Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one silver star and three bronze stars, World War II Victory Medal, Naval Occupation Service Medal, Asia Clasp, National Defense Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Order of British Empire (Honorary Officer) and Ribbon Bar.

Citations: Silver Star Medal and Army Oak Leaf Cluster to the DFC (not available), Legion of Merit with Combat "V": "For distinguishing himself * * * during the period March 25, 1944, to June 1, 1944, as commanding officer of Bombing Squadron 106. He successfully carried out 305 long-range search operations, armed reconnaissance, and offensive strikes against the enemy. As a result of the offensive actions of the aircraft under his command, 12 enemy cargo vessels and 14 barges were sunk and 10 enemy vessels and 13 barges were damaged. In aerial combat the squadron shot down 12 and damaged 3 enemy aircraft * * *"

Distinguished Flying Cross: "For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as commander of a heavy bombing squadron in action against enemy Japanese forces on Wake Island, October 5, 1943 * * * (He) skillfully directed and coordinated the operations of his squadron in bombing and strafing important enemy installations, pressing home his own powerful attacks accurately and with aggressive determination and obtaining many valuable photographs of the target area. His inspiring leadership and indomitable fighting spirit, maintained at great personal risk, were responsible in large measure for the outstanding success of this vital mission * * *"

Gold Star in lieu of Second Distinguished Flying Cross: "For heroism and extraordinary achievement * * * in the South Pacific War Area from November 8, 1943, to February 24, 1944 * * * (He) completed many combat and search missions over hostile territory and, by his courage and determination, succeeded in launching a smashing bombing attack on Kapingamarangi Island to score four direct hits on an enemy bivouac area, in sinking several Japanese supply barges on three other occasions and in spotting three hostile cargo vessels in Kavieng Harbor to enable our forces to destroy them * * *"

Gold Star in lieu of Third Distinguished Flying Cross: "For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific Area from April 1 to 23, 1944 * * *"

The Air Medal and Gold Star in lieu of four additional Air Medals were awarded "For meritorious achievement in aerial flight during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific area * * *" from October 13, 1943, to May 19, 1944.

Letter of Commendation with Ribbon (SecNav): "While serving as Experimental Operations Officer of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern, Calif., from August 4, 1944 to August 9, 1945, he distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement in connection with the development, organization, and operation of the station * * *. His active participation in hazardous aerial flights in connection with experimental projects being carried on, and his untiring devotion to duty were a source of inspiration to those who worked with