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HOWARD JAMES WITHYCOMBE

BRIG GENERAL, U.S. AIR FORCE

1916 - 1964

Howard Withycombe was born at San Jose, California. He was educated at San Jose State College and received a Masters degree from Florida State University. He entered pilot training in the Army Air Forces in 1941 and served as a flight instructor until 1944. He then served in the China, Burma, India Theater of Operations and was General Wedemeyer's personal pilot from February 1945 until the end of the war. He served in numerous staff, command and school assignments including the Secretary of Defense Personnel Policy Board and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Academy. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. Howard Withycombe married Audrey McKay in 1941 and they raised two sons. He was killed in an automobile accident in 1964.

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