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ROBERT LEE BASELER

COLONEL, USAF

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Bob Baseler was one of the 325th Fighter Group pilots who flew their P-40F aircraft off the USS Ranger in January, 1943 and landed at Casa Blanca, Morocco. In July he took command of this Group and served in combat with it in North Africa, Sardinia and Italy until after January of 1944. On January 30, 1944, he led his Group on a successful surprise attack on the Luftwaffe base at Udine, Italy destroying 37 enemy aircraft to the loss of only 2 of his. This was one of the most successful missions of the Italian campaign. Bob Baseler's decorations included the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart. He retired in April 1962.

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