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HAROLD L. SMITH

BRIG. GENERAL, U.S. AIR FORCE

1904 – 1996

Hal Smith graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. with the Class of 1930. He then proceeded to pilot training and earned his pilot's wings at Kelly Field, TX in 1931. Later he became interested in meteorology and obtained an MS degree from Cal Tech. His military career spanned thirty years, much of which was spent with the Air Weather Service. He served in the Aleutians during World War II and was awarded the Legion of Merit. From 1952-1956, as Commander of U.S. forces in the Azores, he successfully negotiated the Agreement for the use of Lajes Base. In 1956, for "exceptional representation of the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Government," Hal was awarded Portugal's highest military honor, the Military Distinguished Service gold medal – the first ever given to a foreign officer. Hal retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1960.

By Karine R. Smith – Devoted Wife of 50 Years