



TO HONOR

ALLEN J. DIEFENDORF

COLONEL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Allen Diefendorf was born in Silver Creek, New York, but became a long-time resident of San Bernadino, California. He served as an outstanding fighter pilot and combat veteran in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Aircraft flown included P-38s and P-47s in WWII operations (Market Garden, Battle of the Bulge, and the Ziegenburg Castle raid); the F-80C in Korea before being court-martialed, and then promoted, for strafing a Soviet airfield - accidentally of course; and the F-4C as Commander of the 557th Tactical Fighter Squadron flying out of Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam. He finished his career working for Robin Olds and Chuck Yeager at Norton AFB, California. After 32 years of service in the Air Force, Allen retired as a Colonel, later serving as President of the 367th Fighter Group Association, and as an active member of the Son's of the American Revolution, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and St. Anne's Catholic Church near San Bernadino. He passed away in 1996.

A role model during war and peace to his comrades and a beacon of light to his family.

By: Brigadier General Edwin S. Chickering, USAF (Retired)