

Maurice A. Charles

U.S. Marine Corps

B-25 Squadron



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Captain, U.S. Marine Corp
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Received Distinguished Flying Cross

Maurice A. Charles joined the U.S. Marine Corps and achieved the rank of Captain. He served during WW II, Korean, and Vietnam Wars. In his hometown newspaper in Auburn, Illinois, there is a story of Maurice receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and Gold Stars in lieu of the third and fourth Air Medal awards and a Presidential Unit Citation. Maurice, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, served as a radio and radar operator and waist gunner with a Marine B-25 Squadron. He completed 34 missions in the Philippine Islands campaign and the Bismarck Archipelago.

Maurice Charles enlisted in May 1942 at Springfield, Illinois, served for three and one half years, and was discharged in November 1945 at Cherry Point, North Carolina. He was a graduate of

Auburn Consolidated High School with the class of 1942.

He and his wife, the former Elizabeth Smith of Suffolk, Virginia made their home in Suffolk. After the war, Maurice was employed in the flight operations department of the PCA, the Capital Airlines of the Norfolk Airport. He died on February 6, 1983.

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Auburn, Illinois
Suffolk, Virginia