



Personal info

Full name

HEDERSTROM, Paul Andre Jr

Date of birth

21 June 1920

Age

24

Place of birth

Girard, Trumbull County, Ohio

Hometown

Trumbell County, Ohio

Military service

Service number

O-026222

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**506th Fighter Squadron,
404th Fighter Group**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Air Medal with 9 Oak Leaf Clusters,
Purple Heart**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

14 January 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle

Plot	Row	Grave
C	9	21

Immediate family

Members

Paul A. Hederstrom (father)
Richard L. Hederstrom (brother)
Jack H. Hederstrom (brother)
Paul Hederstrom (nephew)

More information

Despite the advice offered by one of his officer instructors that he should seek a congressional appointment, that the odds were too great in securing an army appointment, he persevered and entered West Point in June 1940, graduating with his class in June 1943. One of the happiest moments of his life was when he learned that he had been assigned to fly fighters.

While over the target, his plane was struck by enemy anti-aircraft fire. He was unhurt and heading back to his lines when the engine of his plane froze for lack of oil. Seven miles inside friendly territory, Paul attempted to parachute to the ground. He was killed effecting his release from the disabled plane.

Photos



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