

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**HEDERSTROM, Paul Andre Jr**

Date of birth

**21 June 1920**

Age

**24**

Place of birth

**Girard, Trumbull County, Ohio**

Hometown

**Trumbull 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

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### Members

**Paul A. Hederstrom (father)**

**Richard L. Hederstrom (brother)**

**Jack H. Hederstrom (brother)**

**Paul Hederstrom (nephew)**

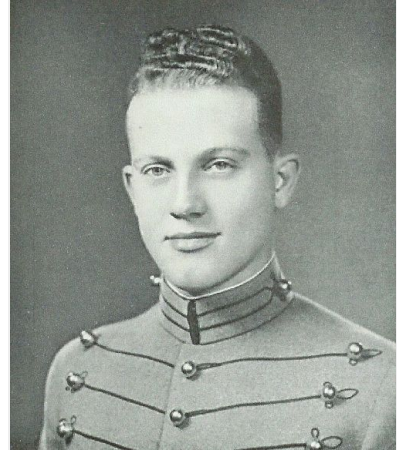
## More information

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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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