By tradition, anyone with five official aerial victory credits is an ace. In compiling this list of aces who flew with the US Air Force and predecessor organizations (the Air Service, Air Corps, and Army Air Forces), Air Force Magazine relies on USAF’s official accounting of aerial victory credits, which is the responsibility of the Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Air Force historians have kept the official records of aerial victories by USAF pilots and crew members since 1957. The Office of the Air Force Historian initially published four separate listings—for World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The four volumes were corrected, updated, and combined into one comprehensive volume. AFHRA continues to correct records and updates its online listing (www.maxwell.af.mil/au/afhra).

The criteria that the Air Force established for awarding aerial victory credits varied from war to war, and therefore one cannot make direct comparisons of aces across all wars.

In many cases during World War I, several aviators worked together to down a single aircraft. The Air Service awarded one whole credit to each aviator who contributed to the victory. A single victory could—and often did—result in three or four victory credits.

In World War II and Korea, the criteria were changed. The service divided one credit among all aviators who contributed to destruction of an enemy airplane. With the awarding of fractional credits, a single victory could result in no more than one credit.

The rules were changed again in the Vietnam War. When an F-4 downed an enemy aircraft, USAF would award two full aerial victory credits—one to the frontseater and one to the backseater. As in World War I, a single victory resulted in multiple victory credits.

Thus, the standards for World War II and Korea were more restrictive than those for World War I and Vietnam.

Some Famous US Fighter Firsts

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<td>First jet-to-jet victory (Korean War): 1st Lt. Russell J. Brown</td>
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<td>Nov. 30, 1951</td>
<td>First USAF ace of two wars (WW II and Korea): Maj. George A. Davis Jr. (7 in WW II and 14 in Korea)</td>
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<td>First (and only) USAF ace with victories in WW II and Vietnam: Col. Robin Olds (12 in WW II and 4 in Vietnam)</td>
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Capt. James Jabara, the first USAF ace of the Korean War, is shown here in the cockpit of his F-86 Sabre after returning from a mission over Korea. Jabara counted 15 victories before the end of the war.
American Aces of World War I

In World War I, pilots who shared victories were each given one credit. This list uses the World War I counting rule.

Chambers, 1st Lt. Reed M. 7
Cook, 1st Lt. Harvey W. 7
Creech, 1st Lt. Jesse O. 7
Holden, 1st Lt. Lansing C. 7
Robertson, 1st Lt. Wendel A. 7
Rummell, 1st Lt. Leslie J. 7
Schoen, 1st Lt. Karl J. 7
Sewall, 1st Lt. Sumner 7
Beane, 1st Lt. James D. 6
Biddle, Capt. Charles J. 6
Brooks, 2nd Lt. Arthur R. 6
Campbell, 1st Lt. Douglas 6
Curtis, 1st Lt. Edward P. 6
Easterbrook, 1st Lt. Arthur E. 6
Guthrie, 1st Lt. Murray K. 6
Hammond, 1st Lt. Leonard C. 6
Hays, 2nd Lt. Frank K. 6
Hudson, 1st Lt. Donald 6
Knotts, 2nd Lt. Howard C. 6
Lindsay, 1st Lt. Robert O. 6
MacArthur, 2nd Lt. John K. 6
Ponder, 2nd Lt. William T. 6
Putnam, 1st Lt. David E. 6
Stovall, 1st Lt. William H. 6
Tobin, 1st Lt. Edgar G. 6
Vasconcellos, 1st Lt. Jerry C. 6
Badham, 2nd Lt. William T. 5
Bair, 1st Lt. Hilbert L. 5
Bissett, 1st Lt. Clayton L. 5
Buckley, 1st Lt. Harold R. 5
Cook, 1st Lt. Everett R. 5
D’Olive, 1st Lt. Charles R. 5
Furlow, 1st Lt. George W. 5
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Keating, 1st Lt. James A. 5
Knowles, 1st Lt. James Jr. 5
Larner, 1st Lt. G. DeFreest 5
Luff, 1st Lt. Frederick E. 5
O’Neill, 2nd Lt. Ralph A. 5
Owens, 2nd Lt. John S. 5
Porter, 2nd Lt. Kenneth L. 5
Ralston, 1st Lt. Orville A. 5
Seerley, 1st Lt. John J. 5
Strahm, Capt. Victor H. 5
Todd, 2nd Lt. Robert M. 5
Vernam, 1st Lt. Remington D. 5
Wehner, 1st Lt. Joseph F. 5

Army Air Forces Aces of World War II

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Bong, Maj. Richard I. 40
McGuire, Maj. Thomas B. Jr. 38
Gabreski, Lt. Col. Francis S. 28
Johnson, Capt. Robert S. 27
MacDonald, Col. Charles H. 27
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Meyer, Lt. Col. John C. 24
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Kearby, Col. Neel E. 22
Robbins, Maj. Jay T. 22
Christensen, Capt. Fred J. 21.50
Wetmore, Capt. Ray S. 21.25
Voll, Capt. John J. 21
Mahrin, Maj. Walker M. 20.75
Lynch, Lt. Col. Thomas J. 20
Westbrook, Lt. Col. Robert B. 20
Gentile, Capt. Don S. 19.83
Duncan, Col. Glenn E. 19.50
Carson, Capt. Leonard K. 18.50
Eagleston, Maj. Glenn T. 18.50
Beckham, Maj. Walter C. 18
Green, Maj. Herschel H. 18
Herbst, Lt. Col. John C. 18
Zemke, Col. Hubert 17.75
England, Maj. John B. 17.50
Beeson, Capt. Duane W. 17.33
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Lamb, Maj. George M. 7.5
Lasko, Capt. Charles W. 7.5
Miklajczyk, Capt. Henry J. 7.5
Righetti, Lt. Col. Elwyn G. 7.5

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Lt. Col. Harrison Thyng (5)
USAF Aces of the Korean War

DeBellevue, Capt. Charles B. 6
Feinstein, Capt. Jeffrey S. 5
Ritchie, Capt. Richard S. 5

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Foster, Capt. Cecil G. 9
Low, 1st Lt. James F. 9
Hagerstrom, Maj. James P. 8.50
Risner, Capt. Robinson 8
Ruddell, Lt. Col. George I. 8
Buttelmann, 1st Lt. Henry 7
Jolley, Capt. Clifford D. 7
Lilley, Capt. Leonard W. 7
Adams, Maj. Donald E. 6.50
Gabreski, Col. Francis S. 6.50
Jones, Lt. Col. George L. 6.50
Marshall, Maj. Winton W. 6.50
Bolt, Maj. John F. 6
Kasler, 1st Lt. James H. 6
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Baldwin, Col. Robert P. 5
Becker, Capt. Richard S. 5
Bettinger, Maj. Stephen L. 5
Creighton, Maj. Richard D. 5
Curtin, Capt. Clyde A. 5
Gibson, Capt. Ralph D. 5
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