

Hollywood's greatest--



George Gobel comedian taught fighter pilots, I believe it was in Oklahoma. Johnny Carson made a big deal about it once on the Tonight Show, to which George said, "The Japs didn't get past us!"



Sterling Hayden, US Marines and OSS. Smuggled guns into Yugoslavia and parachuted into Croatia.



James Stewart, US Army Air Corps. Bomber pilot who rose to the rank of General.



Ernest Borgnine, US Navy. Gunners Mate 1c, destroyer USS Lambertson.



Ed McMahon, US Marines. Fighter Pilot. (Flew OE-1 Bird Dogs over Korea as well.)



Telly Savalas, US Army.



Walter Matthau, US Army Air Corps.,
B-24 Radioman/Gunner and
cryptographer.



Steve Forrest, US Army. Wounded,
Battle of the Bulge.



Jonathan Winters, USMC. Battleship
USS Wisconsin and Carrier USS Bon
Homme Richard. Anti-aircraft
gunner, Battle of Okinawa.



Paul Newman, US Navy Rear seat gunner/radioman, torpedo bombers of USS Bunker Hill.



Kirk Douglas, US Navy. Sub-chaser in the Pacific. Wounded in action and medically discharged.



Robert Mitchum, US Army.



Dale Robertson, US Army. Tank Commander in North Africa under Patton. Wounded twice. Battlefield Commission.



Henry Fonda, US Navy. Destroyer USS Satterlee.



John Carroll, US Army Air Corps. Pilot in North Africa. Broke his back in a crash.



Lee Marvin US
Marines. Sniper. Wounded in action
on Saipan. Buried in Arlington
National Cemetery, Sec. 7A next to
Greg Boyington and Joe Louis.



Art Carney, US Army. Wounded on
Normandy beach, D-Day. Limped for
the rest of his life.



Wayne Morris, US Navy fighter pilot,
USS Essex. Downed seven Japanese
fighters.



Rod Steiger, US Navy. Was aboard one of the ships that launched the Doolittle Raid.



Tony Curtis, US Navy. Sub tender USS Proteus. In Tokyo Bay for the surrender of Japan.



Larry Storch. US Navy. Sub tender USS Proteus with Tony Curtis.



Forrest Tucker, US Army. Enlisted as a private, rose to Lieutenant.



Robert Montgomery, US Navy.



George Kennedy, US Army. Enlisted after Pearl Harbor, stayed in sixteen years.



Mickey Rooney, US Army under Patton. Bronze Star.



Denver Pyle, US Navy. Wounded in the Battle of Guadalcanal. Medically discharged.



Burgess Meredith, US Army Air Corps.



DeForest Kelley, US Army Air Corps.



Robert Stack, US Navy. Gunnery Officer.



Neville Brand, US Army,
Europe. Was awarded the Silver Star
and Purple Heart.



Tyrone Power, US
Marines. Transport pilot in the Pacific
Theater.



Charlton Heston, US Army Air
Corps. Radio operator and aerial
gunner on a B-25, Aleutians.



Danny Aiello, US Army. Lied about his age to enlist at 16. Served three years.



James Arness, US Army. As an infantryman, he was severely wounded at Anzio, Italy.



Efram Zimbalist, Jr., US Army. Purple Heart for a severe wound received at Huertgen Forest.



Mickey Spillane, US Army Air Corps, Fighter Pilot and later Instructor Pilot.



Rod Serling. US Army. 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific. He jumped at Tagaytay in the Philippines and was later wounded in Manila.



Gene Autry, US Army Air Corps. Crewman on transports that ferried supplies over "The Hump" in the China-Burma-India Theater.



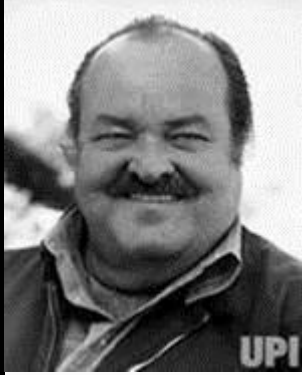
William Holden, US Army Air Corps.



Alan Hale Jr, US Coast Guard.



Russell Johnson, US Army Air Corps. B-24 crewman who was awarded Purple Heart when his aircraft was shot down by the Japanese in the Philippines.



William Conrad, US Army Air Corps. Fighter Pilot.



Jack Klugman, US Army.



Frank Sutton, US Army. Took part in 14 assault landings, including Leyte, Luzon, Bataan and Corregidor.



Jackie Coogan, US Army Air Corps. Volunteered for gliders and flew troops and materials into Burma behind enemy lines.



Tom Bosley, US Navy.



Claude Akins, US Army. Signal Corps., Burma and the Philippines.



Chuck Connors, US Army. Tank-warfare instructor.



Harry Carey Jr., US Navy.



Mel Brooks, US Army. Combat Engineer. Saw action in the Battle of the Bulge.



Robert Altman, US Army Air
Corps. B-24 Co-Pilot.



Pat Hingle, US Navy. Destroyer USS
Marshall



Fred Gwynne, US Navy. Radioman.



Karl Malden, US Army Air Corps. 8th Air Force, NCO.



Earl Holliman. US Navy. Lied about his age to enlist. Discharged after a year when they Navy found out.



Rock Hudson, US Navy. Aircraft mechanic, the Philippines.



Harvey Korman, US Navy.



Aldo Ray. US Navy. UDT frogman, Okinawa.



Don Knotts, US Army, Pacific Theater.



Don Rickles, US Navy aboard USS Cyrene.



Harry Dean Stanton, US Navy. Served aboard an LST in the Battle of Okinawa.



Soupy Sales, US Navy. Served on USS Randall in the South Pacific.



Lee Van Cleef, US Navy. Served aboard a sub chaser then a mine sweeper.



Clifton James, US Army, South Pacific. Was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.



Ted Knight, US Army, Combat Engineers.



Jack Warden, US Navy, 1938-1942, then US Army, 1942-1945. 101st Airborne Division.



Don Adams. US Marines. Wounded on Guadalcanal, then served as a Drill Instructor.



James Gregory, US Navy and US Marines.



Brian Keith, US
Marines. Radioman/Gunner in
Dauntless dive-bombers.



Fess Parker, US Navy and US
Marines. Booted from pilot training
for being too tall, joined Marines as a
radio operator.



Charles Durning. US Army. Landed
at Normandy on D-Day. Shot
multiple times. Awarded the Silver
Star and Bronze Star and three Purple
Hearts. Survived Malmedy Massacre.



Raymond Burr, US Navy. Shot in the stomach on Okinawa and medically discharged.



Hugh O'Brian, US Marines.



Robert Ryan, US Marines.



Eddie Albert, US Coast Guard. Bronze Star with Combat V for saving several Marines under heavy fire as pilot of a landing craft during the invasion of Tarawa.



Clark Gable, US Army Air Corps. B-17 gunner over Europe.



Charles Bronson, US Army Air Corps. B-29 gunner, wounded in action.



Peter Graves, US Army Air Corps.



Buddy Hackett, US Army anti-aircraft
gunner.



Victor Mature, US Coast Guard.



Jack Palance, US Army Air Corps. Severely injured bailing out of a burning B-24 bomber.



Robert Preston, US Army Air Corps. Intelligence Officer



Cesar Romero, US Coast Guard. Coast Guard. Participated in the invasions of Tinian and Saipan on the assault transport USS Cavalier.



Norman Fell, US Army Air Corps.,
Tail Gunner, Pacific Theater.



Jason Robards, US Navy. was aboard
heavy cruiser USS Northampton when
it was sunk off Guadalcanal. Also
served on the USS Nashville during
the invasion of the Philippines,
surviving a kamikaze hit that caused
223 casualties.



Steve Reeves, US Army, Philippines.



Dennis Weaver, US Navy. Pilot.



Robert Taylor, US Navy. Instructor Pilot.



Randolph Scott. Tried to enlist in the Marines but was rejected due to injuries sustained in US Army, World War 1.



Ronald Reagan. US Army. Was a 2nd Lt. in the Cavalry Reserves before the war. His poor eyesight kept him from being sent overseas with his unit when war came so he transferred to the Army Air Corps Public Relations Unit where he served for the duration.



John Wayne. Declared "4F medically unfit" due to pre-existing injuries, he nonetheless attempted to volunteer three times (Army, Navy and Film Corps.) so he gets honorable mention.



And of course we have Audie Murphy, America's most-decorated soldier, who became a Hollywood star as a result of his US Army service that included his being awarded the Medal of Honor.

Would someone please remind me again how many of today's Hollywood elite put their careers on hold to enlist in Iraq or Afghanistan? The only one who even comes close was Pat Tillman, who turned down a contract offer of \$3.6 million over three years from the Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the US Army after September 11, 2001, and serve as a Ranger in Afghanistan, where he died in 2004. But rather than being lauded for his choice and his decision to put his country before his career, he was mocked and derided by many of his peers.