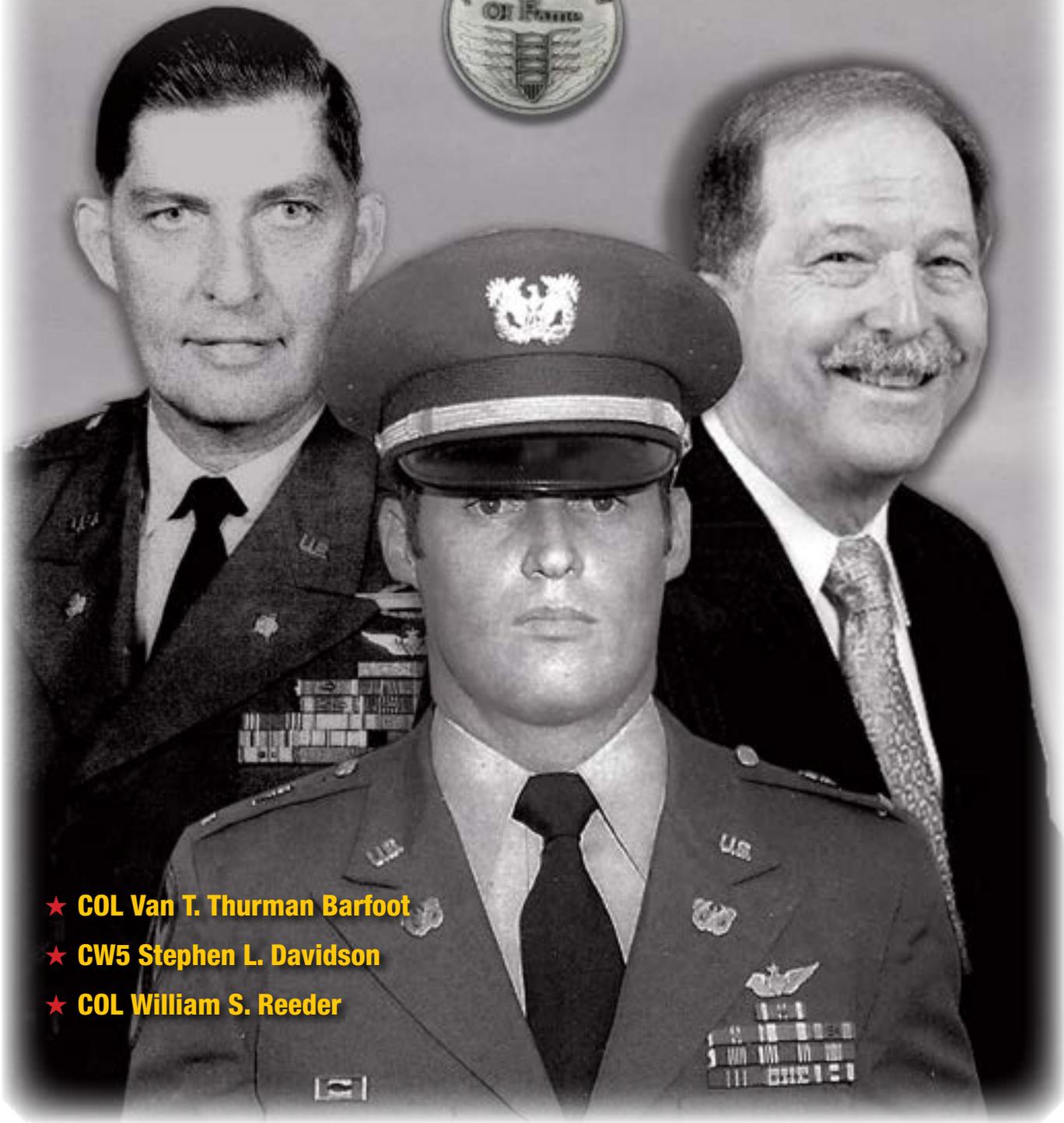


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COL Van T. Barfoot
(Deceased)

During WWII, then T/Sgt T. Van Barfoot was awarded the Medal of Honor for the single-handed capture of 17 German soldiers and killing of 8. From flight training at age 40 in 1960, as a Major, to duty with the Howze Board, he helped to lay the foundation of Army Aviation. COL Barfoot flew 177 combat hours in the UH-1 in Vietnam, earning the Air Medal with two clusters and the Legion of Merit adding to the Silver Star and three Purple Hearts earned in WWII. Among the last surviving WWII Medal of Honor recipients, he faithfully raised and lowered "Old Glory" daily at his home in Henrico, VA. When ordered by the local homeowners association to take down the flagpole or face court action COL Barfoot adamantly refused. Support for this aging warrior poured in from across the nation. The homeowners relented and his flag flew until he could raise it no more, passing away on March 2, 2012, at the age of 92.



COL William S. Reeder, Jr., Ph.D.
Retired

COL (Ret.) William S. Reeder, Jr. is a legend in military Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape training (SERE). On May 9, 1972, during his 2nd tour of duty in Vietnam, COL Reeder was shot down, severely wounded and captured by the communist North Vietnamese. He spent nearly a year as a Prisoner of War (POW). Wanting to help others upon his return, he wrote *Eight Steps for Survival in a POW Camp*. His techniques are still practiced in current SERE training today.



CW5 Stephen L. Davidson
Retired

CW5 (Ret.) Stephen L. Davidson's superb leadership and innovation led to the early adoption of night vision goggles and significantly changed the Army's doctrinal approach for land warfare. As a standardization instructor pilot he employed his technical expertise to develop tactics for effective armed scout helicopter operations from sea-based platforms. During his career, CW5 Davidson served with the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) where his many contributions were classified. He was awarded three Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) Awards over the course of his career, two Bronze Stars, 56 Air Medals and flew over 14,500 accident-free hours worldwide in war and in peace.