

# AVIATION WALL OF HONOR



## **Lieutenant jg Blake L. Foard**

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Langan J. Foard, Blake Foard graduated from the Graveraet High School in Marquette, Michigan, and then attended Northern Michigan College of Education for three years majoring in agriculture.

After taking ground and school courses in meteorology and navigation, he received his flight training from Civilian Pilot Training Instructor Sig Wilson and enlisted in the Upper Peninsula Wildcat Squadron.

He married the former Mildred Mahan, a graduate of Northern Michigan College.

On June 8, 1943, Lieutenant Foard was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by Lieutenant General George C. Kenny, commanding general of the Fifth Army Air Force, for the important role he played in the combat area making long range night aerial missions during which he attacked with bombs enemy merchant men and warships in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire.

TJ Mudge, April 2004