

# AVIATION WALL OF HONOR



## Robert E. Moore

Robert E. Moore was born on March 21, 1921 in Marquette, Michigan, the son of E.A. and Marie (Harkin) Moore. After graduating from Marquette Graveraet High School in 1938, he attended Northern State Teachers College (now N.M.U.) and Michigan State University. His civilian pilot training began at the Marquette County Airport in February of 1942, followed by his Secondary C.P.T. course in Madison,

Wisconsin, which he completed in September 1942.

He began his primary Naval Pilot Training in October 1942 at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois. His advanced training commenced in April 1943 at the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christie, Texas. On August 11, 1943 he graduated and received his commission as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. USMC(R).

He was then assigned to the Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro, California, where he qualified in both bomber and fighter aircraft. In addition, he received his qualification as an aircraft carrier pilot in June 1944.

In January 1945, he was assigned to the Southwest Pacific combat area where he flew ten missions with dive bomber squadron VMSB-245, piloting the Douglas SBD-5 Dauntless and the

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Curtiss SB2C Helldiver. After subsequent transfer to fighter squadron VMF-122 on Peleliu in the Palau Islands, he flew fifteen missions in the Vought F4-U Corsair.

His citations include three Air Medals and promotion to the rank of Captain.

With termination of the war in the Pacific, he returned to the United States where he joined the Marine Corps Reserve in June 1946 on inactive duty. For several years, he served as a civilian flight instructor in addition to employment in an automobile dealership. He later chose a career in insurance while actively serving a number of civic roles in the city of Marquette.

In 1965, he was elected to the City Commission where he served for one and one half years. Then in November of 1967, he was elected Mayor of the City of Marquette.

He served on numerous boards including St. Mary's- Marquette General Hospital for 17 years, the Marquette Rotary Club, and the Salvation Army. He was a charter member of the Marquette Ambassadors and served an active role with the Iron Range Hockey Club.

He is now retired and lives with his wife Shirley in Marquette enjoying all of the seasons with only a small break, perhaps in winter, for a trip to Florida.