

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FOR
CALVIN WARD FITE**

Colonel Calvin Ward Fite passed away on April 22, 2009, leaving behind a legacy of honor and character. He worked hard his whole life. He loved his country and his family. At the age of twenty he answered the call to service by entering the U.S. Army Air Corps, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in April of 1941. During World War II, he flew B-24 Liberator aircraft with the 15th Air Force in the Euro-American Mediterranean Theater of Operations. He was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with several clusters, three Legion of Merit medals, the EAME Theater Campaign medal with nine battle stars, and several other military decorations. He was promoted to the rank of major at age 23 and to lieutenant colonel at 25.

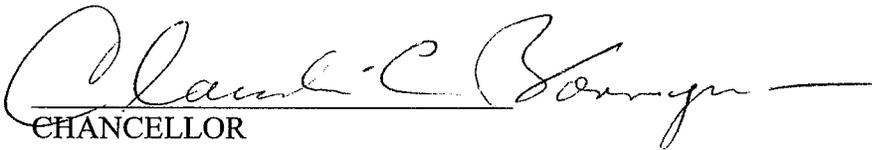
After the war and a brief stint flying as a captain for Delta Airlines, he went back into the Air Force and was made commander of the Strategic Air Command bomb wing at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was promoted to the rank of full colonel at the age of 30. He was then stationed in England for three years at Ruislip Field. After his return to the U.S. he graduated from Air War College and was assigned to the Pentagon with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Further military career assignments included command of the 306th SAC bomb wing at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., and directing the installation of ICBM/Atlas missile silos in upstate New York and Vermont. After being stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, in Maryland, he ended his military career as head of engineering for aeronautical systems at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in Dayton, Ohio.

Calvin retired from the USAF in 1969. He then enrolled at Vanderbilt University Law School, and graduated with his J.D. in December 1971. He then went to work with Third National Bank in Nashville as head of the bank's Personal Trust Department in the Financial Services Division. He retired at age 70, but soon found the retirement lifestyle a little too idle for his taste. Following his entrepreneurial instincts, Calvin then researched, built and operated a golf driving range in the Bellevue neighborhood of Nashville. The business succeeded. At 83, having run the driving range for over a decade, he finally leased it to another operator and settled into a well-earned retirement.

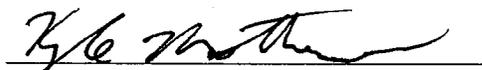
Calvin embodied that gentile masculinity that was so archetypal of the men of his generation. His colorful tales of his youthful adventures were a pleasure; from wrestling a bear for \$50 at a Memphis carnival, to boxing the Golden Gloves competition, to leading flights of B-24's against Nazi benzol refineries guarded by heavy flak and countless Messerschmitts, Calvin's exploits resonated with chivalrous bravado. Yet, he was also kind, gracious, and generous. He treated everyone with respect. He loved his wife, his four daughters, and all of his grandchildren deeply. He believed wholeheartedly in the United States and in the ideals of freedom and democracy.

Therefore, be it resolved that we honor the life, work and legacy of our colleague, Colonel Calvin Ward Fite.

Be it further resolved, that this memorial resolution be placed in the permanent records of the association and entered in the "In Memoriam" minute book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, and that copies thereof be furnished to his family.


CHANCELLOR

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