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NAME: JOSEPH MADISON JACKSON

PERSONAL INFORMATION

OCCUPATION(S): MILITARY, LT COL, USAF 311 AIR COMMANDO SQUADRON

OTHER INFORMATION: ONLY KNOWN GEORGIA MASON TO
RECEIVE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR.

MASONIC INFORMATION

LODGE(S): COWETA #60 6-30-1948 50YR AWARD 10-13-98

STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

CHAPTER(S): _____

STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

COUNCIL(S): _____

STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

COMMANDERY(IES): _____

STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

OTHER MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS: _____

OTHER MASONIC STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

NATIONAL MASONIC OFFICES HELD: _____

MASONIC AWARDS: _____

OTHER INFORMATION: CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR 5-12-1968



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Medal of Honor



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JOE M. JACKSON

Lt. Col. U.S. Air Force

A Korean Veteran. He earned the Medal of Honor at Kham Duc Vietnam FOR landing his C-123 on an airstrip under continuous intense enemy mortar, recoilless rifle, automatic & small arms fire to rescue a 3 man USAF Combat control team. Under almost impossible landing & takeoff conditions he brought them home safely. Mason in Coweta Ldg. # 68 NEUMAN GA. **ERSEL**

Medal of Honor



Joseph Madison Jackson

Rank and organization: Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force, 311th Air Commando Squadron, Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam.

Place and date: Kham Duc, Republic of Vietnam, 12 May 1968.

Entered service at: Newman, Ga. Born: 14 March 1923, Newman, Ga.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Lt. Col. Jackson distinguished himself as pilot of a C-123 aircraft. Lt. Col. Jackson volunteered to attempt the rescue of a 3-man USAF Combat Control Team from the special forces camp at Kham Duc. Hostile forces had overrun the forward outpost and established gun positions on the airstrip. They were raking the camp with small arms, mortars, light and heavy automatic weapons, and recoilless rifle fire. The camp was engulfed in flames and ammunition dumps were continuously exploding and littering the runway with debris. In addition, 8 aircraft had been destroyed by the intense enemy fire and 1 aircraft remained on the runway reducing its usable length to only 2,200 feet. To further complicate the landing, the weather was deteriorating rapidly, thereby permitting only 1 air strike prior to his landing. Although fully aware of the extreme danger and likely failure of such an attempt. Lt. Col. Jackson elected to land his aircraft and attempt to rescue. Displaying superb airmanship and extraordinary heroism, he landed his aircraft near the point where the combat control team was reported to be hiding. While on the ground, his aircraft was the target of intense hostile fire. A rocket landed in front of the nose of the aircraft but failed to explode. Once the combat control team was aboard, Lt. Col. Jackson succeeded in getting airborne despite the hostile fire directed across the runway in front of his aircraft. Lt. Col. Jackson's profound concern for his fellowmen, at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Air Force and reflect great credit upon himself, and the Armed Forces of his country.