

# **Top American Fighter Aces by Aircraft Type**

**Aerial Victories Only**

**Barrett Tillman & Joe Noah, August 2009**

**P-38 Lightning: Maj Richard I. Bong, USAAF, PTO, 40**

**F6F Hellcat: Cdr David McCampbell, US Navy, PTO, 34**

**P-47 Thunderbolt: Lt Col Francis S. Gabreski, USAAF, ETO, 28\***

**F4F Wildcat: Capt Joseph J. Foss, US Marine Corps, PTO, 26**

**F4U Corsair: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Robert M. Hanson, US Marine Corps, PTO, 25**

**P-51 Mustang: Maj George E. Preddy, Jr., USAAF, ETO, 23.83\*\***

**P-40C Kittyhawk: Sqdn Ldr Robert H. Neale, AVG, CBI, 13**

**P-40E&K Warhawk: Capt John F. Hampshire, Jr. & Col Bruce K. Holloway both  
USAAF, PTO, both tied with Neale at 13**

**P-39 Airacobra: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt William F. Fiedler, Jr., USAAF, PTO, 5**

**P-61 Black Widow: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Eugene D. Axtell, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Herman E. Ernst, & 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Paul A.  
Smith, USAAF, ETO, 5 ea**

**F-86 Sabrejet: Capt Joseph McConnell, USAF, Korea, 16**

**F-4 Phantom: Lt Randall H. Cunningham, US Navy, and Capt Richard S. Ritchie,  
USAF, Vietnam, 5 ea**

**\* Gabreski's total score includes 6.5 victories in Korea flying the F-86, or 34.5**

**\*\* Preddy's total score includes 3 additional victories while flying the P-47, or 26.83.**

**Note: Ranks are the highest held by the ace while achieving aerial victories.**

