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Creed's Early Life and Career

Bart Creed was born in 1934 in New York City. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1956 and went on to become a naval aviator. He flew A-4 Skyhawks and was assigned to Attack Squadron 56 (VA-56) on the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63).

Creed was a highly skilled pilot and a dedicated officer. He was well-respected by his fellow pilots and superiors. He was also a loving husband and father.

The Mission

On May 18, 1965, Creed was part of a group of A-4 Skyhawks that was assigned to bomb a North Vietnamese target in Laos. The mission was part of Operation Rolling Thunder, the US bombing campaign against North Vietnam.

Creed's plane was hit by enemy fire and he was forced to eject. He landed in a remote jungle area, far from any friendly forces.

Survival in the Jungle

Creed was alone, injured, and unarmed. He had no food, water, or shelter. He was also in the middle of a war zone.

Creed knew that he had to get out of the jungle and back to safety. But he was surrounded by enemy forces, and he didn't know which way to go.

Creed decided to head west, towards Thailand. He hoped that he would eventually reach friendly territory.

Creed walked for days, eating berries and drinking water from streams. He slept in trees at night, afraid to be on the ground. He was constantly on the lookout for enemy soldiers, and he had to be careful not to make any noise.

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Return to the USA

Creed was flown back to the United States and was reunited with his family. He was awarded the Navy Cross for his heroism and bravery.

Creed went on to serve in the Navy for many years. He retired from active duty in 1984 and went on to work for a defense contractor.

Creed died in 2012 at the age of 77.

Legacy

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