

# Colonel (Ret.) Townsend Foster Dodd

Year of Commission: 1909

BS in Electrical Engineering



Col. Dodd fought in World War II Aviation officer and was the first U.S pilot to receive the Distinguished Service Medal. Dodd served as the head of the air service American Expeditionary Force under General "Black Jack" Pershing. He was the predecessor to the famous Colonel Billy Mitchell. After the end of World War 1, he served as the commander of Langley field in Virginia. Dodd Army Airfield located near Fort Sam Houston, Texas was named in colonel Dodd's honor. He was tragically killed in a plane crash in 1919 while conducting a transcontinental race.

Year Inducted: 2013