

# Colonel Charles G. Patterson



Colonel Charles G. Patterson is mostly responsible for molding the First Army Antiaircraft Artillery (AAA). In 1933, he graduated 117th in his class at West Point, but was the first member of that class to be promoted to Colonel. Ambitious and self-confident, Pat Patterson was respected by those who worked with him or knew him well. He was often considered the best man for the most demanding antiaircraft job in the American Army. His career included years of service under then-Colonel Jarman (known as the Army's leading antiaircraft visionary) at the Fort Bragg Joint Exercise in 1938, again in Panama before WWII, and then during the war at First Army's AAA Command. Colonel Patterson saw mobility as the key to modern warfare, and was responsible for improving fire control by putting onboard sights on the Quad .50. His legacy is that of a visionary air defender who emphasized ingenuity, aggressiveness and mobility.



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