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OBJECT NAME	Medal, Military
DATE CREATED	1940s
MATERIAL	Metal
ACCESS POINTS	army award medal Military

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

U.S. Army Air Force aerial gunner badge. The metal badge is a pair of wings with a winged bullet in the center pointing down. There are two pins and clasps on the back.

#### ORIGIN

The Gunner Badge was a military aeronautical badge of the United States Army Air Forces and was issued during the Second World War. The badge was first created to recognize both the training and hazardous duty of aerial gunners, who manned defensive machineguns on board such aircraft as the B-17, B-24, B-25, B-26 and B-29 bombers. The Gunner Badge appeared as a standard observer badge, upon which was centered a winged bullet.

The Gunner Badge was issued until 1953, in the newly created United States Air Force (1947). The Gunner Badge was declared obsolete and phased out in favor of the new Aircrew Badge (US).

Those having received the Gunner Badge were permitted to wear the original badge until 1955, at which time the badge was no longer authorized for display on an Air Force uniform.

#### CITATION

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