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Smith, Henry Michael "Mickey" (Missoula 1942)

Mickey was born August 20, 1921, in Missoula, Montana. He was an avid baseball player and skier. He played third base for Missoula's first American Legion junior championship team in 1938.

After graduating from high school in Missoula, he worked for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service at Fort Missoula and attended the University of Montana, enrolling in the Civilian Pilot Training program.

Mickey was a smokejumper in Missoula the summer of 1942 and in February 1943, enlisted in the U.S. Navy. In 1944 he earned his wings from the Naval Air Training Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. In 1945, he was stationed at Patuxent River, Maryland, and the following year with the Army Air Force in China.

After military service, Mickey moved to California, living there until his death in San Jose, CA on September 24, 2000.

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