

## **ROBERT TYRON FREDERICK**

**Robert Tyron Frederick** (1907–1970) was a highly decorated American Army officer known for his **bravery and leadership** during World War II.

He is best remembered for leading the First Special Service Force (FSSF), also known as the "Devil's Brigade" and for being the commander of the 1st Allied Airborne Task Force, for the Allied invasion of **Southern France and Monaco in 1944**.

He was the **youngest general** to command a division-size unit in the Second World War.



### **Early life**

He was born on March 1907, 14<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco, California.

**Education:** Graduated from the **United States Military Academy** at West Point, New York, in 1928. He also graduated from the **U.S. Army Command and General Staff College** at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1939.

**Early Career:** He served in various military roles before World War II.

### **Major Achievements**

#### **1. First Special Service Force (FSSF):**

In 1942, Frederick was chosen to lead this elite **American-Canadian commando unit**.

Known as the **"Devil's Brigade"**, the **FSSF** conducted dangerous missions in Europe during **WWII**.

#### **2. Heroic Leadership in Italy and France:**

Frederick led the FSSF during critical campaigns such as the **Battle of Monte La Difensa** (Italy, 1943) and **the liberation of southern France in August 1944 and Monaco on September 3, 1944**.

His **bravery** earned him multiple awards, including the **Distinguished Service Cross** and the **Silver Star**.

### **Later Life and Legacy**

After the war, Frederick continued to serve in **high-ranking roles** and retired from the Army in 1952. He died on November 29, 1970, in California. Nowadays Frederick remains a **symbol of courage, leadership, and innovation in military tactics**.