



# Captain Zenneth A. Pond

## Emerging Alumni Award

***“He Likes his Fellow Man.”*** Jackson Junior College alumni Zenneth Arthur Pond dreamed of flying. As a child of the Great Depression, that wish seemed out of reach, but JJC’s Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP) helped make those dreams come true. The JJC yearbook defines one part of Pond’s character by placing this quote by his photo: “He likes his fellow man.” For two years at JJC, Pond excelled in his studies and was active in sports—always with his eyes on the sky. Zenneth worked hard to be a pilot. Under the tutelage of the CPTP’s director, Frank Dove, Pond became the first student to receive his pilot’s license.

In June of 1941, Pond enlisted in the Marines, and seven months later found a permanent home as a “Bulldog” of Squadron VMF-223. On Aug. 24, 1942, the Bulldogs became the first squadron to base out of Guadalcanal. Over the next 12 days, Zenneth Pond brought down a total of six enemy fighters, thus achieving the status of “fighter ACE.” On Sept. 10, 1942, after just 17 days on the island, Pond took off in an F4F-4 to repel yet another Japanese air raid. He and three other pilots opposed 46 enemy planes; his aircraft disappeared during the dogfight, and Lt. Pond was never seen again. Pond was granted a posthumous promotion to Captain and was awarded the Navy Cross for “extraordinary heroism and distinguished service in the line of his profession.”

### A LASTING TRIBUTE

Jackson College has created the Captain Zenneth A. Pond Emerging Alumni Award in honor of this extraordinary, young Jackson (Junior) College alumni. The award recognizes the outstanding achievements of individuals who have distinguished themselves through professional accomplishments and who have demonstrated the qualities of integrity and character early in their careers.

### CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE JACKSON COLLEGE CAPTAIN ZENNETH A. POND EMERGING ALUMNI AWARD.

- Must be an alumnus of/or have attended Jackson College aged 35 or under.
- Attained exceptional accomplishments in business or professional and their personal life.
- Demonstrated continuing outstanding voluntary service on a local, state, national or international level. (Include clubs, service organizations, and community involvement.)
- Special honors or recognition (in professional or volunteer service.)
- Must exhibit strong leadership qualities; honesty, goodwill, and lead a life of example.

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

University & College Degrees: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list professional accomplishments, including any leadership roles, elected positions or other activities deserving special recognition. Please include a brief description of duties and the impact the nominee has in those roles.

Please list examples of voluntary service on a local, state, or international level (chronological order) including clubs, service organizations and community involvement. Please include a brief description of involvement, as well as dates involved.

Special honors, awards or other recognition:

Is there anything else you wish to share?

### **NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** Additional pages (if necessary), letter of support and resume or cover letter.

Information submitted will be used to prepare news releases and promotional materials. Please double check for accuracy. **Please return nomination form and supporting documents to:**

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