



## **CHARLES ELWOOD "CHUCK" YEAGER**

*Explorer (1923 - present)*

Chuck Yeager is a retired Brigadier General in the United States Air Force and the first pilot to have broken the sound barrier in flight. On Oct. 14, 1947 Yeager flew an X-1 plane at Mach 1.07, officially surpassing the speed of sound. He would go on to break many more speed and altitude records.