



**RICHARD E. BYRD**  
*Explorer (1888 - 1957)*

Byrd was an American aviator famous for his expeditions. He was a navigator and expedition leader for flights that crossed the Atlantic Ocean, part of the Arctic Ocean, and part of the Antarctic Plateau. Byrd also may have led the first expeditions to reach the North and South Poles by air, though his claim to be the first to the North Pole is disputed.