

**ACHEN**, Norman W.

“Doc”

B: 11 July 1921 Kenosa, WI

D: 17 February 2010 San Diego, CA



“...I had a perfect sight picture on the German Staff car. I squeezed off a long burst and watched the tracers go directly into the target. Three German soldiers leaped from the car into a lethal storm of fifty-caliber gunfire. They began twitching and jerking in what seemed a macabre dance around the now burning vehicle - and then they lay dead on the ground...In those few moments I had become judge, jury and executioner.”

- Norm Achen, from a passage in his book “Go With God”

**Hometown:** Los Angeles, California

**Rank:** 2nd Lieutenant

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 334th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

P-51B-7-NA 43-6882 QP-A

**4th Service:**

11 June 1944 – 15 August 1944

15 AUG 44 Struck by flak while strafing a train and belly landed in Germany northwest of Lake Zwischenahner. POW. (MACR 8147)

**Victories:**

None

**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

Volunteered for duty in the Pacific but war ended before he re-qualified as a pilot. Discharged from the Army Air Force in December 1945.

Agent for the Marx Brothers

Practiced law in Temecula, CA

President, Highland Labs

Founder/Chairman of Overland Bank

Authored book *Go with God* (2007)

**Decorations:**

Air Medal (OLC); European-Africa-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; POW Medal; World War II Victory Medal.