

ALLEN, Donald E.

“Don”

B: 14 October 1919 Cleveland, OH

D: 15 August 2013 Rocky River, OH



Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Rank: Staff Sergeant

MOS: 750 - Crew Chief

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-5-RE	41-6414	QP-K	<i>Miss Dallas</i>
P-47D-1-RE	42-7876	QP-K	<i>Miss Dallas</i>
P-51B-7-NA	43-6832	QP-K	<i>Miss Dallas</i>
P-51C-10-NT	42-103794	QP-M	<i>Meg</i>
P-51D-5-NA	44-13984	QP-B	<i>Meg</i>
P-51D-5-NA	44-13984	QP-U	<i>Davy Lee</i>
P-51D-20-RE	44-73304	QP-U	<i>Blondie</i>

4th Service: 9 December 1942 – 26 August 1945

1 APR 43 Promoted to Staff Sergeant

21 Jun 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. Flew on 3 bombing missions with the 100th Bomb Group. Survived forced landing on outward leg of Shuttle when B-17 in which he was a gunner ran out of gas. (RTB 5 JUL)

Campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Air Offensive Europe.

Created original art which appeared on over fifty of the Group's aircraft, many of which have become iconic examples of WWII nose art. Among them are *Blondie*, *Sweet Arlene*, *My Achin' Back*, *Boise Bee*, *Miss Dallas*, *ILL Wind?* and *Salem Representative*.

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Commercial artist, Ad Art Studios

One of only two enlisted men honored with a street in his name on Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina.

Designed 4th Fighter Group memorials which were placed at Debden (now Carver Barracks, Wimbish) and Memorial Park at the Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

Decorations:

Presidential Unit Citation, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with 6 battle stars), World War II Victory Medal.