

VAN EPPS, David A.

B: 20 October 1915 Chicago, IL

D: 12 October 1975 Elkhorn, WI



Hometown: Williams Bay, Wisconsin

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

336th Fighter Squadron

4th Headquarters Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-2-RE 41-6195 QP-V *Great Dane II*

P-51B-7-NA 43-6591 QP-V

4th Service: 26 September 1943 – 9 April 1944

30 OCT 43 Assigned to 4th Headquarters Squadron;
appointed Assistant Group Operations
Officer

15 NOV 43 Assigned to the 334th Fighter Squadron

24 JAN 44 Assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron

14 FEB 44 Transferred to the 334th Fighter Squadron

22 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander D Flight

9 APR 44 Aircraft struck by flak while strafing an
airdrome near Osnabruck. Pulled aircraft
up through 1,000' and bailed out.
POW (MACR 3749)

Victories:

.5 (ME-110 shared w/ Lt. Moulton)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

1963 Retired from the USAF as a Lieutenant Colonel

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (2 OLC), Bronze
Star, POW Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern
Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, British
1939-45 Star, British Atlantic Star, British War
Medal.