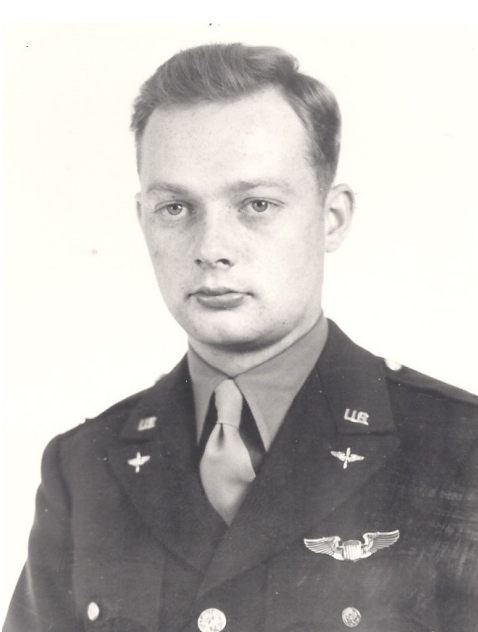


# **RINEBOLT, Richard J.**

B: 14 September 1922 Bradner, OH

D: 14 April 2014 Findlay, OH



*“At this time a 109 came in from my left and I broke into him but had to use my flaps to get behind him. He started into a dive and I began to fire and observed strikes in the right wing root. The E/A pulled up towards me then started down with smoke streaming from his right wing. As his dive increased his canopy came off. Shortly after this I saw a chute open.”*

*- Richard Rinebolt, from his combat report of 11 SEP 44*

**Hometown:** Findlay, Ohio

**Rank:** 1st Lieutenant

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

**Unit:** 335th Fighter Squadron

### **Aircraft:**

P-51D-5-NA 44-13903 WD-L *Fighter from Decatur*

**4th Service:** 27 July 1944 - 10 March 1945

30 missions

29 OCT 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

### **Victories:**

1

### **Post 4th Fighter Group:**

3/1945 Instructor, P-47 Thunderbolt; released from active duty in September, 1945.

1948-73 Attorney, private practice.

1956-73 Served as Findlay, Ohio Municipal Court prosecutor, assistant Hancock County, Ohio prosecutor and Hancock County Prosecutor.

1973-74 Served on the Hancock County Board of Elections.

1975-76 Acting Judge, Findlay Municipal Court.

1977-78 Appointed Judge, Findlay Municipal Court.

1978-90 Served consecutive six-year terms on the Hancock County Common Pleas Court.

1990-97 Served as an assigned Judge. Retired from the bench after seven years.

1993-95 President, Association of the 4th Fighter Group, World War II.

### **Decorations:**

Air Medal (3 OLC), European-African-Middle Campaign Eastern Medal (w/ two battle stars), World War II Victory Medal, Polish Home Army Cross, Polish Warsaw Uprising Cross, French Normandy Liberté Medal.