

ROSS, Donald H.

B: 14 October 1923 Modesto, CA

D: 23 October 2016 Carson City, NV



Hometown: Huntington Park, California

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-5-RE 41-6359 WD-K

4th Service: 9 October 1942 – 27 November 1943

23 APR 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant



Victories:

1

(2 total; 1 with 363FS/357FG)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

- DEC 43 Joins the 357th Fighter Group
- 20 FEB 44 Bailed out after pieces of the ME-109 he'd just destroyed severely damaged his engine. Captured immediately after landing. POW (MACR 2417)
- DEC 45 After returning home enters Inactive Reserves. Works as a pilot for Woodley Airways in Alaska
- JUL 46 Applies for and receives a regular commission in the USAF. Assigned a flight commander 94FS/1FG at March Field, CA.
- SEP 49 Personnel Officer, 3535th Bombardment Training Wing at Mather AFB, CA.
- FEB 52 Director of Military Personnel, CTAF HQ, Randolph AFB, TX
- DEC 53 Assigned to 4th FIW at Kimpo, South Korea, first as Group Operations Officer, then as 336 Squadron Commanding Officer.
- 1954-62 Serves as Planning Officer at USAF HQ, Commanding Officer of 3033 PTG at Bartow AFB, FL and Commanding Officer of the 3525 PTG at Williams AFB, AZ
- AUG 62 Assigned to Joint US MAG in Thailand as Deputy Chief, Air Force section, followed by a tour as Director of Operations, 2nd Air Division in Vietnam.
- AUG 65 Appointed Vice Commander, 479 TFW George AFB, CA. Assumes command of the wing in FEB 62.
- JUL 67 Assumes command of the 347th TFW in Japan.
- JUN 71 Assumes command of the 327th Air Division at Taipei Air Station in Taiwan.
- 1974 Retires from the USAF as a Major General
- 1982 Passes Nevada Bar Exam, becomes an attorney



Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (6 OLC), Bronze Star, Legion of Merit (OLC), POW Medal, Purple Heart, Air Force Commendation Medal, World War II Victory Medal.