

**WILLIS, Donald K.**

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B: 7 August 1911 Marion, IN

D: 27 April 1977 Ocala, FL



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**Hometown:** Leavenworth, Indiana

**Rank:** 1st Lieutenant

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

**Unit:** 335th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

N/A

**4th Service:** 20 October 1942 – 22 April 1943

1 DEC 42 Designated Squadron Operations Officer

22 MAR 43 Promoted to Captain

**Victories:**

1

**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

Transferred to VIII Fighter Command, 67th Fighter Wing Operations. Flew with the 55th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group at Kingscliffe, evaluating new fighter-bomber tactics for the P-38.

10 APR 44 Went down in P-38J-10-LO 42-68077 KI-X  
Evaded capture for 2 months, arriving back in England on 28 JUN 44.

EVD (MACR 3616)

Post war remained in the USAF until 1953. Worked for Global Van Lines and in the insurance business before becoming a quartermaster on a supertanker.

**Decorations:**

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (OLC), European -African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.