

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:

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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 Air Force until 1953.

Worked for Global Van Lines and in the
insurance business before becoming a
quartermaster on a supertanker.

Decorations:

Air Medal (OLC), World War II Victory Medal.