

EDWARDS, Wilson V.

B: 19 July 1918 Los Angeles, CA

D: 7 August 2009 Colorado Springs, CO



Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Rank: Major

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron
Headquarters Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51D-5-NA 44-13608 VF-B

4th Service: 20 June 1944 – 13 July 1944

21 JUN 44 Appointed (acting) Squadron and OTU
Commanding Officer

5 JUL 44 Transferred to Headquarters Squadron

13 JUL 44 While on an escort mission to Munich,
aircraft struck by flak at 26,000' through
10/10 cloud cover. His Mustang began
streaming fuel and glycol, and losing
speed and altitude. When he reached the
top of the cloud cover at 8,000' he rolled
the aircraft on its side and bailed out
safely, landing 3 miles north of
Birkenfeld, Germany. POW (MACR 6711/6719)

Victories:

None

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Remained in the USAF for 26 years, holding posts in
the ATC and ADC. He also served overseas in France,
Germany and Italy. His last assignment was as
Director of Maintenance, McCord AFB, Washington, DC

1968 Retired from the USAF as a Lieutenant Colonel

1968-72 City Planner, City of Colorado Springs

1972-80 Worked as USAF consultant on DEW line and on
the Middle East

1980 Flight Instructor, Colorado Springs, Colorado

2001 Inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, POW Medal,
World War II Victory Medal.