

**HIGHTREE, William G.**

“Bill”

B: 12 December 1919 Macy, NE

D: 13 January 1987 Decatur, NE



**Hometown:** Decatur, Nebraska

**Rank:** Staff Sergeant

**MOS:** 750 - Crew Chief

**Unit:** 336th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

P-47C-2-RE 41-6256 VF-I *Blue Goofis*

P-51B-7-NA 43-6836 VF-I

P-51B-7-NA 43-6768 VF-I *Black Lace*

P-51D-5-NA 44-13412 VF-M

P-51D-10-NA 44-14172 VF-M

P-51D-15-NA 44-15647 VF-M *Peaches*

Assistant Crew Chief VF-I

**4th Service:** 14 December 1942 - 26 August 1945

1 APR 43 Promoted to Sergeant

1 NOV 43 Promoted to Staff Sergeant

**Campaigns:** Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Air Offensive Europe.

**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

Upon being discharged, worked briefly as a blacksmith, and on the Decatur Toll Bridge project.

From 1952 forward owner/operator of his own construction business.

**Decorations**

Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon (with 6 stars); World War II Victory Medal.