

VAN WYK, Neil

“Dutch”

B: 19 March 1914 Paterson, NJ

D: 8 February 1979 Naples, FL



Hometown: Paterson, New Jersey

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-2-RE 41-6194 VF-X

P-51B-7-NA 43-6772 VF-X

P-51C-5-NT 42-103332 VF-X

P-51B-15-NA 43-24848 VF-X *Flying Dutchman*

4th Service: 10 October 1943 – 27 February 1945

20 DEC 43 Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant

13 FEB 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

1 JUN 44 Designated Flight Commander B Flight

10 JUN 44 Promoted to Captain

21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. (RTB 5 JUL)

14 JUL 44 Designated Squadron Operations Officer

8 NOV 44 Transferred to 335th Fighter Squadron

29 NOV 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight

Victories:

.5 (ground; FW-190 shared with Logan)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

N/A

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), Air Medal (3 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.