HILL, James E.

B: 1 October 1921 Stillwater, OK

D: 20 May 1999 Colorado Springs, CO

Hometown: Stillwater, Oklahoma

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-5-RE 42-8644 QP-U

P-47's QP-L and QP-M

4th Service: 14 February 1944 - 23 February 1944

On DS (detached service) for operational training. Flew three missions with the 334th Fighter Squadron.

Victories:

None

5 total (with 365th Fighter Group)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Served with the 365th Fighter Group, 388th Fighter Squadron as CO. Promoted to Major.

Flew 128 Missions in the Korean War and served in Vietnam.

Served in the Oklahoma ANG.

Commanding General, 8th Air Force.

Commander in Chief NORAD

Retired from the air Force as a General in 1979.

Decorations:

Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star,
Distinguished Flying Cross (3 OLC), Air Medal (40 OLC), Legion of Merit (2 OLC), Croix de Guerre with
Palm, Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II
Victory Medal, Distinguished Service Medal (OLC), Army
Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal.