

KINNARD, Claiborne H. Jr.

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B: 29 October 1912 Franklin, TN

D: 18 September 1966



Hometown: Franklin, Tennessee

Rank: Colonel

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 4th Headquarters Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51D-10-NA 44-14292, QP-A *Man O' War*

4th Service:

9 September 1944 to 29 November 1944

9 SEP 44 Appointed Acting Deputy Group and Station Commander

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3 NOV 44 Appointed 4th Fighter Group and Station Commander

29 NOV 44 Returns to 355th FG as Commanding officer

Victories:

3 (1 air / 2 ground) with the 4th

25 total (8 air/ 17 ground) includes service with 355FG and 356FG)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

1946–1953 Air Force Reserves

1953 Group CO, Tennessee Air National Guard

Built a successful business supplying patented pre-stressed concrete beams

Passed away in 1966 due to a brain tumor

Decorations

Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross (7 OLC), Air Medal (8 OLC), Croix de Guerre (with Palm), Distinguished Unit Citation