CHURCH, Robert C.

B: 14 June 1922

D: 13 April 2016 Shawsville, VA

Hometown: Bedford, Massachusetts

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-7-NA	43-6562	WD-N
P-51B-15-NA	43-24813	WD-A
P-51D-5-NA	44-13641	WD-A
P-51D-5-NA	44-13883	WD-A

4th Service: 24 September 1943 – 30 September 1944

23 DEC 43	Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant
MAR 44	Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
18 APR 44	Designated Flight Commander C Flight
7 JUN 44	Designated Flight Commander A Flight
21 JUN 44	Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. (RTB 5 JUL)
29 JUL 44	Promoted to Captain
9 AUG 44	Appointed Squadron Commanding Officer

Victories:

2.5 (2 air/ .5 ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Professor (Genetics/Animal Breeding) at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Connecticut.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), Air Medal (3 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with 4 bronze stars), Distinguished Unit Badge, World War II Victory Medal.