

JACK TUELLER



Jack Tueller's P-47 7J- X "Rosanne" in colour at Winkton

A FAMILY VISIT



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Extract from "leap off" History 404th Fighter Group Combat History Europe 1944 by Andrew F. Wilson (Ex-507th Squadron S-2, Ex-Group PRO). The 11th below is 11th August 1944.

"The 11th was another six-mission day, with two of the formations working around Sourdeval, where the enemy pressure appeared finally to be slackening. Twelve ships of the 508th, led by Jack Tueller again, worked around Domfront on enemy gun positions; the 507th sent a squadron mission roving over the middle of the "box" -soon to be known for all time as the Falaise pocket-while two 506th formations probed near Alencon, some 30 miles southeast of Domfront ahead of the First Army's southern spearhead.

Tueller's formation knocked out a heavy gun position holding up American armour near Domfront. then acted as pivot on a lateral-pass play that sent additional squadrons: to assist two more hard-pressed U. S. tank units.

One of these recognized Tueller's voice from activities of the previous night, when he scouted an enemy armoured concentration east of Mayenne and directed fighter squadrons to the attack. A heavy bomb and machine gun assault cleared the area for an American advance. With the tank radio man directing the attack from his map, the conversation went like this:

Tank: "See the road leading out of Domfront to the west?"

Tueller: "Yeah."

Tank: "See the other road leading out to the north?"

Tueller: "Yeah."

Tank: "See the railroad to the south?"

Tueller: "Yeah."

Tank: "The target is north of the railroad, south of the fork. See it?"

Tueller: "Roger."

Twenty-two 500-pound bombs were dropped in the target area, where eight heavy German guns had been reported holding up the advance.

Tank: "What were the results? Did you hit it?"

Tueller: "Yeah, we shook 'em up a little."

Tank: "Thanks! You guys are doing a great job."

As the squadron formed for the flight home, another tank column called in, requesting "loan" of a flight with bombs.

"We've dropped ours," Tueller told him, "But we'll give your message to our controller."

The request was relayed, and the reply was, "Okay, tell him we'll send the first flight we get."

Again heading home, Tueller heard himself called for the third time, this time by the Second Armoured

Division column he'd supported the night before. "Cutbreak" recognized his voice.

"Hello there, White Leader" the tankman greeted him. "How are you doing?"

"Okay, I guess," was the reply.

"We had quite a show down here last night after you left."

"Yes, I heard."

"We've got something else for you. Can you take it?"

"We'll send someone else. We're low on gas and out of bombs."

"All right. It's a fuel dump. Tell 'em to contact us. We'll see you again."

"Roger. Just let us know when and where.""



Jack L. Tueller (left) Fighter Pilot 404th FG - 508th FS - 9th AF SGT Helms in the foreground on the right.



COL Jack L. Tueller, USAF (Ret) 404th FG - 508th FS - 9th AF

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One of the Greats of that Greatest Generation has flown into history. Jack LeRoy Tueller, Col. USAF Ret., died August 15, 2016 in Bountiful, Utah. He was born January 28, 1921, to Percival and Augusta Snow Tueller in Evanston, WY.



He married his college sweetheart and fellow BYU Cougar band trumpet player, Marjorie Rogers, March 17, 1942, in the Mesa LDS Temple. They were married for 69 years.



He served his country heroically during WWII as a fighter pilot, flying over 100 missions in his P-47 Thunderbolt over Europe, including the D-Day invasion and other key battles. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and numerous other campaign and air medals. Jack made the USAF his career, serving in the Korean and Viet Nam wars, Missiles and Space Command at the Pentagon, and Strategic Air Command headquarters. After retiring from the Air Force with the rank of colonel, he became vice-president of two engineering firms. Jack served faithfully in numerous church callings throughout his life, but especially in youth programs. Many of the youth he served, now as older adults, recall the significant influence he made in their lives, many of which were life changing. Jack and Marjorie served as church service missionaries for fifteen years.

Jack continued to play his trumpet throughout his life. In his later years, he found great joy in making music and sharing the lessons he had learned in life with others, speaking and playing at many events. He has been featured on local and national news, parades, TV documentaries, National Public Radio, CNN, and Music and the Spoken Word with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Some of his life stories have been incorporated into school curriculum materials. His children and grandchildren consider him their hero.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, parents, four brothers, and one granddaughter. He is survived by his six children: Rosanne (Norman) Nielsen, Carolyn Markwith, Sharman Tueller, Janine Tueller Mickelson, Shayne (Pam) Tueller, and Stephen (Camille) Tueller, twenty-six beloved grandchildren and twenty-nine great-grandchildren.

Tueller's military combat record was impressive, flying more than 100 missions in a P-47 Thunderbolt, its propeller whirling him across the English Channel to attack German targets in occupied France. But he flew with an unusual piece of equipment that gained him recognition in his golden years.

Tueller carried his trumpet in a canvas bag strapped to his parachute.

"I figured if I ever got shot down, it would go with me, and if I survived and got put into a prisoner-of-war camp, I could get an extra bar of soap from the guard [by playing the instrument]," Tueller said in 2009 on CNN, one of many news outlets across the country who broadcast or published features about Tueller in his last decade of life.

Not only was Tueller never shot down, but he also asserted that a bullet never struck his plane. So, he played every night for his comrades, tooting "Danny Boy" and "Lili Marlene," among other tunes.

Tueller retired from the Air Force — the successor to the Army Air Corps — in 1966 as a colonel, but he wore his Air Force dress uniform on CNN in the 2014 Days of '47 Parade in Salt Lake City and in speeches to veteran's groups and schoolchildren across Utah long after his retirement. He was known as "Col. Jack" around Bountiful, where he settled with his wife and family after his retirement.



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