

January 25th

Doug Cook

Lowell Knoblock insisted I send you more info about me and my wwii time with father Ernie and visits since that war time. As lowell no doubt has told you he has visited me here. I am 94 yrs old and still going strong. I am not into electronics so its by mail or telephone and here is the number 951-304-9081

Born 11-22-1922 Allerton, Iowa Parants Pearl and Neva Bracewell. Two brothers Garland and Arnold.

Enlisted Aug 19-1941 Fort Des Moinines, Iowa

Training location. Basic Jefferson Barracks, Mo, Aircraft engine school, Chanute Field Rantoul, Ill. Gunnery school Las vegas, Nev.

overseas date Arrived England Juner1942

returned from Italy August 28-1944

Married Numa, Iowa Friday 13 1944 One daughter Judith Ann

Post war life: Retired from USAF May 1st 1970 Went to work Cival service at Tinker overhual base Midwest City oklaas ameckanoc. wife and I took up square dancing. Left Tinker April 1078 and Mildred and I proceeded to travel world wide. She passed away July 11 1992 and I never remarried but had a steady lady companion and square dancer who for 9 years was my travel and lover.

Let me explain my leaving maint and going to gunnery school. Ordered to go against my wishes. Came back to Tampa and the unit had just got new B-17 bombers and I was assigned as a tail gunner. Arrive England and made eleven missions. Now into hospital with Pheumonia which saved my life. While in bed my crew and airplane shot out of the sky no survivors, I demanded to retun to Maint and was very happy to do just that. Crew chief B-17 England, Noth Africa, Sicily and Italy.

From boeing factory line chief B-29s David monthan AFB, Tucson. I was basically a bomber man most of my career and after being poromoted to E8 held officers positions rest of my career to include Lauch officer KI Sawyer AFB, Mich and Maint. Officer Germany and Otis AFB, mass.

If you need or want more info call or write.

*Jim Bracewell*

James N. bracewell

23821 Corte Picanta

Murrrieta, Calif 92562

Ret. ESAF E9 CHIEF Master Sgt