



**F/O Ted W. “Tex” Walters**  
314<sup>th</sup> TCG 62<sup>nd</sup> Squadron  
9<sup>th</sup> Air Force  
World War II

Enlisted in Air Corps Nov.1940 –three months boot training Barksdale Field Louisiana – Air craft mechanics school Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois – Stationed B-18 Bombardment Group – New Orleans, Louisiana where I was stationed when war was declared with Japan-shipped out to Muroc Dry Lake, California where I flew as tail gunner with rank of Sgt, on B-24 bomber—Put in application for flight training as Flying Sgt. 1942 – Primary flight training Santa Maria, Calif. – Basic training – Lemoor, Calif. Where my dreams of power pilot came to an abrupt end.

Applied for and went to Glider Pilot training in Big Spring, TX—with rank of Staff Sgt. –Basic glider training Twenty Nine Palms, Calif. Advanced glider training Victorville Calif. Class of 43-2 Graduated Jan. 18, 1943 as rated Glider Pilot with rank of Flight Officer – Shipped to Laurinberg Maxton, North Carolina – work with 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne – Ground school before Maxton short stay at Seelbach Hotel Louisville, Kentucky – No room at

Bowman Field. March 1943 to Pope Field, Georgia where 314<sup>th</sup> group was being put together—Overseas on USS United States – Former Monarch of Bermuda to Casablanca, North Africa – My entire overseas time was spent in ETO – Participated in campaigns – North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Belgium, Holland, Germany – Decorations Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with cluster, European theater with two stars – Returned United States October 1945 – Certificate of separation Fort Bliss, Texas January 1946.

I HAVE TO ADD THIS – I ARRIVED HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT OCTOBER 15, 1945 – MY SISTER TOOK ME AROUND TO MEET ALL THE ELIGIBLE YOUNG LADIES IN THE OFFICE IN WHICH SHE WORKED THE NEXT MORNING – I WAS INTRODUCED TO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY BY THE NAME OF MARY FRANCES WILSON FIRST, HAD A DATE WITH HER THAT NIGHT AND MARRIED HER A YEAR LATER AND AS OF THIS BRIEF NOTE, WE WILL HAVE BEEN MARRIED 57 YEARS IN NOVEMBER 2003!!!

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY LORD AND SAVIOR FOR HIS MERCY AND GRACE IN THE LIFE OF THIS SINNER WHO DESERVED NONE OF IT!