

History of John Woodrow Booth



John Woodrow Booth was born November 19, 1920 in St. George, Utah to James William and Marvel Booth. The above photo of John was taken at the Charles Fox home located in Tooele, Utah probably in the late 1930's or early 1940's.

To the reader, Fred's history presents a more detailed account of the family and where they lived a different times.

John was the second to last child of his parents. When he was three years old his mother died in Lehi, Utah. He went to live with Rhoda Laub, an adopted sister of his dad's. After his mother had passed away his father was put into the LDS hospital for hernia surgery and the family was split apart. His sisters Elma, Esther, and brothers Jim, and Shake were sent to live in an orphanage located in Salt Lake City.

After John's father regained his health he went back to St. George where his sister Emma Larson was living. Through her he met Gladys Wilson, a maiden lady who had a home at 400 East Tabernacle. She and Will were married October 13, 1931 in St. George. The family was brought back together with the exception of Fred who stayed at Caliente and worked to keep the family going. His sister Elma passed away while in the orphanage.

Life was not easy for the family as their father couldn't find a steady job. His only ambition was prospecting. He had several old cronies live with them at different times, most of them were old prospectors. They would dream dreams of mines, mills and quick riches. John's life at this time consisted of working at whatever job he could find. Their father took what ever money they made to keep the family fed.

John joined the Army Air Force and served on a bomber in World War II. This photo is of the crew and plane they flew during World War II.



Uncle John's Crew

John is the last person on the right kneeling. He didn't speak much of time in the service but was extremely proud of his service to his country.

His "Enlisted Record and Report of Separation" list the following information about his service time.

His date of induction was October 2, 1942 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The date he entered active service is listed as October 16, 1942. His army serial number was 39-834-741. His separation date was September 15, 1945 at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah. He achieved the service rank of T SGT *which stands for Tech Sargent. It is interesting to note that he was inducted rather than enlisting.* It lists his date of birth as 19 November, 1920. His eyes were Hazel, his Hair was brown, he was 5' 10" tall and he weighted 160 lbs. It lists his occupation as a Labor. He was assigned to the 766th Bombardment Squadron. He was a Airplane Mechanic/ Gunner. Under the title of Military Qualification and Date it lists "Air Crew Member Badge, 11 December 1943". *This must be the date he qualified for the job listed.* Under Battles and Campaigns he participated in it lists: Air Offensive Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Southern France, Rome, Arno and Rhineland. *Arno is a river in Italy. I found information on the internet that when the Squadron came back to the Unites States, they came from Italy.* Under Decorations and Citations it lists: European - African Middle Eastern Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters and Distinguished Unit Citation. On the internet it states the following:

The Air Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the U.S. Army, will have distinguished himself or herself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Awards may be made to recognize single acts of merit or heroism, or for meritorious service. Award of the Air Medal is primarily intended to recognize those personnel who are on current crew member or non-crew member flying status which requires them to participate in aerial flight on a regular and frequent basis in the performance of their primary duties. Examples of personnel whose combat duties require them to fly include those in the attack elements of units involved in air-land assaults against

an armed enemy and those directly involved in airborne command and control of combat operations.

In the U.S. Air Force subsequent awards are annotated with the traditional oak leaf clusters.

Under Service Outside the United States it lists: date of departure 21 May 1944 to the EAME Theater. He arrived there 28 May 1944. He departed there to returned to the United States 1 November 1944 and arrived 17 November 1944. *EAME stands for European - African Middle Eastern area.* He served 2 Years 5months 3 days in the Continental United States. He served 5 months 27 days foreign service. He was separated from the Army Air Force for the “Convince of the Government”. The unit he was in was demobilized 15 December 1944. The Service Schools he attended were: AP Engin Tech School in Glendale, California, and AER Gunner School in Harlingen, Texas. He receive \$152.50 upon separation.

Listed on the internet are the missions they flew. They were station at an air field in Torretta, Italy and flew B-24 Liberators models G/J/L/M. They were part of the 461st Bombardment Group (Heavy) of the 15th (Strategic) Army Air Force head Quartered in Italy.

He was part of the Hutchison crew #102. The crew was named for the pilot. Members of the crew are listed as follows:

Hutchison, Stanley O., Pilot
Keeney, Thomas H., co-pilot
Bennett, Theodore H., Navigator
Rothchild, Chet, Navigator
English, James, Bombardier
Bacon, Floyd A., Gunner
Booth, John W., Gunner
Boswell, Archie K., Engineer/Gunner
Calandrillo, Gerald R., Gunner
Malpede, Dominic, Radio Operator/Gunner
Weeks, Grady M., Engineer/Gunner

The co-pilot was shot down while flying with another crew and

became a POW.

There is considerable information about the 461st Bombardment Group of which the 766th Bombardment Squadron was a part, on the internet in the 461st's web site www.461st.org. I can't tell from the information on the web site whether they were sent home because they completed their 35 missions or the unit was no longer needed because the war was almost over. They flew missions over France, Germany often flying over the Alps. Many were shot down by flack and never returned home. He was one of the lucky ones that made it home.



Uncle John told me a story once about Gladys, his Step Mother. When he returned from the service he found Gladys living in quite destitute conditions. She had rheumatism and could not function on her own. Her hands were curled and she could not use them. He said that when he found her she was dressed in her Garments sitting in a rocking chair. The love he had for her could be heard in his voice as he told me this story. It brought a new understanding to me of her. She was the only Mother he knew other than Rhoda Laub, and had a great love for her. I had never heard this from any of his other brothers and sister.

John married Beth Empey 26 January 1946 in Tooele, Utah, and they

raised four children. Thomas (Tom) Hogan, Kail Hogan, from Beth's first marriage and Maxwell (Max) and Ronald (Ron) Booth. Max was killed in an accident New Years Day 1971 while riding a three wheeler in the desert.

John and Beth made their home in Tooele for a period of time and also lived in St. George. They lived in two different homes in Las Vegas. Beth passed away April 8, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada and was buried with Johnny at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bolder, Nevada.

John was a mechanic working for the Ford garage in Las Vegas. He tried his hand at several other businesses. He ran a riding stable once and a stone and masonry supply business. He had several arcade style games he placed around the city. He always worked as a mechanic though. One day he was in an industrial accident that damaged his head. After they operated on him his personality had changed somewhat. He never worked again but regained most of his functions while living in the Veterans Nursing Home in Salt Lake City. He stayed there for approximately five years and then moved back home with Beth. It was hard for her to handle him by her self so she enrolled him in an adult daycare facility. It was here that he spent his days and became well enough that he actually started helping others there. He took care of several men that could not feed themselves. He fed them and performed other acts for them.

President George W. Bush started a program to recognize volunteer efforts in the United States. This program was called "A Daily Point of Light" award. The following article appeared in the local Las Vegas paper.



LV man shines as ‘Daily point of light’

The work of volunteer John Booth at an adult day-care center catches President Bush’s attention.

Article by Natalie Patton Review-Journal

President Bush recognized Las Vegas John Booth, an adult day-care volunteer, as Friday’s daily point of light.”

Booth, a volunteer at the Hollyhock Adult Day Care Center sponsored by the Economic Opportunity Board, said he was surprised to receive the phone call from Washington, D. C., that made him feel wonderful all day Friday.

“They’ve got time for everyone, even with the troubles going on the other side of the world,” the honored World War II veteran said of the call he received from the White House staff.

Booth, 69, entered the center as a patient in 1980 after sustaining a head injury that left him mentally disabled. He said he owes his life to the center, which over three years helped him “come out of it.”

“I was a nobody, and now I’m a worthwhile somebody because of what these people have done for me,” he said. “Anything I can do for them, I will.”

As Booth’s condition improved, he repaid the center by volunteering time and energy to encourage other patients to participate in their therapy programs.

Mary Jo Greenlee, an Economic Opportunity Board administrator, said Booth has the patience and empathy to successfully deal with the patients.

“John helps them out with the facets of daily living - including cutting up food at lunch time and helping those who have a hard time walking.”

Pamela Woods, the center’s activities director, said “As a volunteer, John has been instrumental to the quality and growth of our program. He has remarkable patience with Alzheimer’s patients.”

Bush’s “daily point of light” program recognizes those who successfully address the country’s most pressing social problems through acts of community service. The Bush administration hopes to show that problems in America can be solved through the combined acts of volunteering individuals, according to a White House press statement.

Three such recognitions have been made in Nevada, including Booth’s. Pamela Calhoun, a Sparks resident and energy awareness activist, and Sandra Lee Eadie, a Las Vegas resident and volunteer for Nevada Association for the Handicapped, were the Feb. 10 and June 8 “daily points of light.”



John's brother and sister. From left to right sitting" Rea (Swartz), Esther, Fred, Jim and standing Shirley (Shake).



From left to right: James William Booth, John, Esther, Jim, Shake, Rea, Fred.



John W. Booth at one of the many family reunions.



Jean, John and Marie Booth



Beth Booth, John's wife, On Fathers day, 2008.



From left to right: Shake and Jean, Esther and Dude, Fred and Marie, John and Beth, Jim and Alice.



Left to right: Shake, Esther, Fred, John, Jim, Rea was absent.



Left to right: John and Beth, Jim and Alice, Fred and Marie, Shake and Jean



Left to right: Alice, Marie, Fred, Shake and Jean, Rea.



Left to right: Jim, Marie, Fred, Shake and Jean, Rea



This was taken at either Charles or Ellen Fox's funeral
Left to right: Jim and Alice Booth, Shake and Jean Booth, Fred and Marie Booth, Esther (Booth) and Jim Fox, John and Beth Booth, Rea in shadow.



Left to right: Sitting
Rea, Esther, Fred, Jim,
Shake standing.

PLACE OF BIRTH

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FILE NO. 264COUNTY OF Washington

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

STATE OF UTAH

PRECINCT OF _____

TOWN OR VILLAGE OF St. GeorgeSTREET AND NO. _____
(If in Hospital or other Institution, give its Name instead of Street and Number)

CITY OF _____

FULL NAME OF CHILD John Woodrow Booth (If child is not yet named, make supplemental report as directed.)

SEX OF CHILD	Male	(FEM. TRIPLET, OR OTHER?) (To be answered in event of plural births)	NUMBER IN ORDER OF BIRTH	PREVAILING FULL YEAR	LEGITIMATE?	DATE OF BIRTH	19 <u>20</u>
				Yes	Yes	(MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)	

FATHER

MOTHER

FULL NAME James William BoothFULL MAIDEN NAME Marvel RidingRESIDENCE (USUAL PLACE OF ABODE) St. George, UtahRESIDENCE (USUAL PLACE OF ABODE) St. George, UtahCOLOR OR RACE White AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 40 (YEARS)COLOR OR RACE White AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 30 (YEARS)BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR PLACE) Utah (STATE OR COUNTRY)BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR PLACE) Utah (STATE OR COUNTRY)OCCUPATION TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS SPINNER, SAYER, WOODWORKER, ETC. FarmerOCCUPATION TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS HOUSEKEEPER, TYPIST, NURSE, CLERK, ETC. Housewife

INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS SILE MILL, SAWMILL, BARK, ETC.

INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS OWN HOME, LAWYER'S OFFICE, SILK MILL, ETC.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THIS MOTHER (AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH AND INCLUDING THIS CHILD): (A) BORN ALIVE AND NOW LIVING 7 (B) BORN ALIVE BUT NOW DEAD 0 (C) STILLBORN 0

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE*

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD WHO WAS born alive 7:50 a. m. ON THE DATE ABOVE STATED.
(Born alive or stillborn)

*When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.

(SIGNATURE) F. J. WoodburyDATE November 30, 19 20 Physician
(PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE)ADDRESS OF PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE St. George, UtahFILED November 30, 19 20 F. J. Woodbury
REGISTRARREGISTERED NO. 100

GIVEN NAME ADDED FROM SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT _____ 19 _____
REGISTRAR

State of Utah }
County of Salt Lake } ss.

I, Wm. M. McKay, M.D., State Health Commissioner and State Registrar of Vital Statistics, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing record of birth is a true and correct copy of the original certificate of birth of

JOHN WOODROW BOOTH

now on file in the office of the Utah State Department of Health at Salt Lake City, Utah, and made of record in said office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Utah State Department of Health this 25th day of July A. D. 19 44.

Wm. M. McKay
State Health Commissioner and
State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Army of the United States



Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that

JOHN W. BOOTH 39 834 741 TECHNICAL SERGEANT

785TH SQUADRON 504D AVN

Army of the United States

*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military
service of the United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest
and Faithful Service to this country.*

Given at SEBRING MISSISSIPPI

Date 15 FEBRUARY 1951

Carl L. Ham
CARL L. HAM
MAJOR GENERAL (RET)

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL BOUTH JOHN W		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 39 834 741	3. GRADE T SGT	4. PAY IN SERVICE AC	5. COMPONENT AUS
6. ORGANIZATION 76TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON		7. DATE OF SEPARATION 15 SEP 45		8. PLACE OF SEPARATION SEP CENTER UTAH	
9. FORWARD ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES BOX 601 ST GEORGE UTAH		10. DATE OF BIRTH 17 NOV 20		11. PLACE OF BIRTH UTAH	
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE KNOWN SEP 9		13. COLOR EYES HAZEL BROWN	14. COLOR HAIR 5'10"	15. HEIGHT 160 lbs	16. NO. COPIES 0
17. RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WHITE	18. MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. LABORER 9522604		

MILITARY HISTORY

21. DATE OF INDUCTION 2 OCT 42	22. DATE OF ENLISTMENT NONE	23. BASIC ENTRY INDUCTION POINT 16 OCT 42	24. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE SALT LAKE CITY UTAH
25. SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26. LOCAL GOV. DISTRICT S	27. COUNTY AND STATE TOOELE UTAH	28. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE SEE 9
29. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. AIRPLANE MECH-GUNNER 745		30. SERVICE QUALIFICATION ACHIEVE (I.e., Badges, medals and decorations and awards, etc.) AIR CREW MEMBER BADGE 11 DEC 43 * NORMANDY NORTHERN FRANCE SOUTHERN FRANCE ROME ARNO GO 33 WD 45 RHINELAND GO 40 WD 45	
31. ACHIEVEMENTS AND CITATIONS EUROPEAN-AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN SERVICE MEDAL GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AP 600-63 AIR MEDAL WITH THREE OAK LEAF CLUSTERS GO 1760 15TH AAC 12 JUL 44 DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION GO 4187 HQ 15TH AF**			
32. ACHIEVEMENTS RECEIVED IN ACTION NONE			

33. LATEST INDUCTION ENTER			34. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND ABROAD		
BRANCH	ISSUE	EXPIRES	DATE OF REENTRY	DESTINATION	DATE OF ARRIVAL
35. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE CONTINENTAL SERVICE: 2 5 3 0 FOREIGN SERVICE: 5 1 27 TOTAL: 7 6 27			36. HIGHEST GRADE HELD T SGT		
37. OTHER SERVICE YEL FEVER 12 JAN 43**					
38. OTHER SERVICE 1 NOV 44 U.S. 17 NOV 44					

39. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION CONVENIENCE OF GOVERNMENT AR 615-305 DEMOBILIZATION RR 1-1 15 DEC 44		40. EDUCATION (Years) 8
41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED AP ENG MECH SCHOOL GLENDALE CALIF AER GUNNER SCHOOL HARLINGEN TEXAS		42. GRADE AT SEPARATION 10

PAY DATA

43. MONTHLY PAY RATE 7	44. MONTHLY PAY RATE 11	45. MONTHLY PAY RATE 14 1/2	46. MONTHLY PAY RATE 100	47. MONTHLY PAY RATE 100	48. MONTHLY PAY RATE None	49. MONTHLY PAY RATE 3.70	50. MONTHLY PAY RATE 152.70	51. NAME OF DEPOSITARY ARMSTRONGS CPT FD
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INSURANCE NOTICE

52. TYPE OF INSURANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIFE		53. HOW PAID <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W.A.	54. DATE OF SEPARATION 30 SEP 45	55. DATE OF SEPARATION 31 OCT 45	56. AMOUNT OF INSURANCE 66.00	57. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PAY
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58. REMARKS (This space for completion of all the items in table of other items specified in W. D. Form 100)
**HAPEL BUTTON ISSUED ABR SLOVE (12 MAY 45) 102
 *MARKSMAN CARBINE 7 FEB 44 MARKSMAN PISTOL 7 FEB 44
 INACTIVE SERVICE 2 OCT 42 TO 15 OCT 42
 13 DEC 44

59. NAME OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED John W Bouth	60. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED J W BOUTH	61. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER IN CHARGE W O J G USA
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Certificate of Marriage



STATE OF UTAH
COUNTY OF TOOELE

This Certifies that

John W. Booth of Tooele in the State of Utah
and Elizabeth C. Morgan of St. George in the State of Utah
were by me joined together in Holy Matrimony according to the rites and
the ceremony of the State of Utah at Tooele in said County on the 26th
day of January in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and 1945

IN THE PRESENCE OF

John James Booth
John James Booth

WITNESS

WITNESS

LICENSE ISSUED BY THE CLERK OF TOOELE COUNTY

JANUARY 26 1945

PALL BEARERS

Thomas C. Hogan * Thomas J. Hogan
 Ronald C. Booth * Maxwell E. Booth * Alex R. Correa
 Jeff Wiseman * Brady M. Booth

John Booth

John Booth, 70, died Dec. 1.
 An Army veteran, he was born Nov. 19, 1920,
 in Utah and was an automobile mechanic and a
 43-year resident of Las Vegas.
 He is survived by his sons, Thomas J. Hogan,
 Earl Hogan and Ronald, all of Las Vegas; 16
 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.
 Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. today
 and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday in Earl
 and Mrs. Ester Vale (Friday), where services will
 be at noon Monday. Burial will be in Southern
 Nevada Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Funeral Home - Collins



Funeral Services

December 9, 1996 ■ 12 noon

To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be thankful for our beautiful years.*

*I gave to you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part
So bless the memories in your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile,
And, say "welcome home!"*

Order of Service

Conducting: Bishop Mark Larson

Invocation: Kelly Booth

Eulogy: Tony Tippetts

Musical Selection: "In The Garden"
Joyce Johnson

Speaker: Bishop Mark Larson

Musical Selection: "Beyond the Sunset"
Joyce Johnson

Benediction: By invitation

Dedication of Grave: Bishop Mark Larson

Graveside Services: Boulder City Veterans
Memorial Park 1:30 p.m.



Air Medal (front and back)



European - African Middle Eastern Service Medal (front and back)



The Air Crew

Badge

The first version of the Aircrew Badge was issued by the Army Air Forces during the Second World War. The badge was similar in design to the Aviator Badge, however, and displayed an emblem denoting enlisted status on its circular shield, or escutcheon, centered between two wings. The emblem featured the arms of the United States of America, in clear relief generally against a horizontally lined background, on a disk with a raised rim.

Anyone trained in flight operations was authorized to wear this badge, including pilots, bombardiers, navigators, and gunners.

In Loving Memory

Elizabeth "Beth" Booth

Born

*December 25, 1921
St. George, Utah*

Passed Away

*April 8, 2009
Las Vegas, Nevada*

Funeral Services

*Monday, April 13, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Bunkers Mortuary*

Interment

12:00 p.m.

Southern Nevada

Veterans Memorial Cemetery

1900 Buchanan Blvd.

Boulder City, Nevada



Our beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Friend passed away peacefully April 8th at the age of 87. A 57 year resident of Las Vegas, Beth was born December 25, 1921 in St. George, Utah.

Preceded in death by husband John W. "Johnny" Booth and son Max. Survived by sons Tom Hogan (Fuji), Cail Hogan and Ron Booth (Alice), Sister Helen Wiseman, all of Las Vegas. Numerous Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews and Great-grandchildren.

Beth was always ready to extend a helping hand to anyone in need, even when it meant doing without herself. She was loved unconditionally and will be missed and remembered always.

In Memory

BUNKERS
Funerals, Cremation & Burial Services
AUGUST 2022

