

## Story #924 Jack King

Colonel Jack King (1920-1974) was a Mazomanie World War II veteran and a charter member of the Mazomanie Greening – Buelow American Legion Post #437.

Jack enlisted in the Army on January 24, 1941, with serial number 36201064. He was initially assigned to Company B, 343<sup>rd</sup> Infantry of the 86<sup>th</sup> Division. He then became an aviation cadet and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant fighter pilot in the Army Air Corps. Jack was shot down over Italy on September 29, 1943, becoming a Prisoner of War (POW) until May 22, 1945. He was a POW in Bavaria and later at Nurenberg, Germany. Jack was awarded the Purple Heart and Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

After World War II, Jack joined the Wisconsin Air National Guard and later became a regular Air Force member. He was Administrative Assistant for the Wisconsin Guard and Base Commander at Volk Field, when he passed away on June 24, 1974 while on duty. He served 33 years.

Jack (John) Carroll King was born in Mazomanie on January 9, 1920 to Mazomanie railroad bridge carpenter Carroll King and Margaret Murphy. He is first found with his family in Mazomanie at the 1920 US Census as a one year old and a ten year old at the 1930 US Census. Jack is 20 with his family at the 1940 Mazomanie US Census. His October 16, 1942 Draft Card listed him as 5'-8½", 133 # with a light brown completion, brown hair and blue eyes. He was listed as 22 years old, living in Madison, working for the Pittsburg Plate Glass.

During the war, as an aviation cadet, Jack married Rosalie "Rosebud" Faust (1921-2014) at William Field in Maricopa AZ on Marc 18, 1943. She was the daughter of Muscoda butcher Eberhardt Faust and Amelia Endres. After the war the couple returned to Madison. They are there at the 1950 US Census, where he is listed as a Madison fireman. Robert passed away at Camp Douglas WI and is buried in the Madison Resurrection Cemetery with his wife. They had seven children.

