

Meeting General Dwight D. Eisenhower

Well, Eisenhower, he was the supreme commander. And anyway, he showed up at our base after the war, and it was a big deal to see him. So our commander said, "okay, everybody stand by, and put your cross[---] on, and, blah blah blah. And I was the supply officer, so I had my little place out in the hanger. So they said to me, "you get out there, and stay in your little place there, in case he comes. He's not gonna come back there, but he might!" And so we'll wait up here, and you be out back there. Well I'm sitting there in my little office in the hanger - the supply office - and I looked up at the window and this guy's peeking through the window, and it's Dwight Eisenhower! [Laughs]. So I run around and open the door, and say "come on in, General!" And he says, "okay, I'm just peeking in, seeing what you're doing in there." So we had a great little conversation, it was kinda neat, and so I said, "well, sir, they're all waiting - our commander and everyone is up in the front." And he said, "oh, nevermind. You've told me everything that I need to know." And then walked off, see. So I go up to the front, to tell them that he's already been there, and the seal says, "get back in there where I told you to get! He's gonna be here any minute!" I said, "uh, sir, he came and went!" [Laughs]. "What, what!" So, anyway. Little humor, you know.