

WW2

I interviewed my Dad about what he knows about World War II and I was surprised by how much he knows. My Dad's father, Opa, flew a B-17 airplane during the war. Opa wasn't drafted, he enlisted in the war when he was 22 because he wanted to fight for America. Opa was born in Germany but he had to move to America.

Opa got to decide what he wanted to contribute during the war because he was very intelligent so he was more capable of different jobs. He decided he wanted to be a pilot for a B-17 airplane.

During his WW2 experience, Opa flew soldiers to different locations and rescued soldiers when they were injured. The U.S. built up their air force after they were initially defeated by Japan's superior air power at Pearl Harbor and the Philippines.

Opa and his airplane crew decided they wanted to paint on the side of their plane. They painted a picture of the sexiest actress and named it the 'Heavenly Body' because the actress's body was heavenly. Opa and his crew had the day off so a few different people took the Heavenly Body onto the battlefield. During that flight, the plane had crashed and the Heavenly Body was destroyed. After the painted plane was destroyed, painting on planes was bad luck so they never painted on their planes in WW2 again.

Opa inspired me because he was brave enough to risk his life for his country even though he didn't have too. After the war, Opa took care of a wife and 4 boys which is another courageous thing to do.

