



### Personal info

Full name

**MICHALK, Paul Leroy**

Date of birth

**24 January 1923**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Galveston, Galveston County, Texas**

Hometown

**Lexington, Lee County, Texas**

### Military service

Service number

**0-709950**

Rank

**First Lieutenant**

Unit

**567th Bombardment Squadron,  
389th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,  
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**7 April 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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## Immediate family

### Members

**Adolf F. Michalk (father)**  
**Emilie T. (Woelfel) Michalk (mother)**  
**Bernice Michalk (sister)**  
**Ervin R. Michalk (brother)**  
**Ruth Michalk (sister)**  
**Dorothy Michalk (sister)**  
**Hildegard G. Michalk (sister)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**44-49254**

### Data

**Type: B-24LHO**  
**Nickname: The Palace Of Dallas**  
**Destination: Dünzburg, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing of an ammunition plant**  
**MACR: 14113**

## More information

1st Lt Paul L. Michalk worked in an aircraft factory.

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in San Antonio, Texas on 24 November 1942.

The airplane was rammed by a BF 109, flown by Uffz. Heinrich Rosner of Sonderkommando Elbe.

Two crew members survived and were taken prisoner, eight were killed.

## Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, [www.389thbg.net](http://www.389thbg.net), [www.wwiiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiiimemorial.com), [www.archives.net](http://www.archives.net), [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) 1930 Census / Woelfel Family Tree, WWII Draft Card

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