



# San Diego Chapter 1 Member Biography

## Doug Leinweber

**D**oug was born on January 26, 1924 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri the third child of Edward and Lena Leinweber.

During his early childhood years, the family moved to Nebraska and later to San Diego, California where he finished his education, graduating from Hoover High School in 1941.

After the outbreak of World War II, at the age of 19, Doug enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. On February 24, 1944 while on his fifth mission over Europe, serving as tail gunner on the B-17 "Lady Satan," he was shot down over Pozen, Poland.

After parachuting out of his burning plane, he was captured and interned in POW camps "Stalag Luft III" in Zagan, Germany and "Stalag Luft IV" in Grosslychow, Germany.

He was liberated on April 26, 1945 near Halle, Germany.



Upon his return home to San Diego, he met and married Dottie M. DeShurley. Doug started his own licensed construction company, specializing in concrete pavement. He then went on to become Human Resource Manager at General Dynamics, Convair Division where he retired in 1987.

Doug enjoyed every moment of his life which included, traveling, family, friends, and good health. He maintained rental properties where he was not only a "landlord" but a friend. His renters included families, some renting for as long as 20 years.