

## **Interview questions related to *We Bought a WWII Bomber***

What prompted you to write a story about World War II and this story in particular?

Tell me about the “Buy a Bomber” program?

What year was this?

How did junior and senior high students sell over \$375,000 in War Bonds in a few weeks’ time?

Did the money filter through the school?

Was South High School a wealthy school?

What did the students name/christen the bomber?

Did the government really paint the name on the side of the bomber and fly it to Grand Rapids for a dedication ceremony?

Did the bomber fight in any major battles? What was its war record?

How is President Gerald R. Ford connected to this story?

What is the connection between the bomber and the Blue Ridge Parkway?

What caused the crash?

Was it unusual to have a military plane crash on the home front during the war?

What happened to the crew?

Did South High School participate in any other funding campaigns?