

## [1/48 Tamiya P-51B Mustang](#)

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Ever since finding someone to do the decals I had intended on doing Kalamazoo Kid and putting it on display at the Ka

### **HISTORY**

Not a lot is known about this aircraft. Obviously from the markings, it flew with the 357th Fighter Group, 363rd Fighter

### **CONSTRUCTION**

What can really be said about the Tamiya P-51's that hasn't already been stated one of the Big 3 sites? This kit is a clo

### **COCKPIT**

The cockpit was built box stock. I used Floquil's Military Color line for my Bronze Green on the interior and gave it my

### **PAINT**

Now there is some argument as to the colors used on aircraft of the 357th. Some argue the standard AAF color schem

Armed with that and my jars of Model Master paints, I started out by painting the white portions of the D-day stripe are

## DECALS

Decals came from the 357th FG site at [cebudanderson.com](http://cebudanderson.com). They were custom printed by John Soule on his ALPS printer. The Kalamazoo Kid decal for the m

## WRAP-UP

All-in-all this kit is a great kit. I have many others on the shelf to build and 5 times as many decal sheets for them. You

## A VISIT WITH THE PILOT HIMSELF

Days after completing the kit, I got a call from a fellow club member who volunteers for the Kalamazoo Air Museum w

In the photos you can see a picture of the display for Charles Pearson and some of his memorabilia. I met Charles Pea

He shared many stories with us standing around him. It was great to hear these stories from someone who so bravely fo





