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It is approximately 11:30 a.m. on November 18th, 2014. Alright, when and where were you born?

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I was born December 8th, 1950 just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Okay, who were your parents and what were their occupations?

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My father was James C. Mitchell Sr. and my mother was Jenny A. Mitchell and my mother started off as a housewife and went...

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then entered her own catering business and my father had served in the Marine Corps and retired and ran a painting service business.

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Okay, do you have any siblings?

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I have two younger brothers who also served in the Air Force for twenty years and he retired as a staff sergeant

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and is a civilian employee at McGuire Air Force Base now.

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What was his name?

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Jason M. Mitchell and my other brother John David, had very little contact with over the last 20 years,

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but he, as I understand, is now retired from

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Okay, so what were you doing before you decided to join the Air Force?

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I was a high school student. I graduated, I gave... took a couple classes before joining at a junior college, but I'd always wanted to go into service

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and despite my parent's protest, I enlisted anyway [laughing].

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So what was it that made you decide Air Force?

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Because they were willing to take me right away.

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Oh, okay.

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I wanted basically out of Pennsylvania and out of the Philadelphia suburbs. I looked at my recruiter and said "how far can you get me from Philadelphia?"

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I started off in Texas. I got to Texas, said "how far can you get me from Philadelphia?" And they said we can go to Southeast Asia" and that's all I needed. [laughing]

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My mother finally carried out after five years in the service that this wasn't a fly-by-night and she could take the milk and cookies in the doorstep. [laughing]

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Okay, so what happened, what was leaving for basic like, do you remember?

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[laughing] It was actually kind of... I thought it was kind of funny, because we went to the induction ceremony, got sworn in and they have broken out.

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The Navy was over here and the Army was here and the Marines were here near forces here and it was a case of hurry up and wait because you had to be there

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and they just kept you there and kept you there. Of course, it was all staged so when you got to Lackland, you got there in the middle of the night,

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but I remember marine recruiter walking  
in, walking up to this group of Army folks asking for 4 volunteers and nobody volunteered.

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So the guy walked off, came back, rattled off 4 names and pronounced them to be Marine Corps recruits, because that's when the draft was till going in effect.

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And we all just kind of looked at each other and kind of quietly snickered and then a little while later a Navy recruiter came up and said he was looking for 2 volunteers

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to Navy recruits and having seen this

other display everybody's like "oh no" and he says "no, it's not to join the Marines, it's to take training in California".

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All these hands went up. It was hilarious. But again, you know, it was a big adventure not knowing what to expect or what have you.

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Although, I had been in Civil Air Patrol as a cadet, so I kind of had an idea of the military life and what have you and it gave me an advantage of you know,

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having a little bit of a heads up and I had a fairly honest recruiter that you know, told what to expect and what not expect.

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And basically he sat there and said "I can guarantee you 4 years of service" and he made no promises beyond that and I appreciated that.

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As a matter of fact, we had a friendship that went on for 9 or 10 years after that until he passed.

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So do you recall any of your instructors when you got there?

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Oh yeah, you never forget your drill instructors names. Staff Sergeant Byrd and Sergeant Bell.

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Okay, so what were they like?

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They were alright. I mean they did their job, they took us and transitioned us from being civilians to understanding the military way of life and Air Force way of life and what the Air Force Mission was all about.

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So after basic or well during basic, did you receive a specialized training?

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No? Okay. How did you adapt to the lifestyle, like the physical regiment the you know, emotional..?

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I had no problem, because that's what I wanted and I accepted it and yeah, that was about it.

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Did you do you notice anybody else having

problems besides you? I mean was there anybody else you saw that maybe didn't want it like you did or anything like that?

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That's a good question. No, we were all there. We wanted to get through basic. We took one day lead time and...

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Because you enlisted in what, '68 - '69?

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So I mean you guys knew what was.. where you were going. Not really they didn't have the guaranteed enlistments or what have you.

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When we first got there the first week during processing what have you, you did your testing.

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You did additional testing then they

called you in for based on when you enlisted, you went into one of 4 areas and I was in the mechanical aptitude group

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and they have a meeting with all the people who enlisted under maintenance mechanical aptitudes and they told you what tech schools were available and what have you.



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Put down your first three choices and again and then they did you know, one through whatever processing they went through.

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And for the most part, most of the people I knew that were in basic with me, they got more or less what they wanted.

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There were some AFSCs : Air Force Specialty Codes that you know, people got put into because the slots were there and required.

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Security forces or then security police, cooks. [laughing] One of the guys in basic training got a really interesting assignment:

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he became an Force Marine and that being they sent him off to a Navy school to learn how to do maintenance what have you on small boats and small craft and how to operate them.

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And he ended up going to, I think it was Homestead Air Force Base and he worked with the water survival school people and

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training aircrew members on how to survive in the water, which was kind of a neat job. He did his four years, got out, and opened up his own boat repair business.

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Okay, so after you get out of basic, what was the next?

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I went to helicopter maintenance.

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And then from there where, after you were done with all your training?

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Well the thing about helicopter maintenance in 1969, you pretty much had a good idea where you were going.

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Our tech school, which was supposed to be a 12 week tech school was accelerated to 8 weeks.

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We did an extra course time and again, about almost the second or third week in tech school, we got shuffled into this big auditorium

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and somebody from assignments was there and with an overhead. Went by AFCS by AFSC of what overseas assignments were available

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and came down to our career field and there was like 4 classes that were graduating in the month I graduated and they came down and said like 24 slots to Vietnam,

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10 slots to Thailand, 5 slots  
to the Philippines, 1 slot to Iceland.

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And all of us kind of looked at each other and said "guess we know where we're going".

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And back then on the assignment things, you know, they had a block in the order that said "are you a volunteer or not? I don't think they do that anymore.

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But so we all... all but one of us volunteered to go to Vietnam and Southeast Asia. We figured if we're going to go, we might as well go and get it over with.

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And it might look better if we were volunteers. Well one guy in our groups, Boyd Darren -- and I'll come back to this -- For some odd reason he was going to go to North Dakota

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or South Dakota, no, South Dakota, because that's where his father was stationed and we as a dependent and his girlfriend was there.

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So all of us got our orders, all but Boyd. We were all volunteers for overseas, so we were going to where we were going to. In my case, it was Vietnam.

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Boyd being an un-volunteer, I guess the slot in Iceland was a priority, because he went to Iceland.  
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And the reason I bring Boyd up is because he went to Iceland for 11 months. I went to Vietnam and I extended my tour to an 18 month tour.

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In order to fly and because I was crazy and I was young and crap happened to the other guy, it didn't happen to you, you were indestructible.

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Anyway, I'm getting ready to leave Vietnam and I'm getting ready to go to the Philippines on a consecutive overseas tour.

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As I started my app processing I hear this voice and I say "wow, I know this voice" and I look up and it's Boyd Darren.

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Boyd went and did 11 months in Iceland, got reassigned to Dadeland, Florida, was there 4 months and got an involuntary deployment to Vietnam

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and he basically, as near as we could figure out was he was coming in as my replacement

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To my knowledge, Boyd never did get stationed near his girlfriend or his family.

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[laughing] So when you served in  
Vietnam, where in Vietnam were you?

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My first tour I was stationed at Da Nang Air Force Base in Northern Vietnam, the Northern half of  
Southern Vietnam

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and I was assigned to the 37th Air Rescue Squadron and our job was we had... we flew H-3s and then  
switched to H-53s rescue helicopters

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and we did aerospace recovery ops of air crew members that were shot down, we also did dust-offs and  
dust-offs being medical evacuation wounded

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and we did standby duty for as deemed fit I guess, is the best way to describe it and

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after I got my five level, got placed on flight status. I was a flight mechanic and I would go out and I would do the pre-op of the aircraft when we weren't flying training missions,

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because that was ironic in Vietnam, we still flew training missions. Flew actual missions where pulled alert for whatever came down the road.

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Whatever we were alerted for, whether it was a downed helicopter, a medivac that Army wasn't able to or couldn't handle or the Marines.

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And we had... my unit a lot of it. We had a very high morale rate, because we knew what we were doing there, because by 1969

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being in Vietnam was not the most popular thing to be, but we were there to save lives and

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so we knew what our mission was we were fired up to do that mission and I worked with not only pilots and aircrew members, we supported the para-rescue men.

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God love them, because they're great human beings, great individuals, crazy, but they would 14-15 months of hardcore training if you know anything about PJs.

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And they deserved all the kudos that they received. Now they call it combat search and rescue.

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And part of that changed while I was in the Vietnam, because some of the mission requirements changed. I'll talk about that a little bit later on if you want.

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But yeah, I did the maintenance on the helicopters, did pre-flight, worked really hard to get my 5 level and when I got that

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I got the additional training I needed to have to be an aircrew member



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and began flying combat rescue about the second half of my tour, which was the last nine months or so that I was there.

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Okay, so did you.. what kind of combat action did you witness when you were there if any?

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Well yeah, total because -- and this is where it gets a little bit crazy -- because I did two full tours in Vietnam

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Plus I flew when I went to the Philippines and I ended up going back to [inaudible] to Vietnam

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And so it depends which time I was there what I did, but in my first deployment like said, flew some combat rescue missions over the DMZ

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and the southern part of North Vietnam. Total by the time I came home and finished everything up in 1975, I had flown over 300 combat missions.

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110 of those where over North Vietnam and was shot down once or forced out I guess would be a better way.

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Our helicopter made a forced landing after being shot up. And when I was in rescue we were credited for... our aircrew got credited for 19 saves.

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That was pilots that were actually shot down, our crew that was shot down that we helped to recover and always had a big party afterwards.

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It was always great when we saved somebody, but it sucked when we lost somebody and probably the hardest day that... well it was twice when we lost air crews

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while trying to do a rescue and on one of my --I still use it as my email password is jelly67 and that was a... it became the event that it was around became kind of famous,

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they were trying to rescue Ice Hamilton

and he was better known as Bat21 and he was shot down during the Easter Offensive in 1972.

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And he was shot down, he was the only guy to get out of his air-frame and we lost a total of 13 aircraft and a bunch of air crew trying to get him out

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and it was finally the Navy Seals that went in and extricated him and got him back to safety.

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That was a tough time and few weeks after that, again, going back to the Easter Offensive, our unit was involved in the saving, the rescuing of --

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I think it was a total of 110-120 Vietnamese and US military advisers when their compound was being overrun at Palm Tree Providence

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and we had four birds that went in and literally as we were picking the advisors up off the LZ, which was in right adjacent to their compound,

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The North Vietnamese were coming up on the edge of the LZ and we were shooting at them and they were shooting at us and we were keeping our fingers crossed

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and hoping to get the hell out of there in one piece. And about a week and a half - ten days later I was relieved of duty, started my out process and I come back to the United States.

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Were you relieved from duty just because you're tour was up?

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My tour was up.

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Okay, so...

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But I went back to... I had done my original tour duty, I extended and I put in for what they call a CMT: a consecutive overseas tour

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and I went back to want to... I went to the Philippines and when I got station to Clark and my 18 months I was in Clark, I spent 11 of that on temporary duty back to Vietnam

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and other locations in Southeast Asia, but the primary... and that's when after I came back to the States and they said "well you get credit for 3 tours in Vietnam".

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I said, "well how's that?" and then they told me all the time I had spent TDY had counted up and it was enough for another tour.

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I went "oh, okay". But when I was back to Clark I started off in the Rescue Squadron there and I got transferred over to the 463rd Tactical Air Lift Wing,

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which flew C-130s and also flew air medical evacuation missions and it was unique in that it was the largest C-130 wing in the Air Force

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and it had over here 130 aircraft assigned to it, but it was never... because non of the 130s that flew in Vietnam were actually stationed in Vietnam.

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They were all stationed Okinawa, Taiwan, or the Philippines. So the crews would go TD... the crews and maintenance crews would go TDY for 55 days a time,

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come back for 10 days, then go back TDY somewhere else or back to some of the same bases we were operating out of.

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So at any given time, probably 80% of the wing was deployed. That was one of the little secrets that wasn't so much of a secret.

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But on of the things I got to do while I was there, I ended up going out as an assistant crew chief on 130s and did all the maintenance prep and periodically we would fly along with the aircraft

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on its daily missions and what have you, to do any in-route maintenance or help the load masters and what have you.

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But one of the missions we got involved with was called commando vault and what commando vault was, was we were dropping a 7 and a half ton bomb; 15,000 lbs

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out of the back of a 130 and it would make landing zones, instant landing zones, because it just blew the hell out of everything.

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Wow.

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And it would clear out maybe 100 yards of triple canopy jungle. They also found out it made a very nasty anti-personnel weapon.

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Yeah. [laughing]

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And one of things they used to do to the new going along -- and I found out the hard way -- is they wouldn't tell you and you weren't thinking,

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because you were really excited to see this big-ass bomb on a palate and they would roll it... they would tilt the plane slightly, release the locks,

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and they would feed it out with a drogue chute and the bomb would come out and it would right itself and stabilize and it would be a long stinger.

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So on its head it would drive up inside the bomb and then it would explode. Well, when you drop 7 and a half tons of out of the back of a plane,

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your center of gravity shifts a lot. [laughing] And so what would happen is everybody would be sitting down except for the news guys.

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We would like "ooh ooh ah ah" watching this thing going out and thinking you're going to see the big bomb explode, which you really weren't going to see,

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because it was a couple thousand feet below and actually moving forward you could see maybe in the distance.

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But not the first time, because you fell flat on your butt to the hilarity of all the aircrew watching you.

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So I flew 10 of those missions. It was pretty awesome and one of the distinguished flying crosses I received was for flying a commando vault mission.

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And one of the things that they did was they had us fly in and we actually took out a SAM missile site.

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We flew in real low, climbed to altitude, check this thing out, and this is when we first started experimenting with prearranged targeting.

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I guess GPS type thing, because they were able pinpoint where they were dropping this thing and they were like I think, they told us they were like 10 yards off,

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but with that amount of explosives...

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It doesn't matter.

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And the part I thought was funny was we were aircrew members and what have you and that was like an additional type mission.

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Today they have the same capabilities,  
but it's all special operations missions

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and one of the things I thought was funny about it was we were told you know, this is a secret, you can't talk about it, can't do anything about it.

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So keep your mouths shut and fly the missions. One day we're picking up a copy of the stars and stripes and there's a whole layout on the mission we're doing.

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So we're looking at the pictures and we're reading the article and we came back up to our security folks and said "can we talk about it now?"

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and he went "nope, still classified". Okay, so next letter I write home, "I can't tell you what I'm doing, because it's a secret, but read the attached newspaper article".

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[laughing] Nice.

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But again, the thing that made it interesting was I was in Da Nang and then I went to the Philippines where I spent a good chunk of my tour TDY back

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and I was actually injured in Vietnam while I was stationed at Clark and that took place on February 15th, 1971 and that as my last of TDY

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I had been deployed to place called Khe Sanh which had reopened from what they called Dewey Canyon 2 and supported the Vietnamese invasion into Laos.

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And we were doing maintenance support and lived like a grunt for 60 some odd days.

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I came back out and last day, sitting at a revetment waiting to get on my plane to fly back, they blew up the... the base underwent a rocket attack

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and the on the 130 that was parked in the revetment next to where we were took a direct hit

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and I was injured along with a number of other guys by flying debris and what have you and we were treated and I got moved.

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I flew, I was air-vac'ed back to Clark and I spent a couple days in a hospital there and then I got released.

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The thing that I thought -- and talk about counting your blessings -- had it been about 10 minutes later, there was a K-loader, which is a cargo loader,

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it had 6 pallets of ammunition on board that was coming out to be loaded onto that airplane that had got destroyed.

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Oh wow.

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So had it been 10 minutes later it would have been an entirely different scenario and probably would have found myself six feet under somewhere back in the States,

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along with a number of other individuals, because that's a little too close to the explosions.

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But so anyway, when I was finishing up my tour in the Philippines, I had been selected for a special duty assignment to Andrews Air Force Base.

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I as going to be going to Andrews and was going to be going to helicopter maintenance squadron. I had to be interviewed and go through all these neat little clearances and what have you,

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you were going to be doing presidential support. Well in mean time our unit had been extended 90 days because of the Cambodia invasion.

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So all assignments, all leaves, all that was cancelled, because it was a max effort to support the Army when they went into Cambodia.

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And so they came back down with a new assignment saying "you're going to South Dakota". I went "uh".

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Because one thing I knew about South Dakota, A: it was South Dakota and B: it was strategic air command and I didn't want to have anything to do with SAC.

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Yeah.

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And the fact that it was cold, much colder than what it is today and being out on a flight line. No way.

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So I was sitting there and I was starting to reason to myself that that's where I'm going to go and they had this.. about this time is when they were starting the all-volunteer force.

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So they had this general coming around and was briefing all the first termers and what have you about what the all volunteer force was going to be all about

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and you know and in the Air Force even though we were already volunteers and they're saying if you're overseas and you want to stay overseas

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and that was one of the perks and they were talking about you know, beer machines in the barracks and it was going to the all-volunteer force

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and we were going to get a super increase in our pay, which was actually not that bad. I went from \$252 a month as an E4 sergeant to like \$600 month and that was wow, big bucks.

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And back in 1971-72 that was big bucks. So anyway, this general's sitting there and says "is there any questions?"

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and I said and I being a smart ass

little 21 year old buck sergeant says "bullshit". "Why do you say bullshit, sergeant?"

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And I said "I volunteered to stay overseas" and I had "and now you're going to send me to South Dakota". He says "do you want to stay overseas?" and I said "yeah".

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"Do you care where you stay overseas?" "No". "Give me your name and social security number, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah".

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Ten days later I get a notification, I'm going to Phan Reng, Vietnam. I'm like, okay.

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[laughing]

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And by this time, so in July 1972, no 1971, I go back to Phan Reng and I get to Phan Reng and I'm there for about 2-2 and a half months, 3 months

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and the base is slowly being turned over to the Vietnamese. Are aircraft were being turned over and I show up there and I'm supposed to be in a flying squadron

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and there's like... we had 12 aircraft assigned, because all of the the aircraft were being slowly turned over and there was probably, for every slot that was aircrew flying slot and maintenance slot,

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there was probably 10 to 20 guys vying for that position. So it was really, really overloaded squadron.

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So they came down and they volunteered me. So I just volunteered, I started doing some stuff on my own. On my off-time I was going out,

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hanging out with security police and heavy weapons guys. So I would go out at night on my days off and ride around in an M1-13 armored personnel carrier around the perimeter.



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I learn how to fire the water, I knew how to fire the machine guns and stuff and we would fire HNI rounds

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and HNI being we would go out to a certain part of the perimeter at night and juts cut loose some rounds what have you,

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Just keep the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese hopping and ducking and I thought that you know, this was cool, this was you know, it beat doing you know...

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It was just something to do, because where are you going to go in Vietnam?

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Yeah.

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And so one night, while I was with the cops and they had like an armored personnel carrier and the heavy weapons.

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They had their armored personnel carrier and they had a 50 caliber and 2 M-60 machine guns and then they also had a bunker fired an 81 mm round mortar

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and they would either fire direct support or indirect support for the guys on the perimeter as well as doing harassing and interdiction fire.

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Well on a mortar shell you have these things call increment bags and they're little powder charges.

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At the base of the mortar shell you have basically, it's like a shotgun shell percussion cap and you drop the shell down the tube, hits the percussion cap,

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and ignites the powder bags and the number of powder bags around determines how far out it goes and they have 9 powder bags and they were firing and you take off the excess bags

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and this one night -- and we took turns you know we tried to take a nap in between missions and stuff, if you could do that when you weren't directly on the wire.

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and I was in the convex which is sandbagged and we had like a little cot and I was private. This guy [inaudible] I didn't have to be there and they would be you know, take a nap

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well they were firing an HNI mission and they dropped a shell down and when the shell hit the bottom of the tube the powder charges blew;

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they burst on impact inside the tube. So the shell goes out basically on its percussion cap alone, probably went 100 feet up in the air and dropped 15 feet outside the pit

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and exploded and it sent.... the only reason why nobody was killed was everybody was on one side of the blast wall, because we had a little, waist-high revetment.

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They had sandbags and what have you around the mortar pit, but that didn't stop guys from getting injured and there was 15-16... No, there wasn't that many.

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It was 6 guys that were injured by shrapnel. I can't hear, because the blast jut kind of took out my hearing.

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But I come barrelling out and it's like all Hell's broken loose. There's guy's moaning and groaning and a big hole.

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You could smell the cordite and what have you and I grabbed the first aid kit and I started patching up the guys' heads.

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I had some first aid training from when I was a boy scout and when I was in civil air patrol

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I know I can get the dressings over the shrapnel that was sticking, impaled.

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So I'm pulling the shrapnel out and slapping the dressings on. Hey, I was doing what I thought I had to be doing that was right

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And I bandaged the 6 guys that were injured, treated for shock and waited for the medics to get out there.

to get out there

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As well as you have people from the supervisors and you have an incident like that, everybody and their son shows up.

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And this is at 2:30-3:00 in the morning

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Well I get all the little warm fuzzies, pats on the back, "you did a really good job, you saved these guy's lives". I go "I did what I had to do"

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and I was kind subsequently put in for the Airman's medal, which is the highest medal you can receive for not actual combat.

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And several months later, well almost a year later, I get awarded while I was at the NCL leadership school at McGuire Air Force Base I'm awarded the Airman's Medal

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It was a big kudos and it had a nice little article in the paper and what have you and my brother organized and anti-war demonstration against me and

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like I said, it wasn't popular to be in the service from probably '68 through, well probably Desert Storm.

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Yeah.

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So anyway, I got credited, but the most important thing is was everybody survived.

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Found out after I crossed trained in the medical field that you don't take out impaled objects.

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[laughing] Exactly.

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And when they were giving the lecture on that I went "is there any exceptions to the rule?"

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No you're not supposed to and you can get in big trouble if you do". I went, "they gave me a medal".

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And they said "Well do what a medic does". So that's okay, we guess.

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We guess. [laughing]

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"oh, good". So then I went back and it was when Phan Rang was being closed down, I was moved back to my old unit.

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I as transferred in country back to Da Nang and I got back in Da Nang in January of 1972.

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I happened to spend the first 7 months of my tour in Phan Rang. Well I get there in time for the Easter Offensive

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and we already talked about that because of the business with losing the one bird: Jolly 67

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and I watched it go down and then was involved with the evacuation of the advisors at of Palm Tree Providence.

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And about 2 weeks later, I'm back in the States. Well I get back to the States and just before I left Vietnam I re-enlisted and I didn't do it for God and country,

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I did it for the \$10,000 bonus. That was tax free.

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[laughing] Big incentive.

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Anyway, at that time it was a pretty big bonus, because we were critical. Helicopter maintenance was a critically manned field.

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Well as things are winding down in Vietnam, all the sudden they don't need as many helicopter maintenance folks and what have you

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and our career field went from being short to being overmanned and they came down and said "you need to go find a job or we're going to find a job for you".

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Well that's a great incentive. So I had working with the para-rescue men and I loved maintained, don't get me wrong, bu I loved taking care of people

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and what have and a I guess a taste of that was reinforced when we had the explosion at Phan Reng.

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So I cross trained, I volunteered to cross train into the medical field and becoming a medic.

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So in September 1972 I'm on my way to Shepard Air Force Base to cross training to become a medic

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and I went... I had gone to McGuire and went TDY to Shepard and then after I finished my tech training I went back to McGuire

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and started working in the clinic at McGuire and I was there when POWs came home. I helped greet and receive, especially the ones that needed hospitalization in medical transportation.

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So I had a little bit of contact with them that way. Plus I... after I had come back from Vietnam I had gotten to know several POW families.

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So I did a lot of promotion campaigning and distributing the POW MIA bracelets and I actually did some speaking engagements, which was kind of fun.

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I was nervous and one of the presentations I did a guy came up to me afterwards and I hadn't seen this guy in years, but he knew me from Civil Air Patrol

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when we were younger and I was a cadet. He says "I just can't believe you're up there talking that way and having the humanitarian, it didn't sound like you".

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And my wife heard enough horror stories of me when I was younger. She said "if I'd known you then, I would have never married you.

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Because I was quite a little bit of a hell raiser when I was younger.

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Anyway, I cross trained and I go over to McGuire and I got as much as I could, that I could learn about being a medic in a clinic

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and I volunteered to go, I re-enlisted and I had base preference and I went to Mather Force Base in California where I worked in a hospital

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and I got more of an exposure to inpatient care. I worked in a medical unit and I worked in an OP unit and what I was working in just came back to help in a round about way --

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It came back to service mate later, because I knew how to deliver babies.

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Oh nice.

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And...

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That's a magical thing.

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And while I was at Mather I said "well what could I do next?" Well I kind of missed flying and I hear about airvac duty.

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So I volunteered to go to airvac school and I finally got selected to go and I actually finished forty years ago this month.

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And the airvac school's now was in at that time, in San Antonio, Texas. Now it's here at Wright-Patt.

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Oh, okay.

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But I went down to airvac school for six weeks and no sooner got back, I had orders transfer me from Mather to Travis Air Force Base which was about 45 miles from Sacramento.

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I got to fly air medical evacuation in and throughout the Pacific theater and go through the transfer process, sign out, drive down the road, sign in.

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The day I'm signing in they announce that "we're going out of business, our squadron's going to be... the missions changing".

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"You're going to be here long enough to qualify and then you're going to get... fill out another assignment request".

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Okay, well I go through the qualification training and I get qualified to fly on C-141s and I finish all of my qualifications in March of 1975

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Well in April all hell starts breaking loose in Vietnam and things are going south. The Vietnamese are fleeing and what have you.

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And on April the 5th they start what they call Operation Homecoming and it's going to be this grand showcase.

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They're going to fly all these little orphans and what have you on a C-5 and they're going to fly them back to Travis Air Force Base and President Ford and his wife

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are going to greet all these little orphan babies and their what have you and it's going to be a big PR thingy.

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Well what goes wrong is the plane takes off, flies about 60-70 miles out and there's this catastrophic explosion and the doors blow out, the rudder's severed,

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and the C-5 turns around to fly back and the pilot and copilot just do this remarkable job of nursing this plane back 65-70 miles.

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And they've got medical crew on board and volunteers and about 300 babies and adults and formula and what have you

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and the plane's coming back into Tan Son Nhut new and they ran out of altitude and they hit this river and they bounce, travel a couple hundred yards, bounce again and

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and bounced a third time and the third time the plane just breaks up and there are a lot of people killed, a lot of people injured and I bring this up, because

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three very, very, very close friends of mine were on the plane that died:

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Mary Klinker -- and she's the only Air Force flight nurse to die in Vietnam -- Mike Padgett who are worked with at Mather and he got into Travis about a month or two months before I did --

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and D.C. Johnson and in the meantime I'm on a C-5 at Hickam Air Force Base getting ready to fly to Vietnam to do the same thing, pick up refugees, what have you,

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and come back. Well, Mary and Mike and D.C. Johnson and the other guys, their all on the same panel as my friends that died in Vietnam on both my tours.

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Their names in there all remarkably located close to each other and of course and then there was this memorial which is part of the Vietnam Memorial,

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which is part of the Vietnam Wall and what have you is there. So I have akin to that, because Mary was a sweet person.

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Regina Aune is one of the other nurses that survives, she receives the Airman's Medal and also receives Cheney Award, which is the highest award you can get for airmanship.

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Only nurse to ever do that and it was a privilege and honor to fly with them. Well in the meantime, while all that's going on, they ground all the C-5s right off the bat,

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because they don't know why. So I get taken off the one C-5 at Hickam, put on a 141 and for about the next 5 weeks flying back and forth, in and out,

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fly 10 missions in and out of Vietnam picking up refugees and orphans and we're flying them to Guam, we're flying them to Clarke.

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Some cases, we would pick them up after they had been processed and fly them back to the States where they'd you know, solely immigrate and assimilate into today.

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Well remember I was talking about delivering babies? I'm on, as it turns out, the second to last 141 mission to fly into Tan Son Nhut.

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Didn't know that at the time, but we're loading up the plane and refugees are coming on board and we've got translators and up comes walking this Mama-sam

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and she is like [bulging noise] she is like

12 and a half months pregnant and when she walks on the plane we're taking a look and going "okay".

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And as it turns out she's very much in active labor.

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Oh wow.

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And the medical crew director was a nurse out of Pope Air Force Base by the name of Lynn Wall and I had had previous dealings with Lynn and go along really well with her

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and she's an OB nurse and she takes one look, sets the sale on the litter, puts up a privacy curtain, and goes "Jim, get the OB kit",

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because she knew I was an OB tech

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Yeah.

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and little did I realize when I went through airvac school, because when I went through airvac school I was paranoid, because there were all these guys,

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"I've got ER experience, I've got CCU

experience: cardiac care, I've done intensive this and intensive that" and I go "I've worked in labor and delivery".

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I know little babies and I had enough ER experience to be dangerous. [laughing] But here I am, I know what to do here and it was like...

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So on the way out Lynn Wall and myself, we end up delivering a baby about 25 minutes airborne.

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And we marked you know, we delivered the baby, cut the cord, put the baby with Mom then hers. Everybody's smiling, because for all the tragedy that's going on

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and all the crap that's taken place over the last five or six weeks, it was nice to have a little bit of happiness and joy come in.

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Well one of the engineers comes back and he tells us his names Joel Mayo and Joel later died in Desert 1 along with my old shop chief Joe Beyers

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when the helicopter and the 130 collided on Desert 1 and they were trying to rescue the hostages at the Iranian Embassy in 1978-1979.

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And I was actually evolved in that too.

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We need to... [inaudible] We've only got about 5 minutes left. So we're going to kind of go into your reflections about just your military experience in general.

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How did your wartime experiences affect your life?

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I grew up waiting. Sometimes I think I grew up way too fast. I would not have become... I would not have ended up in the medical field and pursued the medical field that I briefly talked about.

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I ended up getting a bachelor's degree in nursing, plus I became an EMT and paramedic.

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I also ended up going back to school to earn two more degrees, bachelors degrees.

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And then when I retired Air Force, a master's in counseling and special education .

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It give me some focus and it gave me an insight and it gave me... I learned about myself and I learned about I learned about my life is and has been and will be

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until I'm probably in the grave and then I'll figure out a way to do more service for others and that's about where I've...

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I've been accused of -- in the past -- more than willing to take off my shirt to help somebody else to the point where it's almost a fault.

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And one of my closest and dearest friends said that in a letter of recommendations to somebody else and I guess I fall into that category.

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My wife as a previously stated, had she known what I was like before I went into the service, she would have never married me...

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Or even the first three years I was in the service. So yeah, I grew up and I got direction. I lucked out, I had a lot of good mentors along the way.

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Okay, what about how was your military service impacted your feeling about the military in general and how... How did you feel about it then and maybe how do you feel about it now?

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Good question. Since I've retired I've always been a supporter of the military, always will be. I'm conservative in that respect.

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I'm suspicious of democratically elected leaders, because sometimes I think they send us off on missions we have no business doing.

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If I was still young enough to wear the uniform, I'd be more than happy to wear it

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and one of things I discovered when I deployed for Desert Storm -- which we didn't even get a chance to talk about --

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it helped me prepare the kids that were going deploying with me and the thing about it is, is -- and you can ask any veteran, especially those that have been shot at what have you --

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We're not there for the mission, we're not there for God and country, we're not there for Mom's apple pie, we were there for each other.

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And one of my jobs, I felt like when I deployed for Desert Storm and proved comfort was I was there to make sure I got these kids home in one piece,

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because when I deployed for Desert Storm in the 82 person chalk that I was in, a medical chalk I was only one who'd been to Vietnam, I was the only one who had any combat experience,

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special operations experience and it was incumbent to share my experience with my supervisors and the people that I supervised.

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Today I think the medical personnel, when I have to base it on medical personnel, are so much more qualified and they have so much more training

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that I think what they do in bringing back the wounded warriors is absolutely incredible.

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If you think about, I remember seeing where this grunt had gotten a knife stuck in his head, he was stabbed in the head and they were using computers

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giving live imagery to the folks at Walter Reed who were monitoring what to do with this guy, because this is a big neurological event.

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And I mean it was just unbelievable. Sadly, I'm at a point in my life where I lost some of my friends through age and have have you are dying off,

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but I've unfortunately, since Iraq and Afghanistan I've watched kids, and I mean kids that I knew when they were babies, 4 or 5 years old are now buried at Area 60 Arlington

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that have died at Afghanistan and Iraq and that makes it kind of interesting, that makes it kind of sad.

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But gain, I can kind of relate and I have tried to provide some support to the families that I've known

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and what have you are now going through that situation and adjusting and re-adapting and you have the guys coming home, the guys and the gals who are coming home,

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they've got a lot of issues going on and one of the reasons why I'm here is I've been there done that and I'm willing to spend my time in whatever capacity

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that I can help them make the transition back into a sense of normalcy, but it's always amazing.

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You always like to say if I could go back and do it over again but with what I know now. I don't know how that would end up.

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Alright, well thanks for doing the interview and thank you for your service