

My Vietnam War: Oral History Project

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- 1947 Richard Hauser is born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on October 27th.
- 1965 Richard graduates high school.
- 1966 Richard attends one year at Bloomfield College. He then decides to enlist in the US Marine Corps. He attends boot camp in September, and completes Advanced Infantry Training as well. He then spends 8 months at Naval Air Technical Training Command (NATTC) in Millington, Tennessee.
- 1968 Richard is deployed to Vietnam during early-mid November. On land he is stationed at the US air base on Danang. At sea, he is stationed aboard aircraft carriers.
- 1969 Richard returns from his deployment in November. He attends Kean College, in New Jersey and pursues a career in social work.
- 1971-73 Richard begins to be involved in student government and anti-war demonstrations. He is elected Treasurer for his fraternity and Vice President of the student government at Kean College.
- 1976 He earns his Master of Social Work degree from Columbia University.
- 1977 Moves to Connecticut with his first wife.
- 1980 Moves to California, and eventually finds himself a home in Orange County.
- 1987 or '88 He is arrested after participating in a demonstration in Nevada against nuclear test site with the Long Beach Veterans for Peace.
- 1990s-2021 Richard continues to volunteer for the VA. He assists struggling veterans who deal with PTSD. He also volunteers at a local library, and he supervises a church hotline.