

## My Vietnam War: Oral History Project

Narrator: Richard Hauser

Interviewers: Charlie Joseph and Nnamdi Oji

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Length of Interview: 01:33:20

### TIME LOG

- 00:00:04 Interview begins.
- 00:01:00 Richard Hauser talks about his early life, family background, and education.
- 00:04:40 Richard is asked how he joined the Marines.
- 00:07:40 Richard is asked about some historical events that happened during his youth such as the JFK assassination, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Civil Rights movement.
- 00:12:16 He transitions to describing his boot camp experience. He continues to talk about his training he did for the Marines.
- 00:28:16 After talking about his first duty station, Richard goes on to talk about his experiences leaving the United States and then first arriving in Vietnam.
- 00:40:33 Richard is asked to describe the enemy he was fighting against.
- 00:46:13 The recording is paused for a minute or two.
- 00:46:19 Richard is asked about his specific combat actions that he took part in.
- 00:57:16 He talks about going on R&R, everyday life in Vietnam, and other notable experiences while deployed.
- 01:03:00 He transitions into describing his time in the air, specifically how his mind and memory were affected by the highly stressful combat situations.
- 01:04:20 Richard talks about coming back to the United States from Vietnam, his initial impressions, and then how he adjusted to civilian life. He talks about how he coped with PTSD as well.
- 01:16:10 Richard is asked about his involvement with Veterans for Peace, and why he got arrested sometime during the '80s.
- 01:19:16 He talks about his career as a social worker. He then goes back and describes his political involvements when he was a student, and treasurer of his fraternity.

- 01:30:05 The last question that Richard is asked. He is asked to compare the war in Vietnam with the wars that are being fought today. He refers to the military-industrial complex that is present in the United States.
- 01:32:42 Interview ends.
- 01:33:20 The recording is turned off.