

My Vietnam War: Oral History Project

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ABSTRACT

Oral history with Mr. Richard Hauser who was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on October 27, 1947. He graduated high school in 1965 and attended college for a year, before joining the Marines. After finishing his training, he was sent to Vietnam from November, 1968 until November of 1969. During his tour of duty, he was stationed on aircraft carriers off the coast of South Vietnam. He would help repair and maintain aircraft, but also assist in bringing troops to and from the mainland. After his one year in Vietnam, he returned home and was elected to the student government. He became the Peace candidate at Kean College in 1970. He eventually graduated from Columbia University with a Master's in Social Work in 1976. He was involved in anti-war movements as well as the Veterans for Peace group throughout the '70s and '80s. Richard Hauser is now retired and lives in Orange County, California. He has been a lifelong volunteer at a VA medical center and works closely with struggling veterans.

KEYWORDS/ TALKING POINTS

- Growing up during the Cold War
- Nuclear family
- The Marine Corps: boot camp, Advanced Infantry Training, Naval Air Technical Training Command (NATTC)
- USMC, Air Group 1. Unit: HMM-164
- USS *Valley Forge*, USS *Tripoli*, USS *New Orleans*
- Operation Meade River & Operation Bold Mariner
- SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization)
- The style of fighting, the type of enemy that the US was fighting
- Danang air base, South Vietnam
- Returning home & adjusting to civilian life
- PTSD– it's effects and coping mechanisms
- Veterans for Peace
- Student government, Peace platform, Veteran's Affairs
- The United States' military-industrial complex