



HELLO, AND WELCOME.

You are an integral piece of this country's history. Your participation in this project gives people a chance to finally *see* you, *hear* you, and *listen* to you. It gives you a platform to share your side of the Vietnam War, how it shaped you, and how its effects endure in so many aspects of life, even half a century later.

This questionnaire helps me prepare for your interview. Your brief responses will help me so I can ask personalized questions based on your answers. If a question(s) does not pertain to you, please skip it. If you are uncomfortable with any question, please feel free to leave it blank. The point of this project is for you to share your story; the heroic, the tragic, the humorous, whatever you're comfortable with.

When you finish this form, please attach this file to an email message and send it to americanhurt@gmail.com or print and fax it to: 517.355.7710, ATTN: Tara Mesyn, or mail to the following address:

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BASIC INFO:

FULL NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SPOUSE/NAME/YEARS MARRIED (IF APPLICABLE): _____

OF CHILDREN/NAMES/(IF APPLICABLE): _____

OF GRANDCHILDREN/NAMES/(IF APPLICABLE): _____

BRIEF MILITARY BIO:

BRANCH(ES) OF SERVICE:

ENLISTED OR DRAFTED? WHAT YEAR?:

DATES OF OVERALL SERVICE (NOT JUST IN VIETNAM):

DATES IN VIETNAM/# OF TOURS:

UNIT(S) OF ASSIGNMENT IN VIETNAM:
(DIVISION/UNIT/ETC.)

WHERE DID YOU SERVE?
(BASE/VILLAGE/TOWN/CITY, ETC.)

MOS(S)/AFSC:

JOB TITLE:

POSITIONS/RANK DURING VIETNAM:
(SERGEANT/CORPORAL/PRIVATE, ETC.)

MAJOR CAMPAIGNS/EVENTS
PARTICIPATED IN WHILE IN-COUNTRY:

AWARDS/CITATIONS FOR SERVICE IN VIETNAM:
(I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE HUMBLE,
BUT I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW)

AGE WHEN DEPLOYED:

NAMES OF BUDDIES SERVED WITH:

**DID YOU HAVE A NICKNAME WHILE
SERVING? IF SO, WHAT WAS IT?**

RETIRED OR DISCHARGED? WHEN?

OTHER INFO:

HOMETOWN:

SPORTS/HOBBIES BEFORE & AFTER SERVICE:

**HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED & GRAD YEAR?
COLLEGE ATTENDED & GRAD YEAR?
(IF APPLICAPBLE)**

**JOB BEFORE & AFTER SERVICE:
(WORKING STILL OR RETIRED?)**

FAVORITE SONG BEFORE SERVICE:

SONG THAT REMINDS YOU OF YOUR SERVICE:

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFO FOR ME TO KNOW
BEFORE THE INTERVIEW?**

Thank you for taking the time to answer the questions above. Again, they will give me a good start and guidance when we meet in person.

As we talk, I will ask follow-up questions based off of your stories. However, some other areas I may ask about, if you're comfortable answering, may pertain to:

- LIFE BEFORE THE WAR
- FEELINGS WHEN ENLISTING/DRAFTED
- BOOT CAMP/BASIC TRAINING
- LEAVING HOME
- PREPARATION FOR COMBAT
- EXPERIENCES WHEN FIRST ARRIVING IN-COUNTRY
- FOOD WHILE IN-COUNTRY
- LIFE ON BASE
- EXPERIENCES OUTSIDE OF THE BASE
- COMBAT
- COMFORTS/DISCOMFORTS OF LIFE IN-COUNTRY
- UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES
- WEATHER AND ITS EFFECTS
- USO/ENTERTAINMENT/COMFORTS FROM HOME
- MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE(S) IN-COUNTRY
- PEOPLE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU WHILE IN VIETNAM
(BUDDIES, SUPERIOR OFFICERS, ETC.)
- COMING HOME
- LIFE AFTER THE WAR/LIFE NOW
- WAR'S EFFECT ON YOU/ON AMERICA
- WHEREVER THE CONVERSATION MAY LEAD

I will be in touch once I receive your completed questionnaire and we will set up a date and time for your interview and portrait session.

In the meantime, I would love if you gathered any photos, letters, mementos, gear, anything with sentimental value that we can talk about during your interview and use during your photo session.

I truly look forward to our time together. If you have any questions before then, please don't hesitate to email me (best contact) or text/call and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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THANK YOU...AND WELCOME HOME.