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My airplane got shot at we almost down once, when you land the C123 cargo plane...

9:44-10:19

Oh we were all friends, that were the thing, so my particular spot was/couldn't be the same, we'd go to the Officers Club and have a drink or food or whatever or wander around Saigon, we were all good friends.

10:24-11:31

In Vietnam we got up about, we have 2 different take off times, we had one was 6 am and one was 8 am...

11:36-12:10

For us pilots and the pilot crews it was good because we had barrios they were air conditioned, it was nice....

12:11-12:15

Oh yeah! Once you were done flying you were free.

12:16-12:44

Uh my free time what we did was get together with a friend of mine, he flew a different airplane....

13:00-13:41

I was serving our country, I was with friends of mine, we did our job. See pilots like to, you get on an airline you spend hours pilots get crazy...

13:47-14:24

Well I really liked my memories; I really liked Vietnamese people that I met ...

14:34-15:20

The most difficult part was that I had to deal with when we lost the airplane and if an airplane crashed....

15:20-15:45

Yes, my best friends name was Ron Beazy, he and I went through pilot training...

20:12

I went into pilot training in 1968 and got out of the Air Force in 1973....

12:19-12:55

3rd tour was flying out of Hononowa. Find the KC135 and we'd be taking off and refueling b52s that we've bombing to take off they would hit.

21:41

Your last flight you could pick what mission you flew, most of us, everyone would pick the passenger mission, where you just flew all the different bases.....

28:26-35:23

The college I met Jean Dickson, she was a very famous psychic, very close friends, anywhere I went...

35:59-37:00

Has my perspective of Vietnam changed, well after the fall of Saigon, I was still in the air force, so I wasn't happy...

37:02-38:23

Yes, well the B52 were known as BUFFS, big ugly fat f***, the refiling pods the refueling booms come down off the...

38:27-40:09

My thoughts on the draft, I had no problems with the draft, at all because it was the law of the land then....

40:18-41:50

No, if you were drafted and you went to Vietnam, first of all you just didn't go to Vietnam you were trained to do some job...

41:53-44:52

The 2nd tour when you leave Vietnam you stay on the same plane....

44:55-45:55

Well the most fun I had was Vietnam because I'd have 10 or 12 take off and several landings a day....

45:59-50:00

The C123 I flew was a glider WWII and the Air Force puts all there airplanes that they are not using in the desert...

50:04-51:58

No, I never crashed it, I had instances where I had an in-flight emergency I was flying...

52:27-53:52

Ever since I was a little kid I saw movies on airplanes and stuff I always wanted to be a pilot...

53:55-58:00

The 123 I wasn't happy when I got that I'm thinking this piece of junk, but then when I was flying it, best flying...

58:33-59:10

I had a nickname. Yes I was nicknamed by my friend on the plane, they nicknamed me Gunga, and my best friend from NY, his nickname was Whop.

59:27-1:05:26

One of the times I was flying CK135 and it was 3 shops, were flying B52s the way it would work is we'd fly to a particular...

1:05:30-1:00:26

Well I only had 5 years in so I was hoping to get a job in the airlines.