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An Interview with Maurice Caudill

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Maurice Caudill, a Korean War veteran, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember - Korea* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Maurice Caudill was born on October 23, 1931 in Belvidere, New Jersey. He grew up in New Jersey, and remembers his father serving as an air raid warden there during World War II. After finishing high school, Maurice moved to Peoria on the recommendation of his grandparents, where in 1950 he became an apprentice at Caterpillar. His apprenticeship was interrupted when Maurice was drafted into the army in 1952. Maurice returned to his draft board in New Jersey and trained as an infantryman in Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. Before being sent to Korea, Maurice was sent to Japan where he was chosen to attend radio school in Kure, Japan, which was a ferry ride away from Hiroshima. He deployed to Korea in early 1953 and was assigned to A Company (“Kitty Able”) of the 10th Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division. Maurice's company supported the infantry regiments defending Outpost Harry in June of 1953, and though he never experienced combat, Maurice experienced his company being shelled by artillery during that engagement. Maurice remained in Korea until 1954, after the armistice. Upon his return home, he returned to his job at Caterpillar where he rose the ranks to become a Design Engineer. He is currently retired, spending his time with his hobby of flying and reading about the Korean War.

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