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An Interview with Richard Bartolotti

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Richard Bartolotti, born on of March 13th, 1947, and was raised and continued to live in Valier, Illinois, a small town consisting of only thirty or so people. In an attempt to avoid going straight to Vietnam during the war, Bartolotti signed up for the Marine Corps. However, once he completed basic training in San Diego, California, Bartolotti ended up flying straight to Da Nang, South Vietnam, where he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division. He shares stories about his rigorous training, his grenade-inflicted injury, and the immense culture shock he experienced not only after he landed in Vietnam for the first time, but when he finally came back home after his tour as well. Bartolotti does not support violence in war, but he does value the formative discipline of military training, and in the end imparts some advice to those who may be considering the option of joining the military after high school.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Vietnam War; Vietnam War era draft; Marine Corps; anti-government protests; JFK assassination; Richard Bartolotti; adjusting to combat in South Vietnam; Da Nang, South Vietnam; Valier, Illinois; war violence; 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division;

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