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An Interview with James Creviston

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*Veterans Remember* Oral History project

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James R. Creviston, a Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Army in the last year of the war, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember* Oral History project.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Jim Creviston was born in Springfield, Illinois on September 24, 1933. The second of thirteen children, he dropped out of high school and in 1949, just after his sixteenth birthday, lied about his age and joined the 44th Infantry Division, Illinois National Guard. He was assigned to the 106th Tank Battalion and despite his youth, his leadership potential was recognized and he received several promotions. His division, the 44th, was activated in February 1952. Creviston was sent to Korea in November 1952 and served with the 7th Infantry Division, assigned to the 31st Regimental Tank Company as a platoon sergeant in a tank platoon. Wounded during the battle of Pork Chop Hill, he spent a month in the hospital, then returned to the heart of the fighting. When he rotated out of Korea in November 1953, he returned to Springfield, married Pat, the girl for whom his tank was named, and worked in construction. He also remained in the National Guard, earning high school and college degrees and participating in advanced military training. In 1980, Jim served full time in the Illinois Army National Guard Operations and Training office, where he managed the Skill Qualification Testing program. He retired at age sixty after twenty-one years of active service and forty-three years of total service.

**Topics Covered:** 44th Infantry Division, Illinois National Guard; Illinois National Guard; U.S. Army infantry tactics – Korea; 7th Division; 31st Infantry Regiment; armor in the Korean War; 106th Tank Battalion, Pork Chop Hill; Old Baldy;

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