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An Interview with John Moulton

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: John Moulton was born on July 18, 1949 in Princeton, Illinois, and grew up in Vandalia, Illinois. Following graduation from high school in 1967 he joined the Air Force, and went to boot camp in San Antonio, Texas before being trained in ammunition management. In late 1968 he was stationed in Okinawa for several months, and by mid-1969 he was posted to Kunsan Air Force Base in South Korea. He finished his Air Force obligation at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in Michigan's upper peninsula.

Following his time in the Air Force, Moulton returned to Vandalia and soon found work with the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. In 1979 he moved to Springfield for a position at the state headquarters for Veterans Affairs. In 1989 he took a job with the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and in 1992 he joined the IL Department of Transportation, also in Springfield.

In 1980 Moulton decided to join the Illinois Army National Guard, and soon was working toward a commission as a second lieutenant. By 1983 he was serving with the 303rd Ordnance Group in Springfield, and over the next decade served in a variety of U.S. Army Reserve units. In 1996 he became the Assistant Public Works Officer with the 308th Civil Affairs Brigade in Homewood, Illinois. In November, 1997 Moulton deployed to Bosnia, and served as the Chief of the Business Team and later, Chief of Reconstruction and Return for the Combined Joint Civil/Military Task Force (NATO). John talks at length about his nine months in Bosnia, helping that country recover from war. Upon his return from Bosnia Moulton continued to advance in his military career, and in late 2001 took command of the 34th Replacement Battalion in Marion, Illinois. In September, 2004 he deployed to Iraq, this time as a lieutenant colonel, (soon promoted to colonel) working as Chief of the National Civil-Military Operations Center and Asst. Chief of Operations, Reconstruction Operations Center, which was stationed in the Green Zone of Baghdad. He returned to the United States, leaving a country that was increasingly torn by violence. He retired from the military in 2009, and except for a few special opportunities, was retired on the civilian side as well.

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