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An Interview with Carl Greenwood

Part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library  
*Veterans Remember* Oral History project

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Carl Greenwood, a Marine veteran of the Korean War, was interviewed on the dates listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location(s):

Date: July 11, 2007      Location: Greenwood Residence, Springfield, IL

Date: July 16, 2007      Location: Residence at 159 Gabriel Rd, Springfield

Interview Format: Digital audio

Interviewer: Mark R. DePue (Director of Oral History-ALPL)

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**Biographical Information & Synopsis:** Carl Greenwood was born on June 27, 1931 at Havana, Illinois, where his father found work as a fisherman, and hunted to keep the family fed. Carl joined the Illinois Militia during WW II (being too young to join the regular army), then transferred to the Illinois Army National Guard after the war. He joined the Marines in 1947. He married Barbara Shawn of Virginia Beach, VA in October, 1948. Carl landed with the 1st Marine Division at Inchon on September 15, 1950, helped liberate Seoul, and also served with the division throughout the fight at the Chosin Reservoir, and the Chinese Offensive of early 1951, including Operations Ripper and Killer. He made a career of the Marine Corps, serving as a drill instructor at Parris Island, followed by an assignment back in Korea, then recruiting duty in Iowa. He also became an avid archer, marksman, and artist, specializing in carving miniatures. He led the effort in Illinois to build a memorial in Springfield, Illinois to Korean War veterans. Carl wrote an autobiography entitled *Once Upon a Lifetime*.

**Topics Covered:** Growing up in Havana, IL; IL Reserve Militia; induction into the Marines; Basic Training; 1st Marine Division; 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment; Inchon landing; battle of Seoul; Chosin Reservoir; Operation Killer; Operation Ripper; Chinese Offensive of 1951; General Edward Almond; Gen Douglas MacArthur; General Matthew Ridgway; COL (later Brig. General) Lewis “Chesty” Puller; Korean Prisoners of War; archery; Parris Island; duty at Patuxent River; *Once Upon a Lifetime*

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