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An Interview with Charles ‘Chuck’ Murphy

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Charles (Chuck) Murphy was born on October 18, 1947 in Jacksonville Illinois. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in November of 1966 and went to basic training was at Ft. Leonard Wood Missouri. Following that, he also spent two months training to be a cook. His first assignment was to Ft. Riley, Kansas. During this period he acquired the necessary skills to feed large number of men at one setting. On Valentine's Day 1968 Chuck arrived in South Vietnam during the Communists' Tet Offensive. Arriving at Tan Son Nhut Air Base during an attack, he was amazed at the stewardess waving good bye while shells were flying overhead. Chuck moved by convoy to Cu Chi, and was assigned to the 27th Regiment (Wolfhounds) of the 25th Infantry Division. From there he was transferred to Tay Ninh, where he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 63rd Engineers. He returned to the United States in November, 1968 at the end of his enlistment.

Chuck discusses problems adjusting to civilian life, attaining a college degree, and his social life following Vietnam. In 1973 he married Jennifer Hagen, and now has three children and five grandchildren. Chuck worked for the state of Illinois, and since his retirement he has been involved in Civil war history, and especially in the history of Civil War era Medal of War recipients.

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