

# *The Veterans History Project*

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**BRANCH: U.S. ARMY**

**UNIT: ARMY MEDICAL CORPS**

**RANK: MAJOR**

**WAR: VIETNAM**

**YEARS OF SERVICE: 1972-1974**

I was just a young man in the summer of 1971, but I still remember that summer like it was yesterday. It was the summer when I was called to serve our nation during the Vietnam War - draft number 27. Before I knew it, I was down at Fort Sam Houston in Texas for two weeks of basic training and then I received my orders to be sent to Camp Casey in South Korea with the 2nd Medical Battalion within the 2nd Infantry Division. Once in South Korea, my days were spent treating wounded American soldiers and Korean civilians, some of which were orphans. At the medical center I was stationed at we had three young doctors to take care of potentially 10,000 troops - thankfully times have changed since then. And while it was certainly stressful and difficult at times, the bond I formed with the men with whom I served with in South Korea is one I will never forget, many of them I still keep in contact with today. I am forever grateful that I was able to serve our country in the service, and the lessons I learned while being in the Army have stuck with me in every phase of my life.

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