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- 0:13 - 0:30 : Personal history (high school, college)
- 0:30 - 0:39 : "War was getting hot", went in 1967
- 0:39 - 1:03 : Joined army even though he was against war so he had that experience so he could make his own opinions/judgements.
- 1:16 - 1:37 : joined army as medic, didn't want to kill people, anti-war.
- 1:38 - 2:29 : Different types of training (basic, medic, jump school)
"Hot time" for a medic
- 2:33 - 2:47 : In Vietnam from Nov. of 1967 - to Nov. of 1968.
- 2:47 - 2:57 : Arrived 10 days after Nixon was elected
- 2:57 - 3:26 : All the changes in USA when he was away
"Felt safer to be away with my own automatic weapon?"
- 3:26 - 4:10 : How Vietnam veterans influenced each other, community identity changed. *
Closer to shooting, you had less education (class war)
- 4:10 - 4:34 : My own choice to join military + become a medic.
- 4:34 - 4:44 : lucky because in his neighborhood there were already veterans to help him.
- 4:44 - 5:01 : Friend took him out to buy clothes
- 5:01 - 5:31 : Vets always gravitated to each other.
- 5:36 - 6:32 : Anti-war organizations - Didn't like the message they were sending, their theatrics, vets had different experiences, "wasn't our stick".
- 6:32 - 7:10 : Vets motivation for ~~the~~ war - not getting more people killed
other "motivations" - oil, shrimp.
- 7:10 - 7:31 : Again, 5 reasons why he didn't associate with early anti-war associations
- 7:33 - 8:05 : Vets were young kids, anti-war people treated it like a full time job
Anti-war cut themselves off from every thing
- 8:06 - 8:28 : John's unpredictability, openness to change.
- 8:28 - 9:06 : war encouraged skepticism about authority
- 9:06 - 9:40 : Importance of being involved, instances where vets became recluses.
- 9:40 - 9:55 : "Mainstream American with an un-mainstream experience", has colored my life.
- 9:55 - 10:34 : formed friendships, community, unspoken understanding.
- 10:35 - 11:21 : responsibility to dead to not allow it to happen again.
be skeptical, participate
- 11:21 - 11:27 : No Vietnam vet has ever been President.