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Charles Hair

Charles Hair had always wanted to be in the Air Force since he was a little Elementary School child. He was a part of the scouts and had his goal set to make it to the military, especially when the scoutmaster was drafted into WW2. At 16 years old, he went to Clemson College, a boy's military school and got a degree in architectural engineering. He later volunteered into the military ten months after school and wondered why he didn't do so earlier.

Hair went into pilot training to become a pilot in the Air Force, and was 20 ½ when he joined. He was first stationed in Louisiana. He learned to fly many planes, including the B-47 bomber, which was a long range, 6 engine powered jet, made to fly at high speeds and altitude. However, during the Cold War, it was a time of fear for everyone. There were threats of atomic bombs being dropped at home and at Russia. He knew there was a high chance of not making it back home, but it would have been his duty.

The Cold War was known as the war where a bullet was never fired. Russia and America both never had a full scale engagement at this time, but both prepared heavily for nuclear

warfare. Each time one was ready to attack, the other had a threat that deterred the other from firing. During that war, the leader of Russia, Joseph Stalin, wanted to push Russia as the better Superpower and have a stronger influence in decolonizing parts of Africa, and ended up causing the split of Berlin with the Berlin Blockade. America did not like Stalin's tyrannical power and use of communism in his own country. The whole event of the Cold War happened after WW2, when the Russians and Americans had a alliance, yet a tense one and it ended up blowing up.

Charles Hair had flown in the Air Force for many years still he retired in the year of 1964. He had three brothers that all ended in the service in WW2, one worked with tanks, one in Transportation, and one was a pilot.

Charles Hair had lived in Riverside for 20 years and now currently lives in Hemet. He talks about his history to us high schoolers and his passion of being in the Air Force was "I belonged to the Air Force, heart and soul ." And for a while he taught people how to fly..He comments how he got bored with just flying one airplane and he ended up becoming well experienced into flying whatever he could get his hands on, and now-a-days he has a huge interest in education, always reading books and taking classes to learn admirably high science. His main love and passion was always for a challenge, something to challenge his skills or something to challenge his mind, he never cared. His regrets? That he didn't join the military sooner. He advises anyone youth to " keep your eyes open to every or any advantage".

Hair pushes the idea of education evermore. He studies to gather knowledge that's beyond the average human's wealth of thought. He stresses that education is of the utmost importance in today's society. Mr. Hair was raised in an era where joining the Military was

popular. Even with the love of the Military on his mind, he still went to college first, Clemson when he was about sixteen years of age.

Charles Hair shares his story with anyone who has an interest in it, and provides the experience that is worth more than what is found in the average high school text books. He now provides the High School students of King High his story, and takes them on a journey that is both emotional and inspirational. Through the hardships of childhood and war, and the path of education and hard work, Hair has earned a spot in history that won't ever be forgotten.