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Martin Swanson
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September 24th, 1945 Martin Swanson was born in Sugar Creek Township, Pennsylvania. He was raised in Texas, Oklahoma, and California. Marty was raised by a single mother and his father helped to build the 1st atomic bomb, but wasn't really in his life.

Marty went through his schooling, and found himself at 17 getting his mother's signature to enlist in the Air Force. Then came basic training and bootcamp that was located at Lackland AFB in Texas. He then served at Travis Air base in Fairfield, California. Marty was in the service during the Vietnam war but though his unit was chosen to go to Vietnam that later changed due to the unit fighter planes being too old. When he enlisted he hoped to go to language school because he studied four different languages in high school, but his hopes were "shot down" and he became an air policeman. Party trained in weaponry at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, Texas and Hamilton Air Force base in California.

As an Air Policeman, Marty was assigned to fighter planes and had to guard them and their pilots. Instead of being sent to Vietnam, Marty and his unit were sent to Naha, Okinawa and island near Japan. Marty was a security guard from 1963-1965, Air police

investigator from 1965-1966, and again as a security guard from 1966-1967 at NORAD Headquarters. After four years of Marty's service he was about to be discharged but the 7 day war in Israel had started about five days before he could leave, although all his paperwork was filled out he couldn't leave. He received five medals which were for high scores in weapon usage, a foreign service medal, two presidential unit citations, a distinguished unit citation and the good conduct for staying out of trouble.

After Marty was discharged, he decided to get an education and get his undergraduates degree. For a little while he was a policeman but later attended law school and became a public defender. While being a lawyer, Marty met his life in 1987. A few years earlier in 1984 he was the Venue Director for archery for the Olympics in 1984 and in 1996 and 2004 was an International Judge for Archery for the Olympics in Atlanta, GA and commemorative ring. In 1997 he was elected to the Riverside County Superior Court.

Marty is a veteran, Retired lawyer, and judicial officer and spends his time with his wife, five kids and his seven grandkids. He will soon be celebrating 71st birthday this year following his 25th anniversary with his wife later this October. Also it was Marty's 10th year attending King High Remembers. Marty says that going into the service is a good decision because they offer you more opportunities than you would expect, they actually help pay for you to get your education, but he does say that it's not for everyone.