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### Mike W. Kennedy

Mike W Kennedy was a man set out during his early years in life to own a printing business after high school, but that all changed when he would later become an Air Policeman during Vietnam. Mr. Kennedy joined the war effort in hope that he could eventually make some form of a positive difference and that he could have some possibility in later doing the printing business. He was a man with high hopes of doing something good with his life while out of Highschool. He was stationed at the Bien Hoa base in Vietnam and would later experience and hear of things that most people would be to afraid to face like that of "Bunker Hill 10." The bravery of Mike Kennedy and willpower to get through what could have been the most gruesome of wars during his station would change his outlook on the world for the better.

Mike W. Kennedy was born on July 7th, 1947 in San Diego, California. As a young boy he moved quite a lot and went to a High School in Los Angeles, California; from there he graduated in 1966 and had tried initially to remain out of the war by getting drafted. He tried to sign up with the Navy; but that day he had tried to sign up the Navy's office was closed so instead he went to the Air Force office which had a Branch joint with the Army who even offered him a space and picked 3 out of 10 jobs listed in a classroom that he would want. Mike Kennedy chose Air Police and some other choices, those of which he can not remember. People got drafted when they chose Air Police, and that is exactly what happened to Mr. Kennedy.

Six to Eight months later after being Enlisted into the Air Force, Mike Kennedy became a Air Policeman which changed to Security Police in which he did mostly law enforcement. One of the Memories that Mr. Kennedy had was his first night he was stationed on Bunker Hill 10 which was known by almost everyone as the Bunker that was attacked and had people who were stationed in it die. During his time serving He had got to drive The Cadillac Gage "Commando" (V-100 / G-392) and the GAZ-67 throughout his normal routines and had 50 Cal Machine gun or the M60 Machine gun attached to it along with handheld M16 Rifles incase of any rocket attacks on the base that he was protecting. During some of the time he was stationed in Bien Hoa there were some rocket attacks with typically Five to Seven rockets shot at a time and when it did happen there was a Radio Code “-4” where everyone on the base was alerted of an incoming attack and even after the warning, they would have to stay alert and sometimes not get any sleep.

Through all the work he put into watching the base, Mr. Kennedy did not want to stop helping people and protecting what he thought was right, he stayed in Civilian Law enforcement even after the Vietnam war. After being in one of the most traumatic wars most Americans have ever faced, Mike W. Kennedy came out strong even despite not facing any direct combat, he served his country to what he says In the good fight. After being stationed at Bein Hao, Mike had listened to music while there and remembered how powerful the lyrics were and even believes that music was a big part in Ending the war.

Mike W. Kennedy was a young man who joined a war in order to help secure not just the safety of himself but the safety of his Country. Although the road to what he views as Victory was rough on not just him but everyone, he came out strong. He stayed with what he loved to do, helping people and remained in the Law Enforcement. Mike W. Kennedy feels that violence

never really ended the war, it wasn't the people on the inside but the people on the outside. He felt that Society and the music they created was something that ended the war, and with it some form of peace and serenity.