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### Donald Boone

Donald Boone served in the United States Air Force for 28 years. Part of 100 missions, Boone traveled to various locations around the world, several of which include Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. His position in the Air Force was a navigator.

Donald Boone was born on August third, 1938 in Los Angeles, California. In California, he graduated high school from Chaffey Union HS in 1956. Shortly after, he i listed into the Air Force for basic training. Because no one in his family was a current or former military member, Mr. Boone had no idea what to expect at his basic training or in the military in general. Boone was inspired as a child to join the Airforce when he observed the planes flying above over head. When this happened, America was beginning their involvement in World War II, and Boone was only still a boy.

In 1958, while still in the Air Force, Boone applied and was hired for the job of truck driver for a laundry service which he drove a large truck that was full of unwashed clothes. On his adventure as this truck driver, he met his loving wife with whom he had three children. Life in the service was quite difficult for Boone and his new family. He had to move around often because of his work, and this put pressure and strain on his marriage and family.

For survival training, Don Boone was sent to the Philippines. For training, he and his squad were dropped off in the middle of the jungle and given five metal discs each with the goal of hiding and surviving-hence “survival training”-from the native tribe that resided there in the jungle. If a native found one of them, they would have to trade a disc for a bag of rice. In his

tenure there, Boone only lost one metal disc. In his 28 years of service to the United States of America, Donald Boone risked his life time and time again proving his love for his country every day for each of those 28 years. In order to protect our country, Mr. Boone sacrificed valuable time with his wife and children and we owe him a considerable debt. All veterans, just like Don Boone, deserve the full eternal respect and gratitude we the people of America have to offer. We thank him for his service as well for his testimony that impacts still the hearts of all he shares it with.