

Rex Pharis enlisted to serve from 1955-1963 in the 8th Army, working as a Supply Unit/Clerk-Typist.

He attended basic at Fort Bliss, and attended a typing school, where he was able to type 55 words a minute on a manual typewriter. His first assignment was at a Supply Unit in Fort Gordon, Georgia. He also served in Korea and Japan.

"I was on the 48th Parallel a couple of times," he commented.

Pharis said, "I was used to a little discipline, so military life-style was not really hard to get used to. I learned to just keep your mouth shut and o what they tell you to do."

"I grew up in the military! When you are 18, you are not grown!" said Pharis.

His civilian career was driving a truck until he bought his own trucks. "Then I was in the business until 1965."

He has advice for the future, "The younger generation doesn't seem qualified for the military. I advise younger people grow up and accept responsibility. Someone has to defend this country."

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