

CHOCTAW VETERANS ARCHIVE AND BOOK PROJECT

Veterans interviews – RETURN TO: Judy Allen, Choctaw Historic Projects, PO Box 1210, Durant OK 74702 – [judy.allen@choctawnation.com](mailto:judy.allen@choctawnation.com). 580.513.7984.

NAME HAROLD MARRIS Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

PHO \_\_\_\_\_

In which branch did you enter? U.S. Army Division \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Drafted or Enlisted? Sept 1987

(If enlisted) Why did you choose that branch? Wanted to join RANK E-6 SSG.

Years served - from 1987 to 2005 Where attended basic training Fort McEllen Ala.

WHERE DID YOU SERVE Amberg GE - 3yrs, FT Sill, 1yr, FT. Carson 12yrs

IRAG - 2003-2004, IRAG - 2004-2005 IRAG 1990.

What was your job while in service? Logistics.

Special friends you made in service Charles George,

And commanding officers that you especially remember? General Nixon

Were there any animals (work or pet) around the areas you served? N/A

Was there a point during your service, that you decided the military was, or was not, the right career choice?  
No

Is there a battle or point during your service that you would like to describe so that future generations can better understand what military life can be – for better or worse?  
Yes, IRAG, being afraid, being shelled while in a bunker.

MEDALS AND CITATIONS RECEIVED  
Army Commendation +, or See DD214 #13

4. What kinds of friendships and camaraderie did you form while serving, and with whom?

Unit, - became team, + believed in each other, + trust.

5. How did you stay in touch with family and friends?

Write

6. What did you do for recreation or when you were off duty?

Powwow, go to Munich Ge.

7. Do you recall any particularly humorous or unusual events?

a lot of unusual events

8. Was there something you did for "good luck?"

prayed + have medicine pouch.

9. What was the best part of your service experience?

Seeing IRAG kids/children  
Happy.

### Reflections

1. How did your military service experiences affect your life?

very positive,  
it. started my career in supply for over 40 yrs.

2. What are some life lessons you learned from your military service?

How to believe in yourself, to be a better person.

3. How has your military service impacted your feelings about war and the military in general?

War is ugly anyway you look at it. No winner.  
the military a lot of respect to those who  
served.

### Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to share your recollections of your military service.

1. Is there anything you would like to add that we have not covered in this interview?

Military had + still is a part of my life.

2. Is there anything else we should talk about that we haven't covered?

N/A

3. What do you wish more people knew about veterans?

How much they actually give up when they  
serv. family, Cousins, friends back Home.