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Charles Foreman

United States Army

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Charles Foreman received his draft notice in November, 1952 and entered the U.S. Army on December 12, 1952 at Camp Crowder in Neosho, Missouri. After barracks were assigned they were taught how to make a bed that a quarter would bounce on it. Charles said, "When it came time for lights out, some of the guys were still playing cards. The cadre opened the door, stepped inside and flipped the light switch. An inductee yelled, 'Turn the d - - light back on.' The cadre did, and said, 'Since you guys are not sleepy, we will go out on the parade ground and learn to march.' We spent the night marching in our street shoes and clothes. That guy didn't say a word the next night. That was lesson No. 1 of military discipline.



Charles was transferred to Ft. Chaffee, AR and then on to Ft. Sill, OK for Basic Infantry and Field Artillery Fire Direction Control training. He got his first airplane ride when he was shipped from there to Camp Stoneman in Oakland, CA. Thirty days later he shipped out to Sasebo, Japan on the USS Weigel. On July 3, 1953, he landed on the beach at Inchon Bay and one day later he arrived at the 68th AAA Gun Battalion. It was here that he met Chaplain Jack C. Randles and was assigned to be the chaplain's driver and assist with helping hold five religious services every Sunday and religious holiday. Charles said, "God has blessed me beyond anything I could ever dream of beginning in that Army camp in South Korea. I give him all the credit. My time serving my country in Korea was the defining point of my life."

Charles received the following medals: Korean Service Medal and ribbon with one bronze star, Korean War Service Medal and ribbon by the Republic of Korea, Good Conduct Medal and ribbon, National Defense Medal and ribbon, United Nations Medal and ribbon, and Rifleman Medal.

Charles headed for home in November, 1953 arriving in Seattle 14 days later. Charles said, "The first step back on American soil was like no other feeling I've experienced." At the end of his enlistment Corporal Foreman continued on serving 8 years in reserve duty receiving an honorable discharge on Dec. 10, 1962.

About twelve years ago Charles saw an Army jeep just like the one he drove in Korea for sale on eBay and was soon on his way to Madison, Mississippi to bring it home. It was in poor shape however just about six months later he had fully restored it. On the passenger side at the bottom of the windshield is a cross and the name Jack C. Randles in honor of the chaplain who had such an impact on Charles' life. Charles loves to take his jeep to parades as well as schools to share his experiences while serving his country.

Thank you Charles for your service.

