

## **Dempsey Pappas Interview**

Anti-Tank Company, 317th Inf Reg

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In 1949, I moved to Texas because of my injuries and I knew that Lieutenant Perkins lived in Mount Pleasant.

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So I called and I went to visit his parents.

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He was a graduate of A and M.

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Was a young man.

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21 or 22 years old.

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And so I felt I.

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Both the parents of Louis Farrah and.

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Lieutenant Perkins.

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Let me call it by saying that three years ago I was invited to go to Kansas City.

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Where I dressed high school students and the 7th graders about my war experience.

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This last.

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April, when I was there, I went to the Pembroke High School, talked to 300 students about my.

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Experience.

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At the end of this, at the end of the session.

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I asked for questions and there were two profound questions that were in the past.

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The first question was would I do it again?

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I said no doubt about it.

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Second question was how did it change your life?

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And I said that experience.

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Was the most momentous thing in my life.

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It changed my life.

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English.

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Maybe proud and up in America.

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That I could stand tall.

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And say that I served my country.

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And I was prepared to make the supreme sacrifice.

