Binh Truong discusses his family and how his two brothers passed away early in the war and the education that his four sisters received.

He talks about joining the Vietnamese Air Force and how he originally wanted to be a pilot but got stuck flying helicopters because of the demands from war.

He discusses going to America twice during his time in the Air Force to learn how to fly and ended up teaching.

Binh explains his first impressions of America.

Talks about coming to America the two different times to learn and then to become an instructor.

He talks about coming to America after the surrender of the South and going to Camp Pendleton and then soon after getting a sponsor from Washington.

Talks about family who sponsored him.

Talks about how long he was in camp for and how he got sponsored.
Talks about when he first came to the U.S. and the town he arrived in and how he had to work 8 hours a day and study full time in order to pay for housing and school costs.

He talks about custodian job at a local school.

Sponsor family helpful in finding him a place to live and getting a used car, but he remembers how hard it was.

Funny story he tells about how the school district found out he was also going to school at the time because he was in the newspaper for graduating with a 4.3 GPA and threw him a party.

Talks about working at McDonnel Douglas right after graduating.

Moving to California, also had an uncle who lived in Los Angeles.

He explains his second job as a furniture salesman for about 3-4 years.

Aerospace engineering (his major) versus business.

He talks about how he went back to school to become a technician and worked for Coca Cola.

Binh talks about becoming a field technician at Jack-In-The-Box.

Binh talks about retiring.

Talks about owning private and commercial flying licenses and having a part time job spraying pesticides from a plane into food crops.

He talks about moving to Westminster.

Discusses how he remembers the Vietnamese community growing around him in Westminster.
We discuss the video store incident in Westminster and how he remembers the duration of the protests and what he thinks about the store owner’s decision when he returned to Vietnam.

We return to the subject of becoming a pilot and his part in the fighting. Relates to Iraq and Afghanistan and talks about how he is lucky to be alive.

He talks about never experiencing hardships from American soldiers.

Discusses his 2 years in Law School and how he originally wanted to be a doctor but medical school was too difficult to get into so he chose law.

Binh talks about becoming an aerospace engineer,

Graduating honors from college and what it was like being the only Asian/Vietnamese person in college.

Binh recalls having to use the library during college and now says that our generation is lucky for having computers that makes research so much easier.

Discusses pictures he showed me prior to the interview and how he got them from his sisters in Vietnam.

Discusses how he sponsored parents and sisters to America

Talks about seeing family during holidays, birthdays, etc.

Binh talks about how he has not been back to Vietnam and will not return until there are no more communists. He also discusses how America is his second home and has given him great opportunities.

Binh talks about leaving Vietnam and going on a ship to Singapore and the Philippines.

Arriving in Camp Pendleton and only staying a month.
Volunteering for the Red Cross and interpreting
Buying another house in Westminster
Discusses never wanting to move anywhere else
Meeting Minh (Christine’s mom) and how they were both from Washington
Discusses schooling system in Washington
Talks about how back when he was in college it was easy to get a job unlike now.
Discussing what he thinks his daughter Christine will do in the future.
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