Narrator: ALEXANDER LINH VAN DUONG
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Length of Interview: 01:44:56

TIME LOG

February 15, 2013
1:22 Alexander Linh Van Duong talks about the different places he has grown up
2:02 He talks about childhood memories in Vietnam
7:22 He talks about schooling in Vietnam
8:18 He talks about his grandparents
10:59 He talks about how his parents meet.
11:31 He talks about how he meets his wife
12:44 He talks about his wedding
13:31 He talks about the family altar
14:24 He talks about his religious views
16:57 He talks about the dragon dance and his participation
18:15 He talks about the food he ate in Vietnam when he was a child
20:25 He talks about how the war has affected him, his family, and the community
22:33 He talks about people in the Philippines who were kidnapped and put into reeducation camps.
24:08 He talks about how he misses his hometown to his wife and how he wants to go back. He also talks about how it is not the say anymore.
26:39 He talks about why his family left Vietnam
27:49 He talks about what it means to be a boat person
28:28 He talks about the boat they use to get to America
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29:07  He talks about the journey to America

00:47  He continues his story about his journey to America. He starts off by talking about his stays in China

05:29  He talks about his first impression of coming to America in Los Angeles

06:20  He describes his stay in New Orleans, Louisiana

07:19  He talks about starting 6th grade in Louisiana and the struggle with language

08:41  He talks about how he feels about the decision of coming to America

09:39  He talks about the language and financial struggle in America

10:16  He talks about helping his family work when he was in school

11:04  He talks about the family paper route

11:41  He talks about sewing job that they did to earn money

12:18  He talks about his first real job

13:09  He talks about the other occupations he had

13:33  He talks about how his family pushed him to go to medical school

14:01  He talks about how his family owns a liquor store

15:33  He talks about how his family got to own there liquor store

16:49  He talks about what his parents did after owning the liquor store

17:23  He talks about how the government helped him and his siblings go to college

18:06  He talks about what racism is and his first experience

19:23  He talks about how he identifies with being Vietnamese, Asian, and American

19:56  He talks about not experiencing culture shock

20:47  He talks about the process of being a US citizen

21:52  He talks about wanting to vote in the US elections

22:27  He talks about not really keeping in touch with family in Vietnam

23:09  He talks about repaying the people how helped his family escape form Vietnam
He talks about his trip back home to Vietnam

He talks about the current state of the Vietnamese government

He talks about the Lady with the straw hat reminding him of Vietnam

He talks about making an effort to preserve traditions

He talks about how his family did not approve of his relationship with his wife because she is a Catholic and he is a Buddhist

He talks about the Vietnamese culture and community here in America

He talks about the changes in the Vietnamese community

He talks about his community involvement in college

He talks about the Vietnamese foods the him and family eat

He talks about calling his mom in college so that he knows how to cook food

He talks about how his siblings and his parents manage to see each other still

He talks about how his siblings now live in North Dakota

He talks about what each one of his siblings are currently up to

He talks about how convenient Little Saison is

He tells future generations not to forget about Vietnamese culture

He talks in detail about his difference residence in California

He talks about the difference in living in Lawndale and Torrance

He talks about leaving home for college

He talks about his six-year experience at UCI

He talks about getting into pharmacy school at USC

He talks about how he ended up in Westminster

He talks about how college as undergrad was boring

He talks about his fraternity Alpha Iota Pi

He talks struggles, his struggles and that anyone can over come it because him and his family has done so.

He leaves a message for his son Maxximus and Aaiden