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I The date is April 12, 2012 My name is Paul Robards, Library Director at Roberts Memorial Library at Middle Georgia College. I will be speaking today with Jimmie L. Reeze, Jr. from Macon, GA about his experiences in the Vietnam War.

What branch of the military did you serve in?
United States Army

Why did you join the military?
I was drafted.

How old were you when you joined the military?
I was 18.

Where did you go to receive Basic Training?
Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Where did you attend Advanced Training?
Folk Polk, Louisiana

What was your occupation code?
11B

Were you discharged or did you retire from the military?
I was discharged with an honorable discharge.

How did you feel when you learned you were going to Vietnam?
it. I was excited, because I wanted to see if what the people said was true. I was afraid, but happy.

What dates did you serve in Southeast Asia?
[March 12, 1970 to November 19, 1971]

Where did you serve in Southeast Asia?
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What was your rank during the war?
E-3 & E-4

What medals, awards or citations did you receive?
I received 2 Bronze Stars, an Air Medal, a Combat Infantry Badge, among others.

Please describe your first encounter with the enemy.

My first encounter with the enemy we were suppose to have been on a mission, looking for a
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had to walk first. At night time, when we set up our night position, I had to sleep in the middle
ht about it, and I sleep like a log, and here I am sleeping in the
middle of the trail. You have to wake me up for me to hear anything. Thank God I survived it.

Please describe the things you remember most about combat.
The thing I m

year?

her a few minutes, and then I knocked. Then I heard this gun shot. Next thing I knew, I was inside the house. I said this to say that I was trained to kill. When I heard that gunshot, Jimmie Reeze stepped aside, and PFC Jimmie Reeze took over. Instead of running, I charged. The Vietnam side of me came