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This is an interview with Robin Cady conducted by Kevin Johnson and Andrew Spiering in May, 2001.

Kevin Johnson: Can you tell us your approximate age and occupation and where you were living during the Vietnam war?

Robin Cady: My age is 47, my occupation is restoring antique furniture. I am a Hillsboro native, Poynter Junior High. My class was the first to graduate from what they called the new high school. After graduating from Hillsboro High School in 1970, I went to Oregon State University in 1974, with a degree in political science.

KJ: Can you remember anything about Hillsboro during the Vietnam War period?

RC: Yeah, I can remember, but I don't know how much is specific to the Vietnam War.

AS: Any specific event -- Did it seem like in Hillsboro the war was really affecting daily life?

RC: Oh yeah, it was a major issue. I can remember being in the cafeteria, when word came in that one upper classman had been killed. I didn't happen to know the guy, but a lot of girls that did know him, they were quite broken up about it. But you know there were not that many people here in Hillsboro that were directly involved in the fighting. I mean there was one guy who was killed; I later worked with a guy that served a couple of years in the war. We were not affected by it like a lot of other communities because there were no military bases in this area. I think Oregon has specifically tried not to get military bases. For years we had [US Senator] Hatfield. He opposed having bases here in Oregon. There weren't service men visible in the area, and I hate to say it probably all we knew was what was in the newspaper. For instance after you guys called me, I went back to see, because I had files I had kept during those years, and I had quite a large file on Vietnam to see if that article I had written was there, and surprisingly enough, so was all the reference materials I had used to write the article. And they were almost all exclusively all from the *Oregonian*.