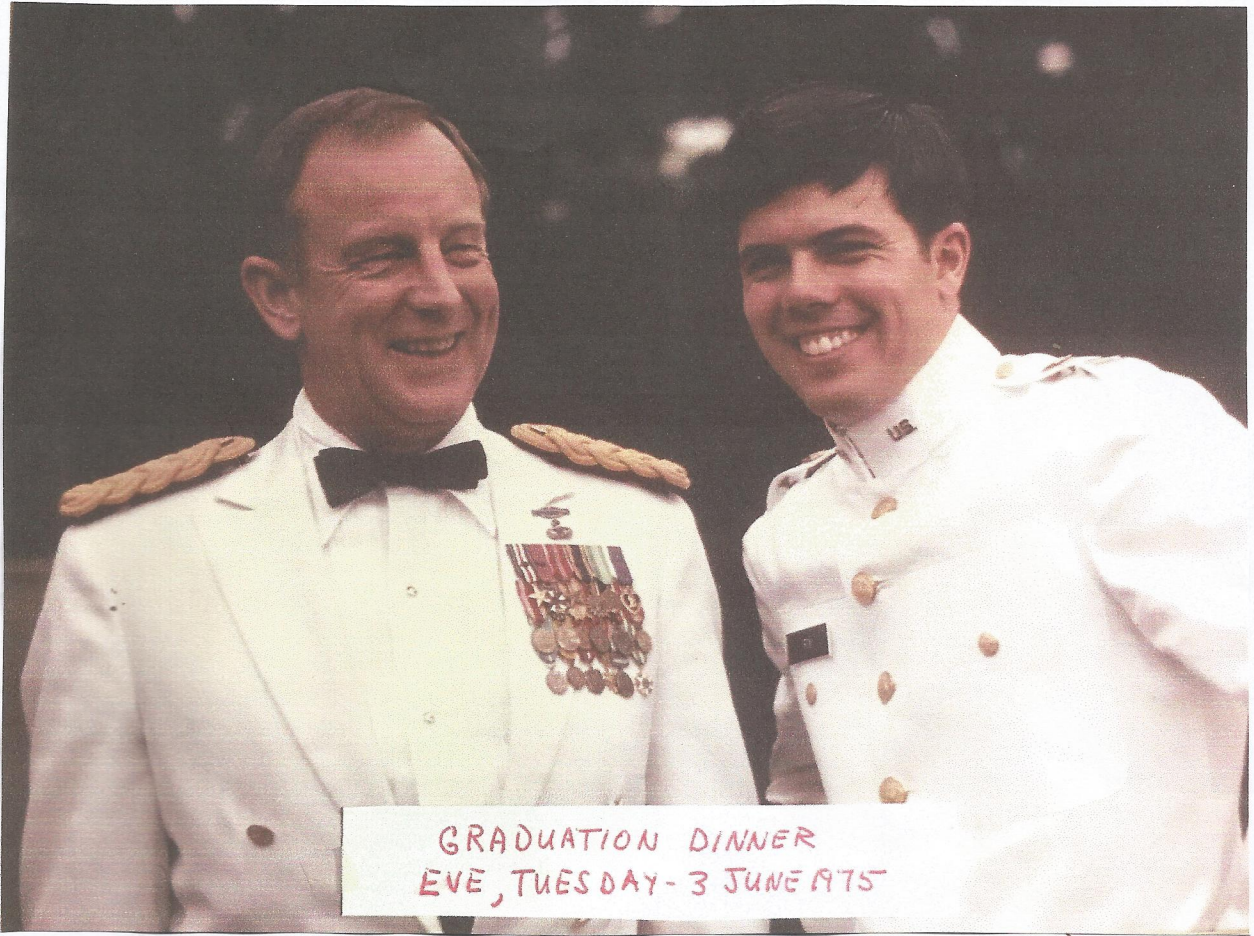


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The essay is enjoyable to read and is well written	✓				
The essay is original and the student has done own work (sounds like a fourth grader)	✓				
The student exhibits knowledge about the pioneer	✓				
The student illustrates ancestor's qualities	✓				
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My Grandpa Story
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Hi, my name is Jack Girtain and my story is about my grandpa. I'm choosing my grandpa because he has a cool military background. First, I'm going to talk about his younger years before he joined the army. Then I'm going to talk about when he joined the army. Then last I'm going to talk about his golden years.

Thomas Mowery, my grandpa, is my mom's dad. He was born in 1956 in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. When he was young he had a lot of chores: he had to make his bed, go to school, clear the table after dinner, wash the dishes, dry and put them up, cut the grass, wash the car, vacuum the house and pick up leaves in the fall. All I have to do is wash the dishes and do the laundry once a week. But it wasn't all work, he played in the creek behind their house and they built a zip line between two trees, his big brother helped him build it. My grandpa also played football, ran track, and wrestled in high school. He moved around a lot because his dad was in the army. My great grandpa was a two star Major General and would talk to my grandpa about his experience in World WarII and the Korean War. He would also hear stories from my great grandma about her being a nurse in Chicago during WWII where she took care of seriously wounded soldiers (she is still alive today). These stories inspired him to join the military when he got older.

Grandpa joined the army and went to West Point. He and my Grandma met in Fort Benning in 1976. They got married in Germany. While he was stationed there in 1977. They had two kids, my mom (Diana) in 1980 and my uncle TJ (Thomas Mowery Jr.) in 1982. He never went to war, but was prepared to in 1990 with the first Gulf War. He remembers training in Germany while it was snowing, having to crawl 100 yards and sneaking up on people. He said training in the desert was difficult, with dust like no sand he's ever seen. "It was like powder and sunk into the top of your boots." Grandpa spent 20 years in the military. During that time he was the editor of the Army Times magazine. He retired as a major after 20 years of service.

My Grandpa has lived in Virginia for the last 30 years. He worked for the Department of Defense after he retired from the army and currently works for N.A.T.O. In his work for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization he is now trying to prevent World War III between the United States and the Russians. That makes me feel proud that he is my Grandpa.

Before this essay, I did not know he did any of this. I am glad I learned about him, he has a cool and important job.

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