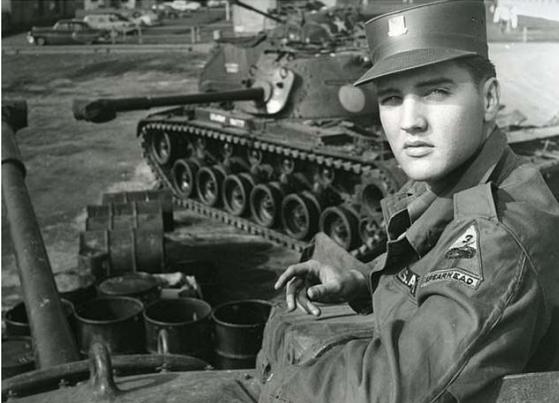


ELVIS AARON PRESLEY, ARMY VETERAN

DID YOU KNOW that shortly after hits like “That’s All Right” in 1954 and “You Ain’t Nothing but a Hound Dog” in 1956, Elvis served in the Army? In December 1957, the Memphis Draft Board announced that Elvis would soon receive his draft notice. Elvis told reporters that his service was “*a duty I’ve got to fill and I’m going to do it*”.



The Army had offered Presley the chance to join Special Services, entertaining the troops without having to train as a regular soldier; but Presley decided to join as a regular soldier. Elvis Aron Presley entered the United States Army at Memphis, Tennessee, on 24-MAR 1958.

In Nashville, on June 10, 1958, while home on leave after the completion of basic training, *he and his band cut five tunes between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.* The future hits included “A Big Hunk o’ Love” and “I Need Your Love Tonight.”

During his active military career Elvis served as a member of two different armor battalions. Between 28-MAR 1958 and 17-SEP 1958, he belonged to Company A, 2nd Medium Tank Battalion, 37th Armor, 3rd Armored Division stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. Elvis’ MOS was 133.60 at discharge (armor intelligence specialist, or 'scout').



Presley’s overseas service took place in Germany from 1-OCT 1958, until 2-MAR 1960, as a member of the 1st Medium Tank Battalion, 32nd Armor, 3rd Division. For the first few days of that period, he belonged to Company D of the battalion, and thereafter to the battalion's Headquarters Company at Friedberg. Fellow soldiers have attested to Presley's wish to be seen as an able, ordinary soldier, despite his fame, and to his generosity. He donated his Army pay to charity, purchased TV sets for the base, and bought an extra set of fatigues for everyone in his outfit

He left active duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey, on 5-MAR 1960, and received his discharge from the Army Reserve on 23-MAR 1964. Elvis had attained the rank of Sergeant and was considered by peers as a very good soldier.

Elvis’ homecoming was an easy transition. He went from Sergeant to King. King of Rock “n” Roll. that is! He finished out his Army career with four more years in the reserves. Elvis Presley, now an Army Veteran, resumed his career. . . and the rest, as they say, is **HISTORY!**



This copy of Presley's Army Record was donated by David Swinney.

EX-109 (REV. 1-5-59) Insert N/1 in the spaces below which are not applicable.

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