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From: AJ Chier

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Subject: Re: Follow up questions

To: Dave F

On Jul 25, 2013, at 05:57 AM, Dave F wrote:

Hey there AJ. I finished transcribing the interview yesterday. As I was editing, I realized I had a couple things I needed to clarify and a few more questions.

Do you have any pictures that you would like to include in the submission? Perhaps one from each of the major periods we discussed?

See Attached pics of Balad DSCF0169.JPGDSCF0189.JPGDSCF0192.JPG

What was the name of the construction compound you were guarding in New Orleans after Katrina?

Boh Brothers

How do you spell the name of the First Sergeant from your unit in Houston?

Cornitious

Did you know you were gay before you joined the AF, or did you come to that realization afterwards?

I knew but wasn't able to bring myself to act on it. Finally took a chance as I had an apartment to myself before my roommate arrived in College Station

How do you think your experience with GBS changed your outlook on life?

I take more risks now. I'm more afraid of not living than dying.

What was your impression of the way the Air Force responded to your illness?

Disorganized with the usual bureaucracy then it pulled together and made it right. Later they denied any causal link.

How do you think the response could have improved?

The doctor threatened to out me if I fought the "line of duty" determination. That was heartbreaking.

Did that influence your decision to stay in the Service?

No

What impact has Service in the AF had on your life?

It's been a benefit in terms of leadership knowledge and understanding that details matter.

Would you recommend service to friends or family? Gay or straight?

Of course. It inspires discipline and will pay for education.

After repeal of DADT, and given the recent SCOTUS rulings on gay marriage, how do you think the DoD should evolve with respect to gay service members?

It already has. Time will cause us to blend in better.

I realize that almost immediately after this interview, the very next day in fact, your civilian employer notified you that you would be transferred back to Houston. So please take as much time as you need to get back to me.

Thanks very much!

Dave