

Sam Kowalchick interviewing Lindsey Saunders clip 1
Topic: Racial climate in Newark

Interviewer: So, you did some work with the VFA?

Lindsey Saunders: VFW.

Interviewer: Sorry VFW, how'd you get into that?

Lindsey Saunders: Well, since I was a veteran, and they had social affairs and cookouts and stuff, and they fed us and they had music and they had different ones talking about the military, and uhh, it was pretty neat.

Interviewer: When was this?

Lindsey Saunders: It was back in '57, '58, somewhere in there.

Interviewer: Did you notice in these VFW clubs was it primarily more Black people or more white people?

Lindsey Saunders: No, it was more whites than Blacks.

Interviewer: More whites.

Lindsey Saunders: Yeah, there were only a few of us, about 6 or 7 of us probably.

Interviewer: Was there a sense of tension at all, or was it more of a brotherhood because you all...

Lindsey Saunders: It was more of a brotherhood, yea it was ok.

Interviewer: No, I always thought it was interesting because during that time there was a lot of hatred and tension between people, but then they would serve together or work together and they formed a bond that was greater than you know superficial stuff. No that's really interesting, did you serve in any wars?

Lindsey Saunders: Huh, No.

Interviewer: No, I mean god bless right.