

Finding Happiness

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About Me: Finding Happiness

I have had an exceptional, gratifying life—with some bumps and bruises along the way. I have had a chance to find happiness while facing all of life's many journeys and trials. I have experienced living in Saudi Arabia. It was like being trapped inside an oven with one hundred twenty-degree heat. Fortunately, it was cooler at nighttime, and I will never forget standing on the desert at night and gazing up at the night sky with tears in my eyes—peering at the thousands of shimmering and sparkling stars that were so vivid and lit up with no city lights anywhere near to obscure their view. There were creatures over there called camel spiders—horrid, scary, wretched things. I could write a book about my encounters with the monstrous camel spiders in Saudi Arabia.

I lived in beautiful, scenic Alaska for six years. It was a great place in the summer, but in the winters it was a freezer box of below-zero temperatures—brr. I get chilled just thinking about it. I did not fly planes for the Air Force in Alaska, but

was able to take private flying lessons and saw the beauty of the land below from the air.

I have lived many years—most of my life—in Idaho. Idaho is an alluring, very scenic state with friendly people, much like Alaska. I have also resided in Denver, Colorado; San Antonio, Texas; Sacramento, California; and Osan, South Korea.

I spent four years in the Air Force. I could write an entire book on what it is like to be in the United States military. I had some great experiences, and some challenging times in the Air Force. I have spent four years on college campuses, in Alaska and in Idaho. And I have written and published two other books, which has brought me great joy and fulfillment in seeing them published and featured in newspapers, and having a movie star read one of them. I could write an entire novel about my life as a writer. I am a distant cousin to the famous author Jack London. I wish he could read my books, and I could talk to him about his life and writing talent. My book Creeton makes a statement of hoping and dreaming for peace on Earth, and Dream Wanderer shows the pain and hurt caused by a DUI accident. Many people, sadly including many young people, are injured and killed each year when driving while intoxicated.

I have had a good life—along with some pitfalls, like having my back seriously injured in a car accident in which the other driver was inattentive and rammed into the back of my car. It was a sudden, unexpected, and painful time in my life. But I was able to use that time to launch my writing career.

I have always found happiness, no matter what I have faced. I am going to tell the story of my life and how I have found happiness, and I will share my own unique experiences that I have encountered on my journeys. Thanks for coming along with me on this ride through my life.