

Astronaut Moments
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00:00:00,166 --> 00:00:10,710
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00:00:10,710 --> 00:00:11,811
>> I THINK I OFTEN

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00:00:11,811 --> 00:00:14,581
DESCRIBE MYSELF AS A SOLDIER,

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00:00:14,581 --> 00:00:16,683
A PHYSICIAN AND AN ASTRONAUT.

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00:00:16,683 --> 00:00:18,017
THE PURSUIT OF THOSE

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00:00:18,017 --> 00:00:19,452
HAPPENED IN THAT ORDER.

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00:00:23,323 --> 00:00:24,324
AND ONE OF THE EARLIEST MEMORIES

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00:00:24,324 --> 00:00:26,393
I HAVE IS OF ALWAYS WANTING

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00:00:26,393 --> 00:00:27,360
TO BE IN THE MILITARY.

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00:00:27,360 --> 00:00:29,362
OF WANTING TO BE A SOLDIER.

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00:00:29,362 --> 00:00:30,430
QUITE A HISTORY OF, UH,

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00:00:30,430 --> 00:00:31,698
MILITARY SERVICE IN OUR FAMILY.

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00:00:31,698 --> 00:00:33,366

BOTH MY GRANDPARENTS.

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00:00:33,366 --> 00:00:34,868

UH, MY-MY FATHER

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00:00:34,868 --> 00:00:36,369

WAS AN AIR FORCE OFFICER.

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00:00:36,369 --> 00:00:37,904

AND I ALSO REMEMBER MY PARENTS

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00:00:37,904 --> 00:00:38,972

TELLING ME A STORY ABOUT

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00:00:38,972 --> 00:00:40,740

MY GREAT UNCLE CLINK,

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00:00:40,740 --> 00:00:41,908

HARRY McCLINTOCK,

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00:00:41,908 --> 00:00:42,842

WHO WAS A PARATROOPER

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00:00:42,842 --> 00:00:44,344

IN WORLD WAR II.

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00:00:44,344 --> 00:00:45,178

HE WAS IN THE 101st

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00:00:45,178 --> 00:00:46,513

AIRBORNE DIVISION,

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00:00:46,513 --> 00:00:47,580

AND JUMPED AT NORMANDY

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00:00:47,580 --> 00:00:48,481

ON D-DAY.

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00:00:48,481 --> 00:00:49,349

AND THEN JUMPED IN

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00:00:49,349 --> 00:00:50,350

OPERATION MARKET-GARDEN

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00:00:50,350 --> 00:00:51,584

IN HOLLAND.

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00:00:51,584 --> 00:00:52,786

AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME

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00:00:52,786 --> 00:00:54,287

I HAD EVER HEARD OF THE CONCEPT

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00:00:54,287 --> 00:00:55,221

OF A PARATROOPER,

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00:00:55,221 --> 00:00:55,989

OR WHAT IT MEANT TO BE

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00:00:55,989 --> 00:00:57,257

AN AIRBORNE SOLDIER.

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00:00:57,257 --> 00:00:59,292

SO WHEN I LATER DECIDED--

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00:00:59,292 --> 00:01:00,393

I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL,

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00:01:00,393 --> 00:01:02,328

AND I WENT TO WEST POINT.

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00:01:02,328 --> 00:01:03,630

I KNEW THAT I WAS VERY

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00:01:03,630 --> 00:01:04,764

INTERESTED IN THIS CONCEPT

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00:01:04,764 --> 00:01:06,199

WITH BEING AN AIRBORNE SOLDIER.

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00:01:06,199 --> 00:01:07,033

AT WEST POINT,

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00:01:07,033 --> 00:01:08,034

THEY HAD A PARACHUTE TEAM

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00:01:08,034 --> 00:01:09,335

CALLED THE BLACK KNIGHTS.

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00:01:09,335 --> 00:01:11,037

SO I MADE THE PARACHUTE TEAM,

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00:01:11,037 --> 00:01:12,939

AND, UM, AND THAT BECAME,

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00:01:12,939 --> 00:01:14,140

UH, ONE OF THE CENTRAL

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00:01:14,140 --> 00:01:15,675

ACTIVITIES OF MY REMAINING

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00:01:15,675 --> 00:01:16,342

THREE AND A HALF YEARS

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00:01:16,342 --> 00:01:17,377

AT WEST POINT.

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00:01:17,377 --> 00:01:19,112

IN ADDITION TO ACADEMICS,

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00:01:19,112 --> 00:01:21,247

UH, AFTER CLASS, WE JUMPED

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00:01:21,247 --> 00:01:22,615
MOST DAYS OF THE WEEK,

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00:01:22,615 --> 00:01:23,516
BUT THEN, WE WERE ALSO

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00:01:23,516 --> 00:01:24,517
A DEMONSTRATION TEAM.

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00:01:24,517 --> 00:01:26,419
SO WE JUMPED IN FOOTBALL GAMES.

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00:01:26,419 --> 00:01:27,554
UM, ALSO WHILE I WAS A CADET

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00:01:27,554 --> 00:01:28,721
I WENT THROUGH MILITARY

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00:01:28,721 --> 00:01:30,123
BASIC AIRBORNE COURSE,

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00:01:30,123 --> 00:01:32,559
WHICH TAUGHT MILITARY

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00:01:32,559 --> 00:01:33,927
STATIC LINE PARACHUTING.

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00:01:33,927 --> 00:01:35,028
SPECIFICALLY THE PARACHUTE

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00:01:35,028 --> 00:01:35,962
ASPECT OF IT.

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00:01:35,962 --> 00:01:37,730
IF I GO BACK TO THE TIME

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00:01:37,730 --> 00:01:39,532

WHEN I WAS A CADET,

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00:01:39,532 --> 00:01:40,633

MY TEAMMATES

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00:01:40,633 --> 00:01:42,569

THAT I WAS SELECTED WITH

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00:01:42,569 --> 00:01:43,403

BECAME MY BEST FRIENDS

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00:01:43,403 --> 00:01:44,270

IN THE WORLD

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00:01:44,270 --> 00:01:45,371

AND CONTINUE TO BE

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00:01:45,371 --> 00:01:46,272

TO THIS DAY.

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00:01:46,272 --> 00:01:47,574

AND THAT CAMARADERIE

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00:01:47,574 --> 00:01:49,609

THAT WE HAD, AND THAT DEPENDENCY

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00:01:49,609 --> 00:01:50,710

WE HAD ON EACH OTHER,

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00:01:50,710 --> 00:01:52,245

MAKING SURE THAT WE WERE

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00:01:52,245 --> 00:01:53,480

SKILLED IN THE AIRCRAFT,

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00:01:53,480 --> 00:01:54,547

SKILLED IN THE AIR,

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00:01:54,547 --> 00:01:56,182
OUR LIVES DEPENDED ON EACH OTHER

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00:01:56,182 --> 00:01:57,617
TO DO, UH, SAFETY CHECKS

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00:01:57,617 --> 00:01:58,518
OF EACH OTHER.

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00:01:58,518 --> 00:01:59,519
THAT TYPE OF CAMARADERIE

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00:01:59,519 --> 00:02:01,454
IS SOMETHING THAT I FEEL NOW

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00:02:01,454 --> 00:02:02,555
IN THE ASTRONAUT CORPS

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00:02:02,555 --> 00:02:03,756
WITH MY ASTRONAUT COLLEAGUES

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00:02:03,756 --> 00:02:04,824
AS WELL.

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00:02:04,824 --> 00:02:06,426
I THINK ABOUT HOW 20 YEARS AGO,

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00:02:06,426 --> 00:02:08,061
I WAS DEVELOPING THOSE SKILLS,

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00:02:08,061 --> 00:02:09,262
UH, AT AN EARLY AGE

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00:02:09,262 --> 00:02:10,563
AND DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT.

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00:02:11,965 --> 00:02:15,368

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00:02:15,368 --> 00:02:16,336

I'M ANDREW MORGAN,

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00:02:16,336 --> 00:02:17,437

AND I'M A SOLDIER,

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00:02:17,437 --> 00:02:18,404

A PHYSICIAN,