

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffery Eastwood

(1950 - 2036)



Jeffery Nathaniel Eastwood was born in Newton, Iowa on June 25, 1950 the day North Korea invaded South Korea to begin the Korean conflict. The small town of Newton encompassed 9.6 miles in the central lowlands of Iowa. It was founded in 1846 as Newton City purportedly named after Sergeant Newton, a member of General Francis Marion's army during the American Revolution.

Jeffery's father worked as an engineer at the Maytag Corporation that was headquartered in Newton. He had two sisters, Elizabeth and Evelyn, both younger than he. Life was simple but Jeffery found a new adventure every day. One day the inquisitive youth would go out into the woods and track animals. On another day he would go down to the rail yard and watch them switch cars. Still another day he would help Mr. Cartwright in his garage. Young Eastwood learned how to change oil, do brakes, tune-up engines, change tires, and fix flats.

Jeffery Eastwood was also an avid reader spending many hours in the local library. He loved westerns but also was fascinated with history. From his studies he became a firm believer that history repeats itself. He was a teenager during the 1960s and became consumed with the space race.

A bit of a loner Jeff Eastwood had two close friends; Larry Morgan who became a teacher in the local school system and Andy Merchant who was killed in a tractor accident working on the family farm.

His knowledge of history shaped his values and opinions. Without question Jeffery Eastwood was a patriot who loved America. At the age of seventeen he got his parent's permission and joined the Army. He served in Vietnam from January, 1968 to July, 1969 arriving home in time to watch the moon landing. In 1970, at the rank of Sergeant, he became a drill instructor.

The United States Army Intelligence Center was established at Fort Huachuca, Arizona in 1971 as the home of the military intelligence branch. Staff Sergeant Jeffery Eastwood was assigned to this post in 1974 and quickly became a valued asset to both enlisted personnel and officers. His knowledge of history, tactics, and human nature served him well in this branch of the Army.

Jeff and childhood sweetheart Mary Elizabeth Tomlin married in 1975 and had one son born two years later.

In 1976 Jeffery Eastwood entered Officers Candidate School and graduated as a Second Lieutenant. For the next eleven years Eastwood worked in United States Army Intelligence in various locations around the world. During this time he met a young Sergeant, Demarcus Shepherd, with whom he was impressed. Whenever there was a dangerous assignment Major Eastwood would request that Shepherd be on the team. By 1987, Lieutenant Colonel Eastwood was head of a classified counter-intelligence group and Master Sergeant Demarcus Shepherd was on his team. More than once they saved each other in life-threatening situations.

Eastwood retired from the Army with honors in 1997. Due to his knowledge and international contacts he was perfect as a consultant to the defense industry. With top level clearance Eastwood became privy to weapons and technological advances that remained classified. This endeavor also proved highly profitable.

At the turn of the century Jeffery Eastwood and Demarcus Shepherd faced the reality that the nation they loved and grew up in was changing at a rapid pace. In their opinions—not for the better. Together, they began the process of identifying individuals with the same concerns and recruiting those who demonstrated a desire to become involved. The result was the founding of STUS Corporation in 2015.

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