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## Why gay marriage upsets me

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Seldom do I broach the subject of homosexuality or my war experiences in Korea and Vietnam, because war implies death and destruction. Although I loved the military, which has broadened my knowledge, I want to forget the tragedies of war and occasional bad dreams I have.

But one never really forgets war; it is always in the back of one's mind; I keep the war experience suppressed. And secondly, because of a horrific war encounter that I probably will never forget, of gay lovers who almost cost my life in Vietnam.

But [after] the diabolical, debauched decision rendered by the California Supreme Court that sanctioned same-sex marriage and reading [letters to the editor], the subject of same-sex marriage and society ushered up terrible war flash-back dreams, of debased, lewd behavior engaged in by a couple of homosexual men that created chaos in my compound in Vietnam.

For clarification for those without military exposure in the bush or outback, in a compound or outpost, several men are always on watch or duty, positioned several meters apart to guard their section of the camp or compound with weapons while the remainder sleep or carry out their daily work.

One night in May 1970, I was sound asleep in Vietnam [while] two homosexual men abandoned their guard posts to engage in oral sex. Our compound was almost overrun because these lustful, weak gay men could not control their lust.

We had to fight off the enemy with every weapon we had; I depleted my ammunition and could not fetch more in the dark. Everybody were yelling and screaming because the enemy had cut part of our electrical supply system. I was scared.

After the short battle, we found both men with their pants down, their penises amputated and inserted in their mouths, and their throats had been cut by the Viet Cong.

I worked spasmodically in military prisons (brigs) over 16 years where homosexual activity among men and women is a constant problem for correction staff and counselors.