



A Voice from the Greatest Generation

Depression-era Southern son rises above humble and abusive beginnings

According to government statistics, 11.9 out of every 1,000 children have been victims of confirmed abuse. When one of those 11.9 can rise above their circumstances and do something special with their lives, it is up to us to take notice.

James “Tex” Litton was just such a boy – though in his memoir *They Call Me Tex*, he only gives short reference and one chapter to the abuse he suffered at the hand of his mother and an eight-foot-long buggy whip she had nicknamed “Little Black Johnny”.

Rather, Tex’s story is a compilation of stories and experiences woven through the Depression, World War II, and beyond, touching on a life as American as apple pie.

The native Texan’s meager beginnings in Dallas lent themselves to what Depression-era adults refer to as the “good old days”: life without air conditioning, television, computers, or video games. Children played unsupervised and lived with few toys, relying on their imaginations.

Though Tex’s abuse with the bullwhip began as a teenager, he stuck with his family despite dreams of breaking free. Indeed, when he turned 17, he volunteered for the U.S. Navy and was at the San Diego Naval Training Center when Japan surrendered.

After the war, Tex enrolled in Anderson College and met his future wife, choosing to get married instead of pursuing a career in baseball. He went on to work as a civil and criminal investigator for a number of years.

From stories of working full time at the age of 14 to reminiscing about golf, Litton’s heartfelt memoir is a charming account of life during America’s Golden Age.

About the author:

James “Tex” Litton grew up during the lean days of the Depression. This simple yet dedicated way of life prepared Tex and millions of other young men for service in World War II. At the age of seventeen, he volunteered for the U.S. Navy, was stateside when Japan surrendered, and enrolled in college where he met his future wife.

Mr. Litton and his wife now live in Tyler, Texas. *They Call Me Tex* is his first book.

His story is compelling and your club, company or organization will love hearing about it! Please contact Tex Litton at:

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