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ABOUT A LOOK BACK IN TIME, VOL. II

A Look Back In Time, Vol. II is a fascinating, insightful, inspiring and sometimes hilarious chronicle of life while growing up in a military family. The book is the 2nd Edition, in a memoir series, of highly interactive stories that illustrates the experiences of Author, Bernard N. Lee, Jr. as an African American military kid in the 50's.

Lee takes us with his close knit family to Germany, nearly a decade after the end of World War II. He shows us his desire to grow and meet new people in this foreign land.

Lee knew he would miss the America he left behind, but he wanted to give the Europeans a chance. He was determined to make it work - to make a fresh start. His triumphs, challenges, and adventures take us on a memorable ride "back in time."

excerpts

••••• Intrigue

I saw the sergeant's jeep wind its way around a tight curve and disappear. Dad followed as closely as he could. As Dad rounded the bend, a young woman appeared. She had a little girl walking by her side. The jeep passed them and continued. Dad slowed our vehicle in preparation for passing too. The little girl dropped her mother's hand, turned, and darted into the road.

Dad jammed on the brakes, and the vehicle came to an abrupt halt. The girl looked up and collided with the front of the vehicle. I watched, stunned, as she slid along the front bumper and fell to the ground. Her mother screamed in shock, "Mein Kind, mein Kind! *My child, my child!*"

Drama •••••

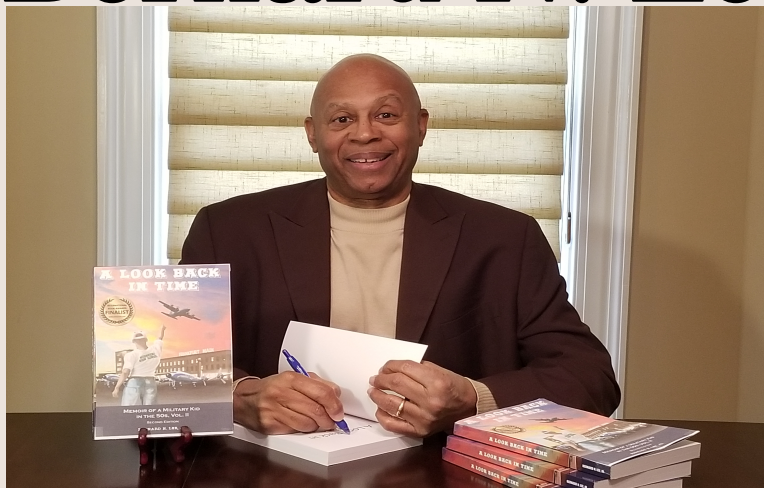
When my dad arrived at the barracks, the men were restless and visibly agitated. They confronted him and wanted to know if what they had gotten wind of was true. They had heard that a black soldier had been severely beaten by a white mob in town, but when the military police arrived, they arrested the battered soldier, not the perpetrators.

My dad listened intently to everything that his fellow soldiers were saying. He didn't show any emotion or give any indication that he favored one side over the other. My dad was acutely aware that the situation could get ugly at any moment...Dad spoke. "These are hard times gentlemen, but we have been given a chance to serve our country. We are under a microscope. They are just waiting for us to fail. You and I are facing a lot of pressure to show we can handle the job." (Dad convinced the men to stand down!)

Fascinating • Insightful • Inspiring • Hilarious

meet

Bernard N. Lee, Jr.



Bernard N. Lee, Jr. resides in Greater Atlanta, a father of two children and, proud grandfather of three boys. As an aspiring author, Lee emanates joy, and a fresh sense of adventure, while sharing his stories, which are heavily influenced by his 'military brat upbringing. In particular, the 2nd Edition of his fascinating book, *A Look Back in Time*, Vol. II, illustrates a child's desire to

to get a fresh start, and experience all the wonders of his dad's overseas tour of duty in Germany. Lee's book illuminates the difficulties and challenges he faced with his own father, a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army. Lee uses writing to create vivid pictures of life. Readers learn the virtues of tolerance, fairness, perseverance, resilience, and other virtues of character, needed for survival in today's challenging times.

For more information about Author, Bernard N. Lee, Jr., visit: www.bernardleejr.com or email: bernie@bernardleejr.com

signature speaker topics

- * Growing Up "Army" and African American in the 1950's and 60's
- * A "Baby Boomer" looks back on a fascinating life and time overseas.
- * A "Military Brat" shares secrets to understanding kids in a military family.
- * A seasoned traveler explains how to make friends when you are the newest kid in town.
- * A "Military Kid" shares how it feels to spend a Thanksgiving or Christmas without Dad.

"A Look Back in Time is a profoundly personal glimpse into the adolescence of...a military brat in the 1950s. Lee touches on the racial unrest within the military during this time and weaves it into the book very successfully.

He confides to the reader his teenage insecurities. He reveals his family to us - a father, a no-nonsense career soldier; a sweet mother who encourages her children to excel; and three younger siblings who look up to him.

Lee's memoir is a treasure for generations of his family... A Look Back in Time is indeed a heartwarming portrayal of military life."

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Sandi Cathcart (April 2020)

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••••• Humor

One of the workmen produced a small copper cup and filled it with wine. George reached for it immediately... George tossed his head to the side and tipped the cup. The wine went down smoothly... Werner squinted his nose when it was his turn to drink. He took a huge gulp. Immediately afterward, he looked flushed and ready to pass out... I was so startled that I fell backward. I lay on the ground unable to right myself. George and the workmen just stared at me. I was rocking back and forth like a stranded turtle. George looked at Werner, fell on his side next to me, and burst into laughter.

Suspense •••••

"I can't live like this anymore, Lee" our mother cried. "I have had enough!" She shuddered and then her shrill voice grew silent... I heard the bedroom door slammed shut followed by the sound of my mother's clicking heels... I heard her fumbling around around in the dining room looking for her keys... When she opened the front door, I panicked... "Where is Mom going?" There was no answer. The pale moonlight cast eerie shadows upon the pavement... I recognized my mom sitting in the driver's seat. She had both hands on the steering wheel. She sat there in the dark staring out the front window. Her body was stiff; she looked frozen in place.

Romance

The realization that we were sailing above the clouds left me breathless, as breathless as I had been when I first saw Elsie in the garden. I closed my eyes and visualized gazing into hers. I held her close to me one more time. We conversed in German... I told her I missed her, but I would carry her memory with me always. Her innocence and passion would blossom inside me with the fragrant scent of roses each springtime.

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