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Abstract: **Adolph Aloise Bellinoski**

Mr. Bellinoski, born in Texas in 1924, shares stories of growing up in a Polish community, serving over 3 years in the US Navy during World War II and being discharged without a penny or a job at the end of the war. He would take a bus to the end of its route and walk back seeking employment. Finding work on a farm for \$1 an hour was good in the late 1940s. He retired after 35 years with Hunt Tool Co.

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Mr. Adolph Aloise Bellinoski died on July 7, 2016. His obituary may be found at:
<http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Adolph-A.-Bellinoski-103751016>

Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Louis Kachemba – grandfather
 Tom Hunt – owner Hunt Tool Co.
 Ignatius Bellinoski – father
 Ed Dozier – store owner
 Vernon Frost – rancher
 Pete Frost – rancher
 Earl North – owner car dealership

Places / Businesses

New Waverly, Texas
 Fort Bend County, Texas
 Poland
 Joplin, Illinois
 Bremond, Texas
 Houston, Texas
 Hunt Tool Company, Houston
 Simonton, Texas
 St. Louis, Missouri
 New Waverly High School
 U. S. Navy

University of Minnesota
 Fort Bend County Fair
 Huntsville Fair, Huntsville, Texas
 Knights of Columbus
 Wallis, Texas
 American Legion
 Fulshear, Texas
 Harris' Store, Fulshear
 Walker Meyers store, Fulshear
 Walmart
 John Deere dealership, Fulshear
 Brookshire, Texas
 Dozier's Bar-B-Que
 Hunt Ranch
 Pecan Acres Ranch
 China
 Weston Lakes
USS Pennsylvania ship
 Okinawa

Events

Born in New Waverly, Texas, in 1924, Adolph shares many stories of the hardship faced by his parents trying to make a living in Illinois and Texas.

He joined the US Navy at age 17, and served on the *USS Pennsylvania* where he saw action at Okinawa. He was discharged at age 21, with no money and no job. Mr. Bellinoski tells how he rode a bus to the end of the line and walk back looking for a job.

He worked for Tom Hunt, owner of Hunt Tool Company, for 35 years beginning at a \$1 an hour.

Adolph was a Past Commander of the American Legion Post 200 in Wallis,, Texas.

He and his wife adopted 2 children and had 4 granddaughters.