

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Billy Vic Krehmeier**

Mr. Krehmeier starts this interview reading out loud a letter that sets up a liberty pass on February 18, 1945 in Honolulu, Hawaii with his buddies from Sugar Land, Charles Kelly, Tom McDade, Raymond Maxwell and Pete Wright.

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Mr. Billy Vic Krehmeier died on February 12, 2012. His obituary may be found at:  
<http://www.fortbendstar.com/2012/02/15/billy-vic-bill-krehmeier/>

## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Tom McDade - Marine Corp	Mr. Barden - teacher
Charles Kelly Jr. - Marine Corp	Miss Johnson - teacher
Raymond Maxwell - Marine Corp	Mss O'Neal - teacher
Pete Wright - Merchant Marine	Pirtle family - neighbor
Mr. & Mrs. Loper	Carroll Scarborough - gym teacher
Arthur 'Skeet' Gunther	Frank Norton - gym teacher
Wayburn Hall - wounded in Saipan	Betty Norton - girls coach
Alvin Dark - roommate	Jack Albert Ulrich
Billy Blackburn - roommate	Adam Varnau - Imperial Sugar Company
Weldon Humble - roommate	Mr. Charlton - Fort Bend Utilities
Vic Krehmeier - father	Gloria 'Tuggie' Laperouse Krehmeier - wife
Thelma Krehmeier - mother	Wynelle Laperouse Wappler - sister-in-law
Mr. Ratchford - engineer for Imperial Sugar Company	Walter Wappler - brother-in-law
Mr. Thompson - Imperial Sugar Company	Charlie Cheaney - schoolmate at University of Houston
Kirkpatrick family - neighbor	Mr. Rachuig - killed in explosion
Dunkerly family - neighbor	Virgil Mott - builder
McDade family - neighbor	Oscar Holcombe - mayor
LeNormand family - neighbor	Becky Krehmeier - daughter
Lottie Leuder - aunt	Jeff Krehmeier - son
Louie Leuder - uncle	John Krehmeier - son
John Conch O'Connor - grandfather	
Fuzzy Ferguson - football player	
Miss Manning - teacher	
Mr. E. J. Nelson - science teacher	

**Places / Businesses**

Marine Corp Air Station, Ewa, Hawaii  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Cole Theater in Richmond  
Imperial Sugar Company  
The Hill  
The Flats  
Cook's Dam  
Montrose  
Covington Woods  
Texas Veterans Land Board

**Events**

Painting houses in Sugar Land  
Pearl Harbor attacked  
Enlisted in Marines at 17 years old  
Spent 18 months in Hawaii in Marine Air Corp  
Dropping A Bomb on Japan  
Job with Humble  
Explosion at Monsanto, Texas City