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Bob Mays, SP4, USA
Radio/TV Announcer 1970/71

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SP4 Bob Mays, USA in front of the AFVN station day he was interviewed, June, 1970. He came from the 25th Infantry Division.

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This is the entrance to the news and sports room. The "triangles" on top of the pigeon-holes are name cards for the TV set. Next to the mailbox is the rack of empty sports carts for "actualities" (tapes of interviews made especially for use in sports casts). The two signs on the door read as follows: "News Room" and "Shea Stadium 9,875 Miles." Shea Stadium is where the Mets play baseball.

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The sports corner. Its sometimes looked neater than this but seldom so during the early mornings. Bob Mays always cleaned up before he left in the morning.

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SP5 Carl Sjodahl, USA, squatting left. Carl was TV news director. CPL Troy Pennington, USMC, is in the rear. Troy was a good, hard-working fellow who did radio news. Bob Birdsong is standing right. Bob did the radio and TV news.

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Pictured is Sgt Gary Saltsgiver, USAF, of Rochester, Indiana. He worked the night shift at the "Big VN" in the News Department. He is in the "news tank" where all the news and sports for radio was done.

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Bob Mays at the console of one of the production student boards. He is getting ready to spin a record.

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Sgt Gary Saltsgiver, USAF, and Jim Jordan are in back, SSG Preston Cluff, USA, is seated at the Sports Desk, right. Jim worked in TV, and directed newscasts as well as being a cameraman. Peston was a real hard worker, good sports man, and a big fan of all sports.

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SP5 Bob Brossia, USA, the Country and Western DJ for AFVN. He was quite a character, and had a great sense of humor. As proof, the hair is obviously a wig!

He tried harder than anyone to get it "just right" when doing air work. He was the floor director for the TV newscasts at times.

Bob was from Toledo, Ohio.

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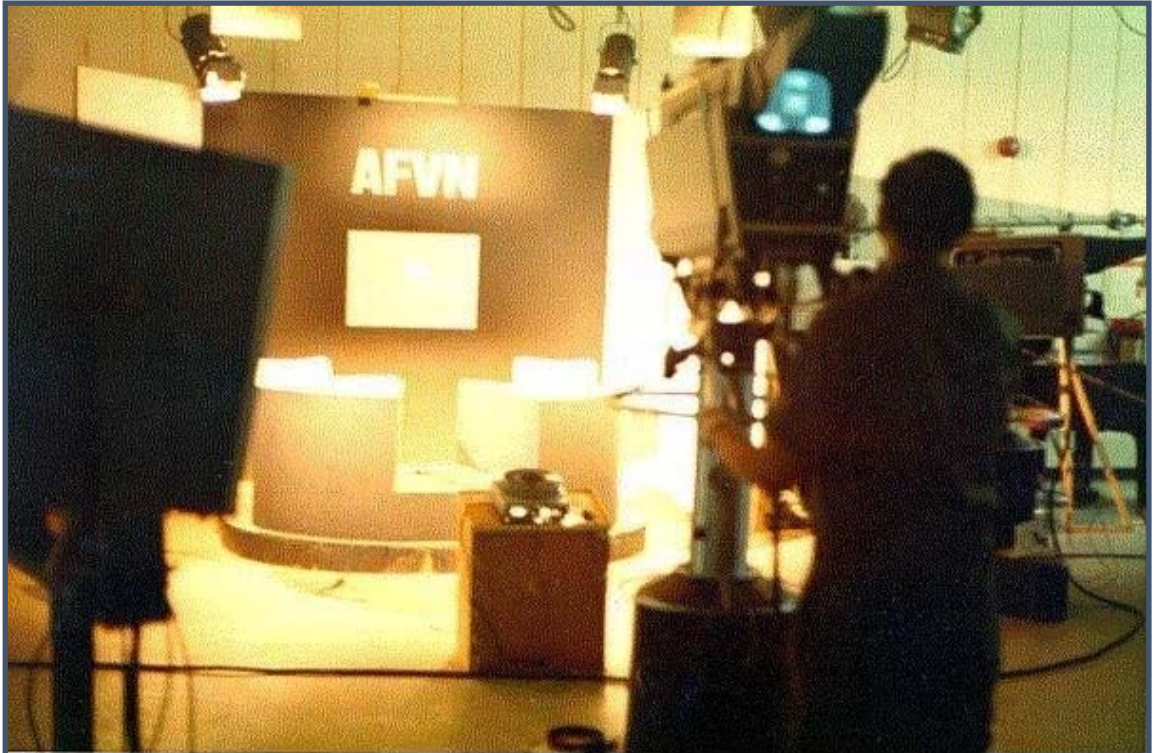
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You can see the "on-air" studio through the window. Each of the TV displays above the window have a special function. The director's control panel is barely visible at the left.

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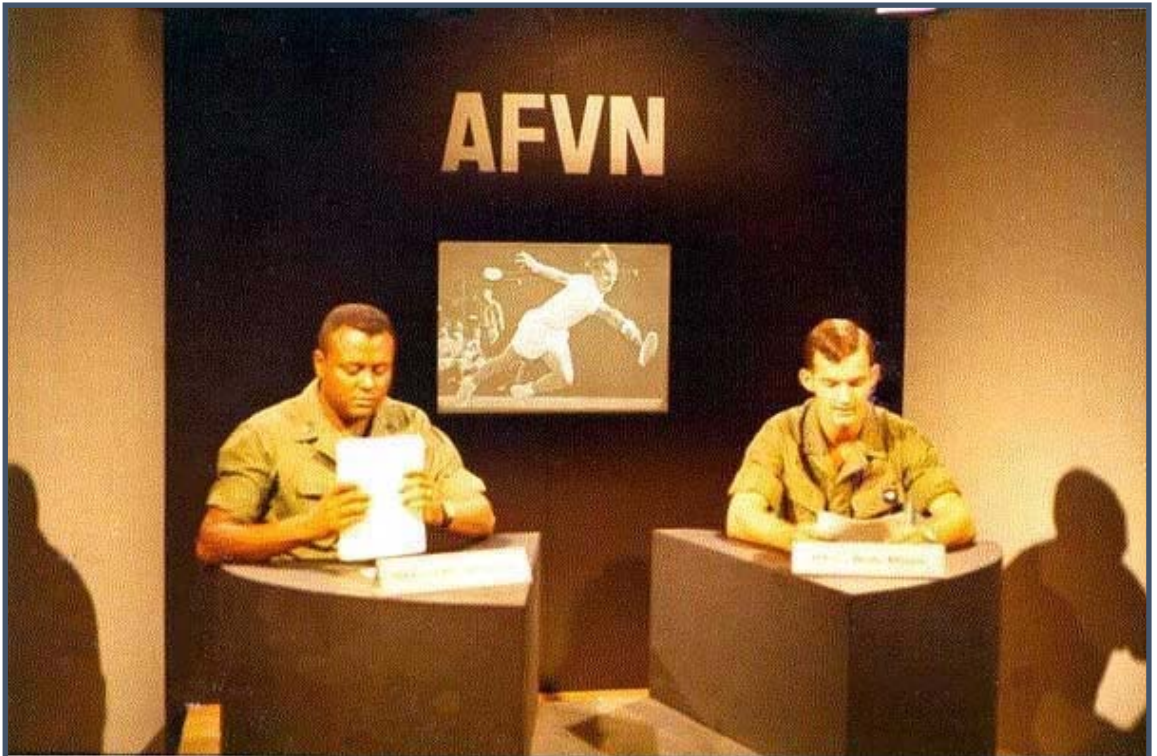
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The brilliant glare on the set is from the overhead lights, which are necessary for the TV cameras to pick up a clear image. The little projector, lower center, puts back-up slides behind the broadcaster to help illustrate the subject.

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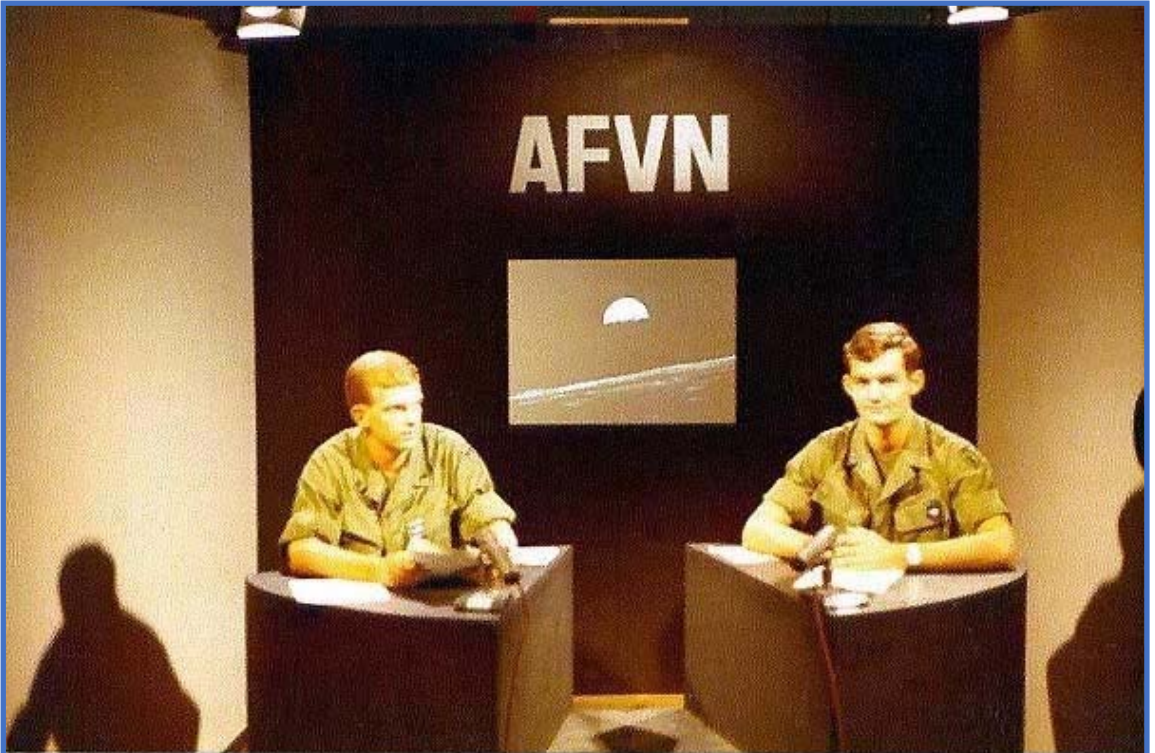
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Bob Mays (on the right) during his first week as sportscaster for AFVN television. At left is SFC Lynn Moore, USA. Rod Laver is playing tennis in the background.
Taken in June 1970.

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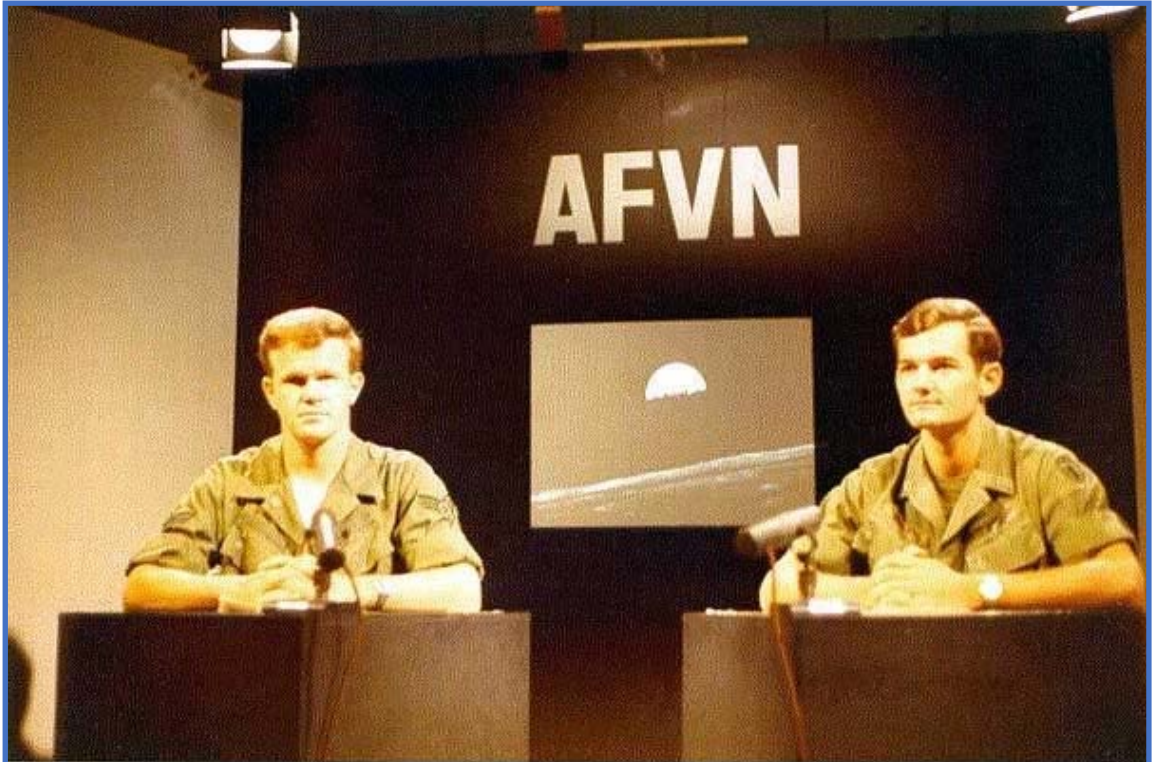
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"This is AFVN's Late News, compiled from Commercial and Military news agencies." Bob Mays is getting ready to go on the air. Newscaster Bob Birdsong is on the left.

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This is the AFVN station circa 1970 located in Saigon. Pictured on the left is Sgt Gary Saltsgiver, USAF, who did the news. On the right is Army (then PFC, USA) Bob Mays who did the sports.

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Sp5 Carl Sjordahl, USA, on his way to his domain, the TV Master Control.

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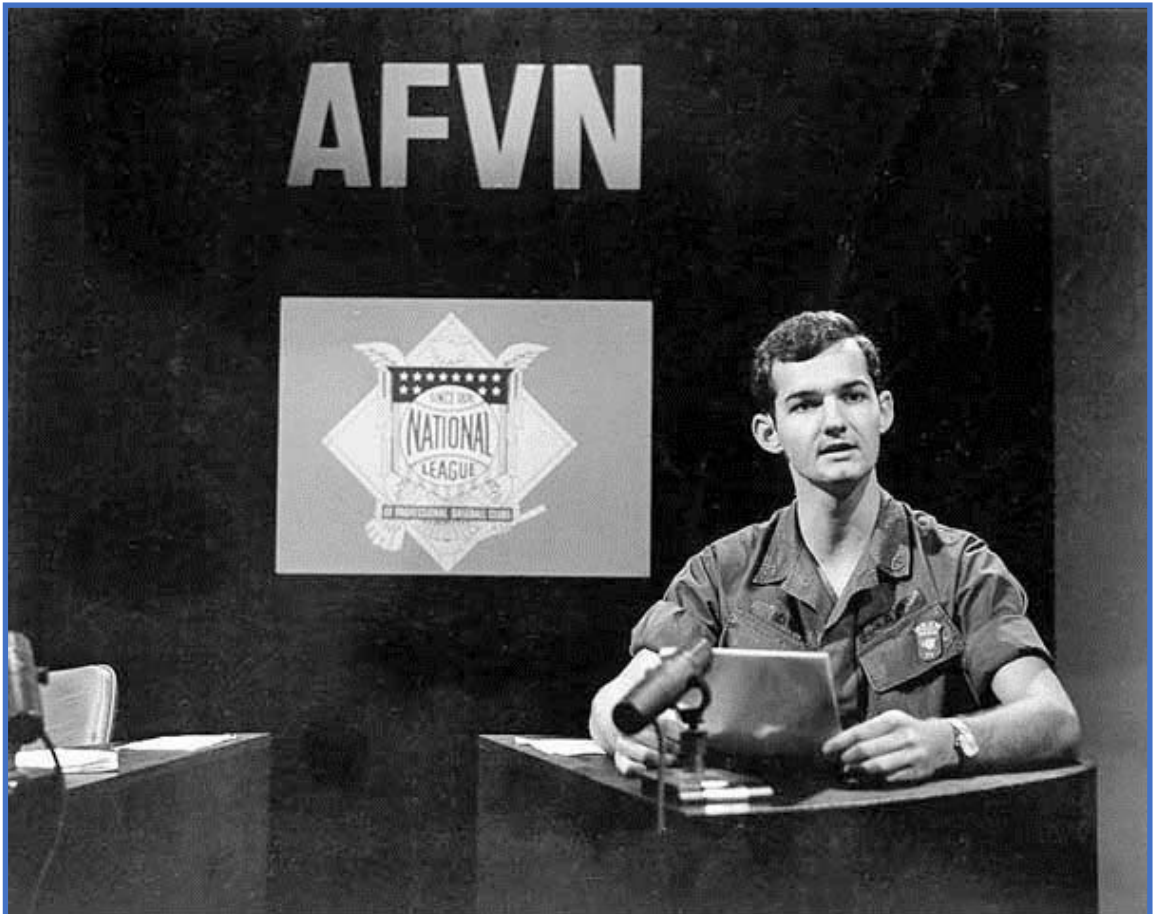


This is a picture of the AM Master Control, where the DJ's put on their shows. This is where all AM program material is put on the air.

SGT Roger Ashworth, USA, is on the board. In the background is the newscaster waiting to go on.

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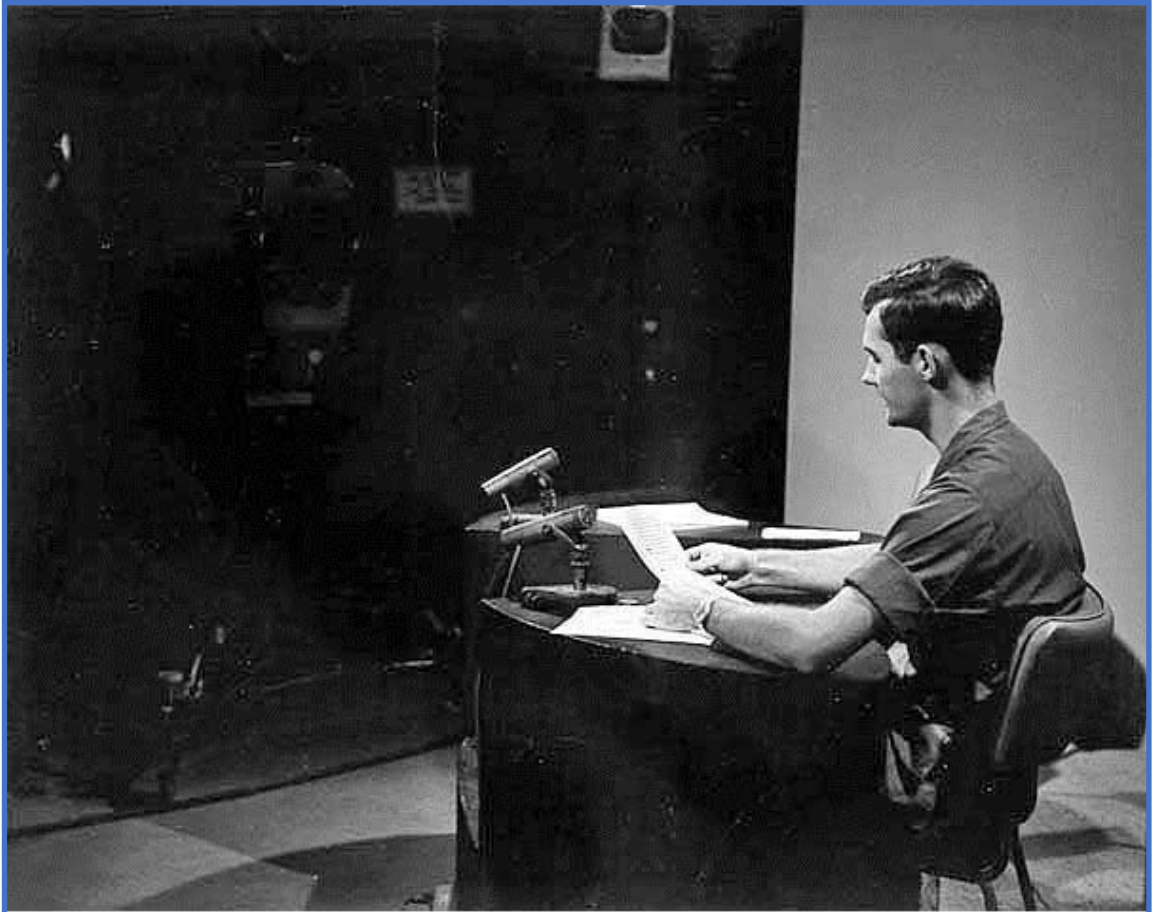
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Sportscaster Bob Mays.
Taken at the AFVN Station in Saigon in 1970 or so.

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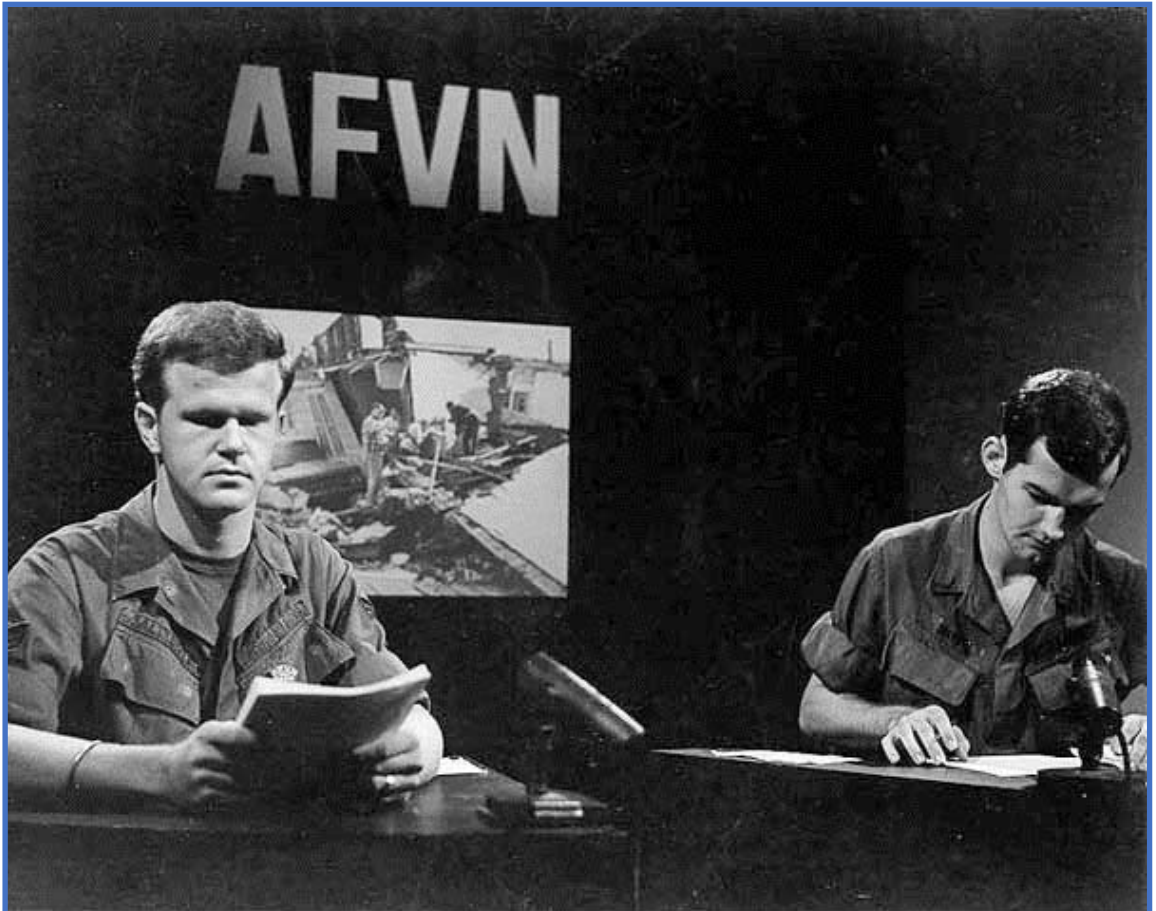
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Another picture of Bob doing the AFVN sports news.

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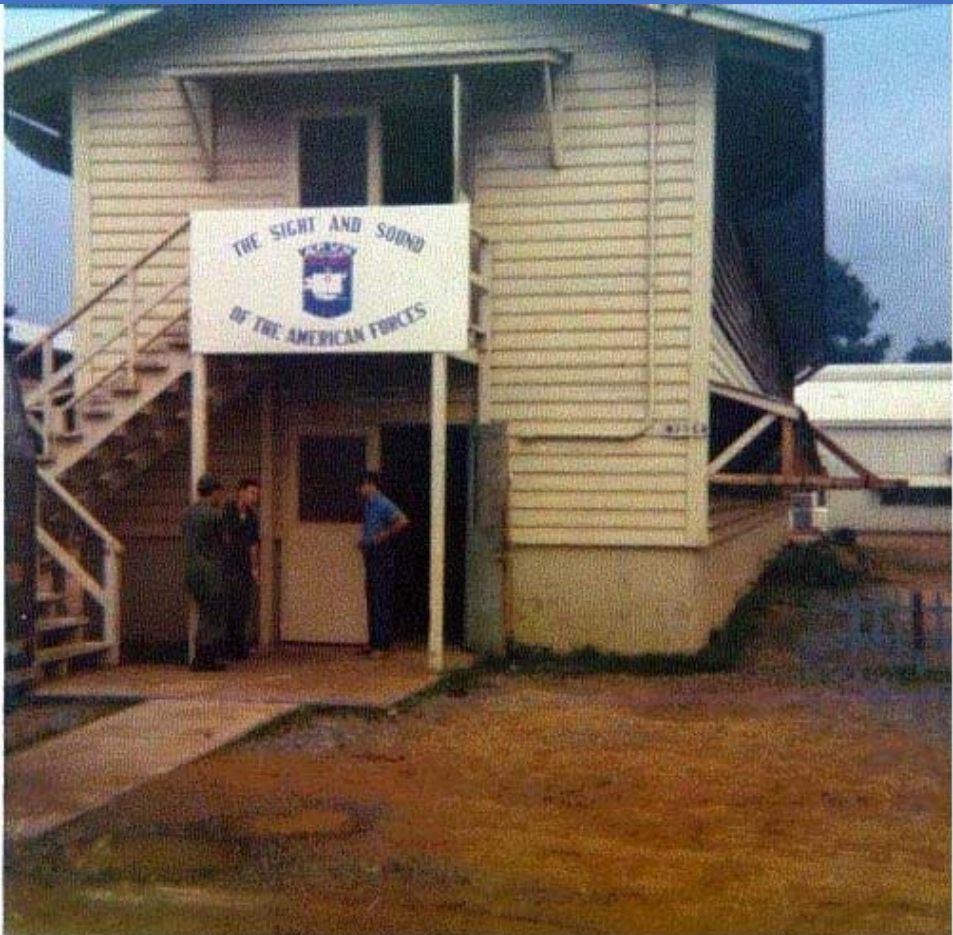
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Sgt Gary Saltsgiver USAF, and Bob Mays before a newscast. Gary is from Rochester, Indiana.

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The AFVN barracks (hootch) in the MACV Compound at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. All E-5s and below lived here from early 1970 until around October 1970 when everyone moved to the Plaza Hotel.

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Pictured left to right: radio program director SP5 Robert J. "Bob" Kohtz, USA, TV producer SP4 Earl Tietze, USA, TV producer George Montanez, and TV producer Mike Storms.

Bob is on his way home, December 27, 1970.

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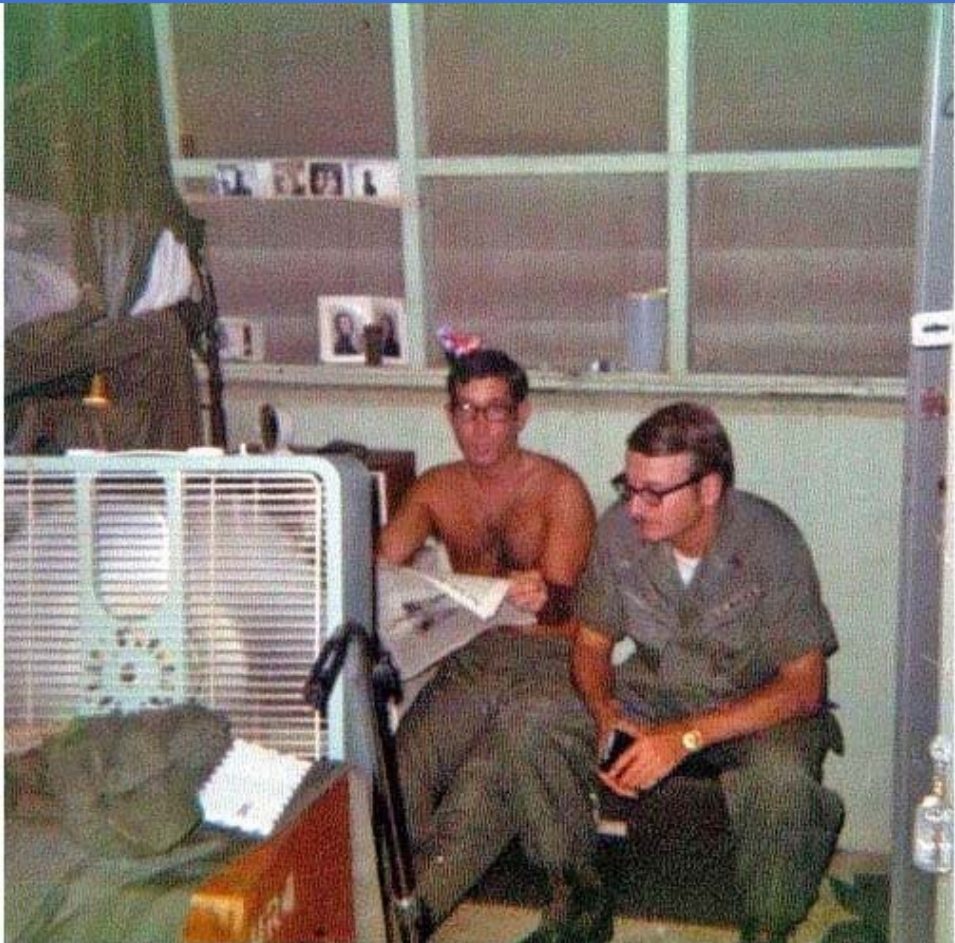
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Mama-San Kien, who kept our barracks clean, at the left. TV director SP5 Carl Sjodahl, USA, at the right with the camera. Bob Kohtz is shaking Mike Storms' hand. George Montanez (in glasses) is watching. Standing under the steps is SP4 Earl Tietze, USA.

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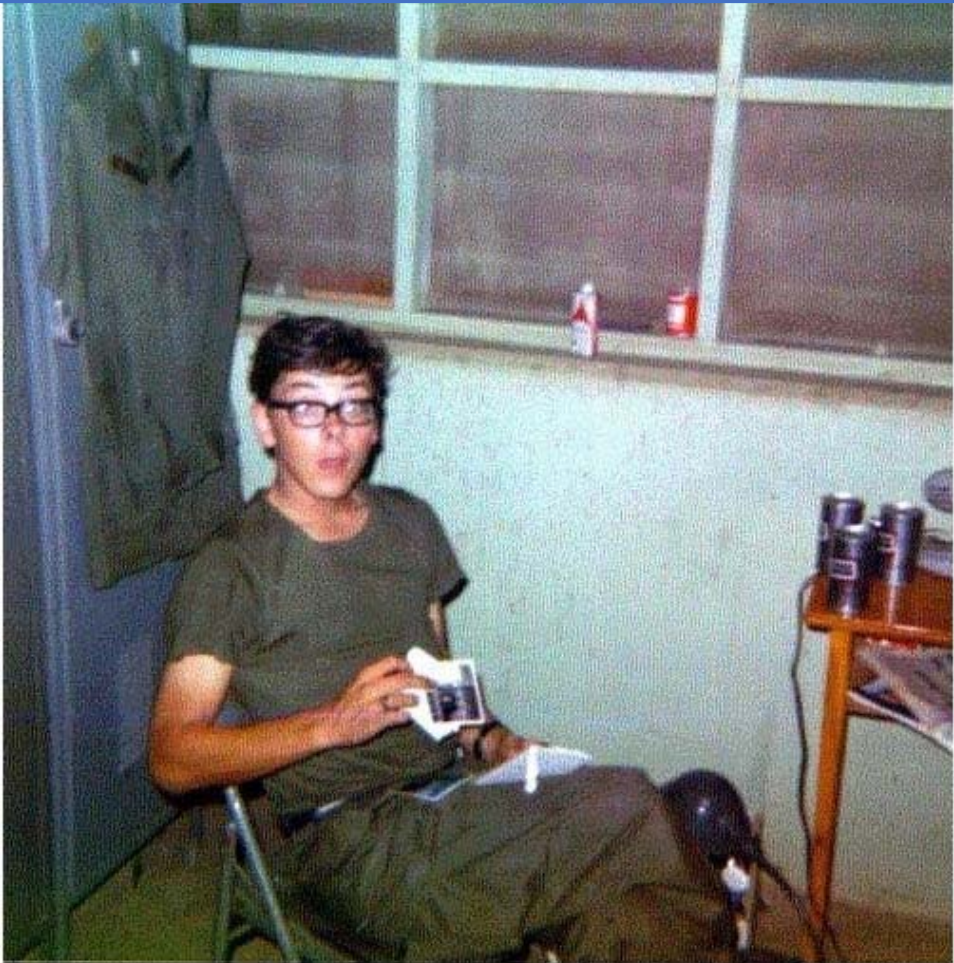
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DJ SP5 Les Jacoby, USA, (left) and Barry Brehm, USN, in the "Les and Bob cubicle" in the MACV barracks, Tan Son Nhut, Saigon.

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SP4 Jerry Nelson, USA, AFVN
Admin clerk caught by surprise.

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Left side of the table from front to back: SP5 Les Jacoby, USA, Bob Mays and Barry Brehm, USN. Right side of the table from front to back: SP5 Danny Pabon, USA, CPL Steve Rutt, USMC, SP5 Bob Brossia, USA, (partially hidden) and SP5 Bill Hunt, USA.

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Facing camera left to right: SP5 Danny Pabon, USA, SP5 Bob Royer, USA, and SP4 Pete Stacker, USA. Picture with backs to camera left to right: Bob Mays, Bill Kuhn, MSG Tom Martin, USA, and SP5 Les Jacoby, USA.

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From left to right: SP5 Les Jacoby, USA,
Bob Mays, and SP4 Joe Van Vooren, USA
conversing around the table.

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