



Mr. November 2024 - Don Walsh

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Presidential adviser to Harry Truman, Bernard Baruch described in 1947 the post-World War II tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States as a "Cold War". Voice of America started transmitting radio broadcasts into Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Secretary of State George Marshall outlined the "Marshall Plan" for relief aid to Europe.

Jackie Robinson signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers, and became the first African American Major League Baseball player since the 1880s. On September 17, 1947, the "Fort Lauderdale Hurricane" caused widespread damage and killed 51 people.

Howard Hughes piloted the maiden, and only, flight of the H-4 Hercules flying boat known as "Spruce Goose", the largest fixed-wing aircraft ever built, and Meet the Press made its debut on NBC-TV on November 6, 1947 becoming the longest-running program on US television.

On August 9, 1947 Mr. November was born at the Alameda Air Station hospital in California, as his dad was in the US Navy. The family later increased by two boys and a girl. Since Mr. N was a "military brat" he experienced many moves in his early life, including living in England, and Texas. He attended elementary school in Japan and HS in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina but graduated from Pemberton Township HS of New Jersey in 1967.

Following HS, Mr. N joined the US Air Force and specialized in electronics. During his 4 years of service he was stationed in both North Dakota and Alaska. "On the side," he spent time working in a salmon processing plant when stationed in King Salmon, Alaska.

He returned to NJ to attend Trenton State College on the GI Bill with a major in mathematics and graduated in 1975. During this time, he met Trudi, a friend of

his brother's, with whom he married. He also became interested in various campus Gay

activities. He went on spring break with a roommate to Orlando, FL and was attracted to the town so he and Trudi moved there in 1976. Mr. N served as a math teacher at the Lake Howell HS. While living there, the couple had a boy and a girl. Also while there, Mr. N engaged his Navy reserve position and took on an Equipment Training position earning a Masters in engineering math and computer systems. He also became direct commissioned in the Naval Reserves in 1981.

Also in 1981 the couple moved to Fredericksburg, VA where Mr. N worked for the Naval Surface Combat Center as Combat Training Systems project manager. He also worked for the Marine Corps at Quantico, VA and earned a Masters in National Resource Strategy. Another son was born while in VA. Mr. N now has 9 grandchildren. At his marriage in a Roman Catholic Church to Trudi, he found out that she was really a Mormon, so all his children and grandchildren have been raised in the Mormon Church, causing some distress in his relationships with them.

Mr. N retired and the couple divorced in 2002, so Mr. N bought a condo in Roslyn, VA, just Metro ride away from Gay festive DC. He bought a travel trailer and started exploring Gay campgrounds including ones in Tampa and Orlando. Later he switched up to a motor home and continued his exploring including, Sawmill, Mars and Vitambi Springs campgrounds.

Mr. N moved to Palm Aire and purchased a condo in 2016. He first encountered Prime Timers while in the DC area and through friends, joined Prime Gentlemen here.

