

Biography

Jackie Kassinger, commonly known as Jack, is an author, songwriter and security specialist.

Curriculum Vitae

Born:	September 18, 1948
POB:	Henderson, Kentucky
Adolescent Years:	McLean County, Kentucky
Education:	Livermore, Kentucky High School Diploma Associate of Science Degree Cum Laude, Northern Va. Community College Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island Director, Central Intelligence, Executive Seminar
Military Service:	United States Marine Corps, 1968-1972
Other Service:	Central Intelligence Agency, 1972-1995
Private Sector:	1995-2020. International Construction/Security Executive, Zachry Construction Corporation, San Antonio, Texas.
Residence:	Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas
Hobbies:	Playing guitar, golf, travel, writing
Awards/Citations:	Purple Heart, United States Marine Corps, 1969 CIA Exceptional Performance Award, May 1989 CIA Intelligence Star for Heroism, January 1990 Certificate of Appreciation, Joint Special Operations Command, Nov. 1992 CIA Exceptional Performance Award, July 1993 Certificate of Appreciation, Joint Special Operations Command, Oct. 1993 CIA Intelligence Medal of Merit, June 1994 CIA Intelligence Medal of Merit, October 1995
CIA Senior Service	Designated member of the Senior Intelligence Service Promotion to SIS-1, January 1994 Promoted to SIS-2, January 1995

During Jack's adolescent summer years, he worked as a hired hand on local farms to earn enough money to buy his first car--a 1956 Ford. In addition to attending high school, he also attended a vocational trade school and became a certified welder.

Upon graduation in the summer of 1967, Jack accepted a job as a welder with Peabody Coal Company in Shawneetown, Illinois, working there until receiving his draft notice from the Selective Service System.

Jack entered Marine Corps boot camp training in January 1968 and by May of that year found himself landing at the airfield in Da Nang, Vietnam. Months later he was with Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines on OPERATION PIPESTONE CANYON about 20 klicks west of Da Nang. It was Memorial Day, May 1969--that's when he suffered injuries from attacking Viet Cong and NVA regular soldiers.

After convalescing and returning to duty stateside, Jack was assigned as a Marine Security Guard at the American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for a two-year assignment. It was there that Jack first became aware of the CIA. He was eventually recruited by the Agency's Chief of Station and convinced to leave the Marines when his tour of duty ended.

Jack was discharged from the Marines January 1968 at headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. After a successful polygraph examination Jack entered on duty with the Central Intelligence Agency. During his career with the Agency, he served overseas in Australia, Europe, Africa, and Central America.

After retiring in October 1995 Jack was hired by a San Antonio-based construction company to manage security operations for the construction of a new American Embassy in Moscow, Russia and later the construction of the new embassy in Beijing, China. After 15 years as a construction security manager Jack retired his security shovel and picked up the pen.

Since becoming an author and songwriter, Jack has written several songs that have been demoed, many spy novels, and two science fiction books.

In 1973, Jack and Cherie married. They have two children, Emily and Jesse. Emily is married to Scott, and they have three sons: AJ, Cordell, and Harden. Jesse is married to Michelle, and they have two children, Maxwell and Malia. All reside in the San Antonio area of Texas.