

# Randy Morris



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## From Soldier to Songwriter... A New Tour of Duty - **Randy Morris Biography**

### Randy Morris, ASCAP

Randy Morris has walked many miles in the combat boots of a soldier. However, he now wears the boots of a Texas folk/country songwriter. Randy was born on a US Military Base in Heidelberg, Germany - where his father was stationed.

Randy followed his dad's footsteps into the military also. He served his country for over three years - stationed in Europe. Morris now holds a guitar instead of a rifle ... Randy has evolved from a soldier to songwriter in a whole new 'Tour of Duty.'

You could call Randy Morris a late bloomer, and he wouldn't mind. After all, he didn't pick up the guitar until he was in his forties. But don't be fooled and believe that he is a greenstick to lyrics, music or melody. He's been surrounded and immersed in it his entire life.

His father, Eugene Talmadge Morris, was a steel guitar player and had an enormous impact on Randy as a child. "I cherish the memories of sitting at my father's feet as a child while he played guitar," Morris explains. Sadly, his father passed away when he was only eight years old.

At this time, still a child - Randy turned to his older brother, Gary - who was also a guitar player. He recalls his interest in music, especially listening to his brother. Randy elaborates, "He carried on the tradition of my father's music. Growing up I would listen to my brother play guitar. He would sing to me and ask me my opinion on his songs ... I spent years listening and wishing I could play guitar with him."

It wasn't until after years of military service that Randy finally tapped his musical talents. He was forty-five when he bought his first guitar on eBay, and a bunch of guitar lesson videos. Within six months, he was playing with his brothers and friends. It wasn't long before he was composing his own material. Seven years later, in 2012, he finds himself signed to a label as a writer - penning tunes that come directly from his heart.

For Morris, his goal isn't to be under the bright lights on the stage. He has no interest in being a performing artist. "I concentrate on the lyrics and the melody," He continues, "I see myself as a writer and composer for performing artists."

For almost the past decade, he's been perfecting his songs, playing in a casual family/friend band called The Weekenders. Randy says, "It's a blast playing with my friends and family - from somewhere above, it's as if my dad is smiling down on us."

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As a composer, Randy creates his lyrical and melodic scores from his own experiences and emotions. Although he was born in Germany, Randy calls Mineral Wells, Texas his hometown. His blend of folk and country music reflects a "Lone Star State" style. The world is beginning to take notice of his songwriting skills as well, with sites like eFolkMusic.org who added him to their writing roster.

Randy sends his songs to Paramount Song in Nashville, Tennessee. Paramount adds professional

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tracks, session players, and sometimes melodic arrangements to his songs. In 2012, he entered the Nashville International Songwriting Contest with his song "Runaway" - a catchy, midtempo tune. The result was winning the Directors Award, which places him into the running for the first place, grand prize - which will be announced in July of 2012.

Randy is also signed to Star Tune Records, which has enabled him to get his music onto sites like amazon.com on the songwriter album, And I'm Still Loving You. His songs "Change," "Looking for a Friend" and "Cop Low Down" are also available on iTunes. Randy Morris has come a long way in just under a decade. It's now riffs instead of rifles, compositions instead of camouflage. His combat boots are now cowboy boots - and this new Tour of Duty has created a songwriter out of a soldier.

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