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The interview was getting close to the one hour mark when the question about smoking came up.

ing came up. We had covered all of the standard interview questions with Bob Wiatt, Texas A&M's director of security and traffic, when he grinned a bit sheepishly, admitted that he still does smoke and that his wife detests the habit so much that at home he hangs out in the family garage next to the garbage cans to have a smoke. He's a considerate man.

With the credentials he carries, people might expect that experience has made him otherwise.

At 60, Wiatt has spent more than two thirds of his life experiencing man's inhumanity to man.

Wiatt lived through Okinawa, one of the bloodiest battles of World War II, through law school, some college football, thirty years of distinguished FBI service, a couple of years and 26 murder cases with the Brazos County district attorney's office, and has, so far, surged through better than three years as the top cop in Texas A&M's University Police Department.

The guy obviously knows how to deal with tough and unpleasant situations.

pleasant situations. "My life has been one of violence," Wiatt says. "I was 18 and involved in the battle of Okinawa. That's pretty violent.

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"I went to law school and that was violent simply by the fact that everybody was trying to stab everybody else in the back to be the 'numero uno' to get that big job offer.

"And then in the FBI for 30 years, I had everything under the sun done to me in the way

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