

## Mp3 Captain T (tom Hunnicutt) - Arkansas Years - Part Two



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Captain T's music is a blending of old style country/mountain/bluegrass and folk music with a touch of blues and spiritual influences. 10 MP3 Songs FOLK: Folk Blues, COUNTRY: Country Folk Details: CAPTAIN T (Arkansas Folk Music Ambassador) Captain T is the alterego of one Tom Hunnicutt, who currently resides in Williford, Arkansas. Tom was born in Chicago, Illinois and moved to Arkansas with his mother, brothers and sister at age 11. From that point on Tom was raised in the Opposition Community, a few miles south of Ravenden and his current home and just off Spring River, where he played, fished and enjoyed life as a teenager. He attended school in one of the old One Room School Houses where the teacher taught all the grades up through the eighth grade. His mother, Odell Linda Perry Hunnicutt raised nine of her eleven children right there in Opposition. Tom learned to play the guitar as a young boy and started singing early in his life and he tells us he'll be singing when he dies most likely. He first started singing all the old Gene Autry tunes, but as time passed he found himself copying all the country and folk singers of his day. In 1956 he joined the United States Marine Corps and served twice in South Vietnam. Even during his combat days all the country boys took their music boxes with them and jammed in places most of us would never consider. Just imagine sitting on a bunker playing away with someone yelling, Hey, you nuts, that is INCOMING!!! Well, they just moved inside, but kept playing, as if it was more important than heading for cover. The term Captain T goes a bit further than his Marine Corps days as he was also commissioned into the California National Guard Reserves, as a Captain during the mid-late 1980s. He soon found himself becoming the Commanding Officer of the 502nd Infantry Battalion, 5th Infantry Brigade, which was commanded by Colonel David Patton (the nephew of the late General Patton). However, during that period his health became an issue and in the late 1980s he had to resign his commission. After a period of recovery the doctors recommended he return home to Arkansas and

truly retire. Returning home to Arkansas the state he loved and missed helped him recover, but not fully and he became disabled do to a number of war-related problems and injuries. Therefore, youll notice he now sits in a chair while playing his guitar, as he could loose his balance without notice, and he has had one too many bad fallswhich adds to his list of injuries. Captain Ts music is unpretentious and home grown with a few laughs and tears, but it will take you back in time to the good old days. Yet, even the young can relate to his songs, as they reflect a bit of todayfor Arkansas is the Natural State, and no body can take that away from you and no body can change it either. A proud heritage is worthy of having songs wrote about it! Thats also why they call him Arkansas Folk Music Ambassador.

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