

**Summary of Oral History: Oral History Interview with Vince Marinkovich**  
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Vince Marinkovich was born on February 15, 1929 on a little island off of the Dalmatian coast in Yugoslavia. He and his family were rescued and taken to Oswego, New York. He did not tell what happened to him and his family before 1944, but in 1944 his mother signed up to go to Oswego. They went to Naples where they were processed and got the necessary shots for the journey. He looked forward to a new life in the United States but said that it was hard at first because of the language barrier. He went to school and played soccer with the school team. He also participated in a number of activities at the Oswego camp. He especially liked going to the movies in the city of Oswego.

After the war his family had to travel to Ontario, Canada before returning to the U.S. They settled in California. He went to work for a few years and then was drafted into the army in 1951 during the Korean War. Again, after he was released from the army, he worked at a few jobs until finally he ended up working for a moving company where he stayed for 34 years. Looking back at his stay in Oswego he wouldn't want to change anything, but he pointed out that it took time to accomplish what he wanted to do.