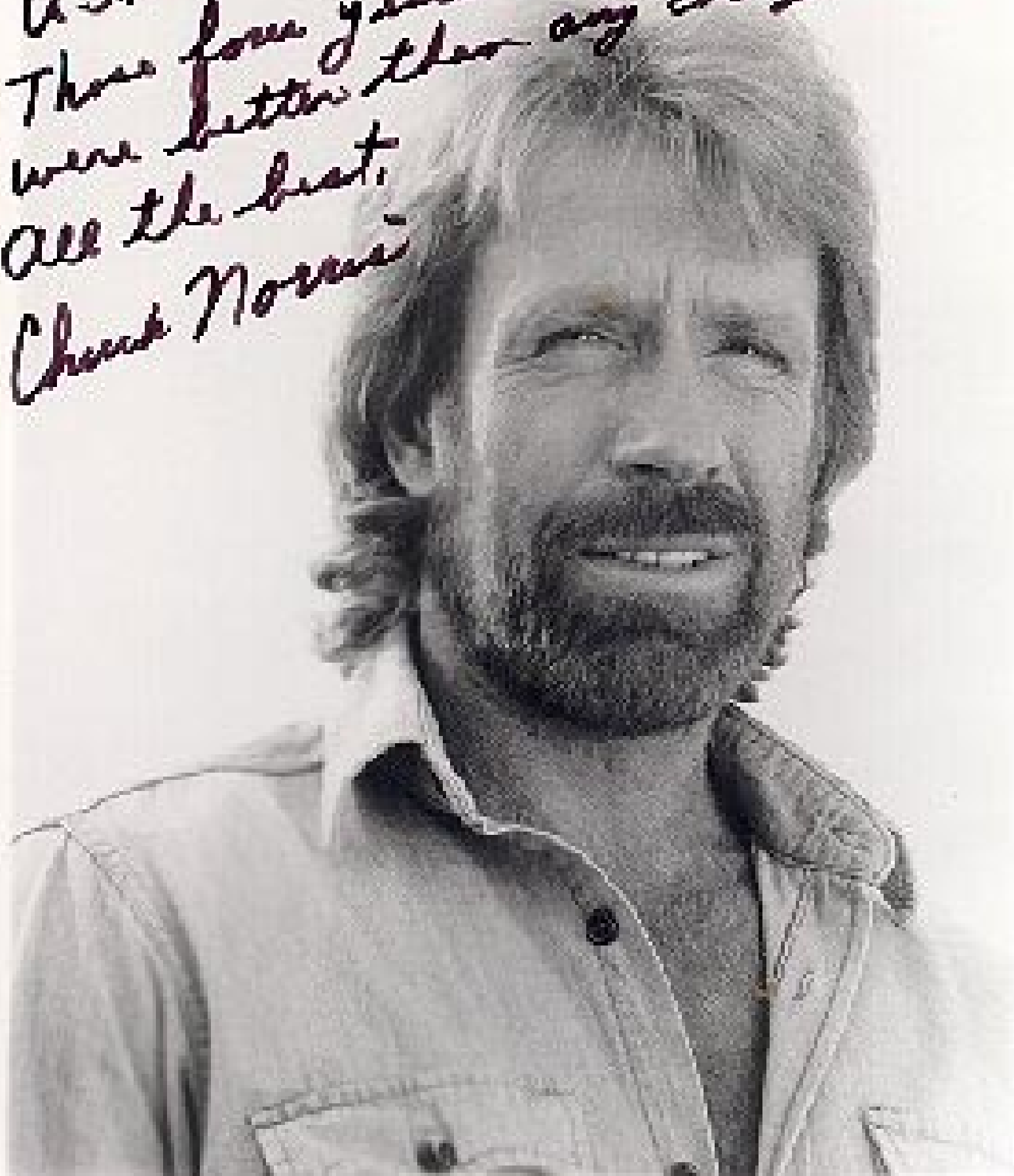


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Those four years in the U.S.A.F.
were better than any college degree.
All the best,
Chuck Norris



Chuck Norris, Martial Arts Expert and Actor

Chuck Norris, who joined the Air Force after high school, was stationed in Osan, South Korea, which was lucky for him. There he began a "life-changing" study of martial arts. When he returned to the US, he competed for the March AFB, Calif., judo team, studied Tae Kwan Do, and started a Tang Soo Do club. Norris was discharged in 1962, and, by working days at Northrop Aircraft and evenings teaching martial arts, he quickly saved enough money to open his own studio. In 1968, Norris became the professional world middleweight karate champion and held the title until 1974. One of Norris' students, actor Steve McQueen, urged him to go into movies, and he soon made his first film, "Return of the Dragon," with another martial arts friend—Bruce Lee. In 1996, Norris became the first Westerner to be awarded an eighth-degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do.