

## What Veterans are Saying About the Veterans History Project

*"I am profoundly proud and honored that my story will be permanently archived in the Veterans History Project with the stories of tens of thousands of fellow American veterans who, as a matter of honor and duty, served their country in time of war."*

—Warren Tsuneishi, WWII Veteran

*"Brian and I were honored to tell our Vietnam story for the Veterans History Project. Our reflections of our war stories, mine as an Army nurse in Vietnam and his two tours in Vietnam plus his service in the Gulf War, have made it possible to preserve our living history voices for our children and all future generations."*

—Jeanne Urbin Markle, Army Nurse Corps during the Vietnam War and wife of Brian Cody Markle, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars Veteran

*"I would encourage every veteran to participate in the Veterans History Project. I know personally that I'd never discussed my experiences with my wife and children. They were very surprised when they viewed my video, and it led us to communicate more."*

—Jacob Younginer, Vietnam War Veteran

To learn more about these veterans and others, go to [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets).

## What Happens to My Interview and Other Donated Items?

The items you donate to the Veterans History Project (VHP) are housed in the permanent collections of the Library of Congress. Your stories and collateral materials are available to you, scholars, students, and anyone else visiting the Library, following a six-month processing period.

### The VHP Web Site Documents Each Collection

▶ A Web page is created for each veteran who contributes an interview, memoir, or historical documents. This page includes service history and other information about each veteran. Access the database at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets). (click on *Search the Veterans Database*)

▶ As resources allow, VHP will digitize interviews and documents from its collection, which will allow Internet users to view the collections online without visiting the Library of Congress. Currently about five percent of the collection is accessible online.

While in Washington, DC, stop by the VHP Information Center at the Library of Congress weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Researchers should call or email at least 48 hours prior to a visit. For details, visit [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets). (click on *Using the Collections*)



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## The Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project (VHP) in 2000 as part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

**The mission** of the Veterans History Project is to collect and archive the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans to honor their service and share their stories with current and future generations. The Project also collects stories from homefront civilians who worked in support of our armed forces.

**How can I be part of this important project?** You can volunteer to conduct interviews and collect historical documents. You may also organize interview groups and teach others how to conduct interviews. School and scout groups, retirement communities, churches, and other groups are good places to start.

**What kinds of items are included in the Veterans History Project Collection?** Donated collections take the form of war veterans' first-hand oral histories, memoirs, photographs, letters, diaries, official separation documents (DD-214, etc.), and other historical documents from World War I through current conflicts.

**How can I share the story of a deceased veteran?** On behalf of a deceased war veteran, you may submit historical documents like the veteran's collection of photographs, letters, and diaries and memoirs. You will need to complete the biographical data form and a release form for the deceased veteran.

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## Interview a Veteran. Preserve History.

By taking part in the Veterans History Project (VHP), you are contributing to the permanent collections of the Library of Congress, one of the world's most respected research and cultural institutions. When you participate you are making history.

### It's as easy as following these simple steps:

**Step 1:** Visit [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) and print out an information kit, which gives you guidelines for conducting interviews and writing personal wartime recollections. If you don't have Internet access, complete the tear-off card to the right or call the toll-free message line at 888-371-5848 to request an information kit.

**Step 2:** Find a war veteran—or homefront civilian who worked in support of our armed forces—from WWI through current conflicts.

**Step 3:** Record his or her story using an audio or video recorder; assist in collecting photographs, letters, diaries, maps, etc.; and/or help write a memoir.

**Step 4:** Complete the registration forms in the kit or at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) (including biographical data, audio and video log, and release forms). Assemble the forms and the items you are submitting.

**Step 5:** The quality of the collection is enhanced when we receive original materials, but we will accept high quality (e.g. color-photocopies) reproductions of letters, photographs, diaries, and so on. **Please make copies of all materials to keep for yourself. VHP does not have the resources to provide copies of any donated materials.** Everything you submit to VHP will become part of the permanent collections of the Library of Congress and cannot be returned to you.

**Do send** materials via FedEx, UPS, DHL, or deliver in person to:

Veterans History Project  
The Library of Congress  
101 Independence Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20540-4615  
Email: [vohp@loc.gov](mailto:vohp@loc.gov)  
Web site: [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets)  
Toll-free message line: 888-371-5848

Please **do not send** your materials via the U.S. Postal Service. Postal Service mail received by the Library of Congress undergoes security screening that may result in damage and undue delays of your materials.

## Information Kit

I would like to collect oral histories, photographs, letters, diaries, memoirs, and other historical items for the Veterans History Project (VHP). Please send an information kit, which will provide details about how I can become a VHP volunteer.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ information kit(s).

Mail or fax this completed form to the Veterans History Project. A faxed request will be processed more quickly, since your correspondence will not be subject to security clearance delays.

### Mail:

Veterans History Project  
The Library of Congress  
101 Independence Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20540-4615

Or

### Fax:

202-252-2046

No cover sheet is necessary.

Note: Information Kits can be printed out from the VHP Web site. Visit [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets).

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