

## 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 a preservation environment within 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► A Web page is created for each veteran who contributes an interview, memoir, or historical documents.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 Collections*).

► 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.

**The general public** is invited to stop by the VHP Welcome Center at the Library of Congress weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. It is located in room LM-109 on the first floor of the James Madison Building (101 Independence Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20540).

**Researchers** are asked to call or email one week prior to a visit. Please have the correct spelling of the first and last names of the veteran. For details, visit [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) (click on *For Researchers*). Public users of the VHP collections are required to have a Reader Identification Card issued by the Library. The cards are free and can be obtained by presenting a valid driver's license, state-issued identification card, or passport at the Reader Registration Station in room LM-140, on the first floor of the James Madison Building near the Independence Avenue entrance.

All VHP collections are served in the American Folklife Center Reading Room, which is located in LJ-G53 of the Thomas Jefferson Building. The telephone number is 202-707-5510.

**Disclaimer:** The Library of Congress does not verify the accuracy of the accounts described herein by participants in the Veterans History Project. Individual stories are voluntarily submitted to the Veterans History Project and are placed in the Library's permanent collections as received. These histories are the personal recollections and perspectives of participating individuals and are not intended as a substitute for an official record of the federal government nor of military service.



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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 of the American Folklife Center is to collect, preserve, and make accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

**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. Educational institutions, retirement communities, veterans service organizations, churches, and other community groups are a few good places to start.

**What kinds of items are included in the Veterans History Project Collection?** Collections may take the form of war veterans' first-hand oral histories, memoirs, collections of photographs and letters, diaries, 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, diaries and memoirs. You will need to complete the biographical data form and a release form for the deceased veteran.

### How can I find answers to other questions?

Visit our *Frequently Asked Questions* page online at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets).

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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 download a Field Kit, which gives you guidelines for conducting interviews and for what we do and don't accept. 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 a Field Kit.

**Step 2:** Go online to our Web site to register the collection you wish to submit.

**Step 3:** Record a veteran's 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 required and appropriate forms (including biographical data, audio and video log, and release forms) at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) or from a Field Kit. Assemble the forms and the items you are submitting.

**Step 5:** We accept only original materials. **Please make copies of all materials you wish to keep for yourself. Please provide the veteran with a copy of the interview. VHP does not have the resources to provide copies of any donated materials.** Everything you submit to VHP will become property of the Library of Congress and cannot be returned to you.

Please refer to Web site ([www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets), click on *How to Participate*) for Library of Congress standards of participation. We reserve the right to return materials that do not adhere to those standards.

**Do send** materials via FedEx, UPS, or DHL 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. You may also deliver materials in person to room LM-109 at the above address during weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## Field Kit Request

**Please use this form only if you cannot access information and forms from our Web site at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets).** Supplies of printed Field Kits are limited.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ Field 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.

**REMINDER:** Field Kits may be printed out from the VHP Web site. Visit [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets).

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