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FOR Event Planners

If you want to coordinate activities to recognize U.S. military veterans, spotlight your organization's VHP efforts or increase community engagement, participate with the Veterans History Project!

Refer to the following list of ideas, and customize them according to your resources and schedule.



- Interview veterans at your next family reunion.
- Visit retirement communities, senior centers and/or VA hospitals and conduct interviews.
- Create an honor roll of all the veterans from your town and display it in the Town Hall.
- Organize speakers in observance of various commemoration months and days.
- Link your website to the VHP website (loc.gov/vets) to spotlight participants from your community.
- Schedule a film screening at your local library and ask a veteran to introduce the film and discuss military experiences.
- Create library exhibits of books or posters related to a particular war or group of veterans.
- Work with local and national politicians to issue proclamations on commemoration dates or to declare a “Day of Recognition” for a veterans’ group.
- Contact organizations in your community to explore veteran-related volunteer opportunities.
- Plan a Veterans Appreciation Day on a commemoration date and invite veterans to a school, library or community center.
- Establish a new volunteer network to conduct VHP interviews or collaborate with an existing group.
- Schedule VHP interview days at veterans’ organizations meeting sites.
- Encourage your state’s veterans associations, libraries, museums, historic sites and civic groups to participate with VHP.
- Plant a tree or create a garden to honor veterans or others who served, and publicize it to encourage others to do the same.
- Promote your VHP-related activities on social media.
- Issue periodic press releases about your VHP-related activities.
- Write a letter to the editor on the occasion of a commemoration date.
- Contact your public access TV and radio stations to plan veteran-related programs, place public service announcements (PSAs) and interview veterans on radio or TV to raise awareness of VHP.
- Feature a particular veteran or a veterans’ organization on your social media, website or newsletter.
- Ask local high schools, colleges and Scout troops to include VHP in their listings of options for community service/volunteer service learning or leadership projects.

- Invite former prisoners of war (POWs) and veterans as classroom speakers on commemoration dates and interview the veterans following their presentations.
- Collaborate with houses of worship, utilizing volunteers from various ministries or auxiliaries.
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary educational departments, including JROTC programs, history, communications, English, journalism, fine arts and technology departments.

Congress created the Veterans History Project (VHP) in 2000 to collect, preserve and make accessible the firsthand remembrances of United States veterans from World War I through the more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

View our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for answers to the most common questions about the Veterans History Project.

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