

If you are a Scout seeking to earn your Eagle Scout badge or Gold Award, participate with VHP to preserve veterans' voices for future generations while demonstrating your leadership and organizational skills! Create and execute a plan to lead a group of volunteers through the VHP interview process.



STEP ONE - Email vohp@loc.gov to request special Scout guidance before you write your Eagle Scout or Gold Award proposal, or before you conduct any interviews.

STEP TWO - Submit your proposal and signature page to the designated VHP staff contact, then wait for official approval. Once you have approval, follow the additional guidance below.

STEP THREE - Consult our resources on best practices and sample interview questions:

- [Sample Interview Questions](#) (PDF, 121KB)
- [Best Practices for Oral History Interviews](#) (PDF, 166KB)

Additional Guidance:

- Identify and train the volunteers you will lead through the process, making sure each interviewer is at least 15 years old.
- Identify veterans in your family or community who are willing to be interviewed.
- Create a plan to handle logistics including interview location(s), recording equipment, volunteer schedules, transportation, adult supervision, etc.
- Obtain written permission from the veterans if you intend to use their interviews or materials for any purpose beyond submitting them to VHP, such as on a website or social media.

Read and sign the *Volunteer's/Interviewer's Release Form* as well as a complete set of all other required forms for each interview you submit:

- [View and/or print all forms on the "VHP Field Kit" webpage](#)

Once your interview is complete, link to the Veterans History Project website (loc.gov/vets), and follow the directions for "**Step 3 – Send**" found under "**How to Participate**."

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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