

If you are a college or high school student who is at least 15 years old, participate with VHP either as part of a group or on your own to preserve veterans' voices for future generations and experience history like never before. As an interviewer, you will become a primary source contributor to the Library of Congress, and your time spent on VHP activities may help you meet requirements for volunteer service learning hours.



- Identify a veteran in your family or community who is willing to be interviewed and/or donate original photographs or letters.
- Read and sign the *Volunteer's/Interviewer's Release Form* as well as all other required forms:
 - [View and/or print all forms on the "VHP Field Kit" webpage](#)
- Consider joining a group of three, and alternating roles for each interview:
 1. **Interviewer** – conducts pre-interview and manages day-of-interview responsibilities
 2. **Equipment Operator** – tests recording equipment, including battery life, storage space, audio settings, lighting settings and Wi-Fi connection if applicable, and records the interview
 3. **Interview Note Taker** – writes key words or thematic topics on the *Interview Notes Form* during the interview

Consult our resources on best practices and download and print sample interview questions:

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

If the veteran is deceased, in lieu of an oral history interview, donate a minimum of 10 original photographs or letters. Make sure the veteran's next-of-kin reads and signs the *Veteran's Release Form*, and that you submit it with all other required forms:

- [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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