

CUSTOMIZED GUIDANCE FOR Volunteers/Interviewers

If you have a U.S. military veteran in your life or community, thank them for their selfless service and ask if they are willing to be interviewed and/or donate original photographs or letters to be preserved at the Library of Congress for future generations. Veterans from all branches and ranks who served at any point from World War I through more recent conflicts are eligible to participate, even if they did not see combat.



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](#)

Consult our resources on best practices and sample interview questions:

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

If the veteran in your life is deceased, in lieu of an oral history interview, you may 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.

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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