Request a Field Kit
Download and print a Field Kit at loc.gov/vets. If you do not have Internet access, please mail or fax this form to make a request, or call the toll-free information line at 888-371-5848. Supplies are limited.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

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City: _______________________________________________________________________________ State: _______________ Zip: ___________________________

Telephone: __________________________________________________________________________ Email: ________________________________________

Please send _______ Field Kit(s).

Mail:
Veterans History Project
The Library of Congress
101 Independence Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20540–4615

Fax:
202-252-2046
No cover sheet is necessary.

Deceased Veterans
Next of kin may donate original photographs, letters, diaries and unpublished memoirs of a deceased veteran, and must submit the Biographical Data Form and a Veteran’s Release Form on behalf of the deceased veteran. The collection must meet the minimum collecting standards.

Gold Star Families
Under the Gold Star Families Voices Act (Public Law 114-246), VHP also accepts oral histories by immediate family members (parent, spouse, sibling or child) of “members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war.” Due to the sensitive nature of the Gold Star oral histories, the Veterans History Project requires a minimum age of 18 for both the interviewers and the interviewees.

Group Participants
In addition to individual volunteers, VHP accepts collections from organizations around the country interested in participating in a grassroots community project. They include high school, university and college classrooms; libraries; veterans service organizations; places of worship; retirement communities; Scout troops; local businesses; and professional associations.

New Initiative
You may also bring your veteran to the Library of Congress and interview them on site using our equipment. Contact VHP to schedule an appointment.
The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project (VHP) in 2000 as part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. VHP collects, preserves and makes accessible the firsthand remembrances of U.S. military veterans from World War I through the more recent conflicts. Anyone, including students ages 15 or older, can volunteer to participate. It’s that easy to make history! Download a how-to Field Kit at loc.gov/vets and get started right away.

**Participate**

Create a collection at the Library of Congress with and for the veteran in your life. Contribute a minimum of:

- 30 minutes or longer unedited audio or video recording of an interview with a veteran

  AND / OR

- 20 pages or more of original, unpublished memoirs, journals or diaries

  AND / OR

- 10 or more original photographs, letters or 2 dimensional art works

**Hand Deliver Your Collection**

Stop by our Information Center weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and a VHP representative will assist you. Please call 202-707-4916 in advance to ensure schedule availability.

VHP Information Center
The Library of Congress
Jefferson Building
Room LJ- G51

**Ship Your Collection**

Use a commercial carrier (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.) to ship your unedited, original materials and required forms to VHP. Do not use the U.S. Postal Service. Remember to keep a copy for yourself and the veteran. Expedited service is unnecessary; ground service is fine.

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**View VHP Collections**

The VHP website, loc.gov/vets, contains a Biographical Information and Service History record for each veteran who contributes. This page includes the veteran’s name, military service details and donor/interviewer affiliation. Some collections include digitized content that is easily viewable online. Digitized collections are identified by a “VIEW DIGITAL COLLECTION” button. Click on Search the Veterans Collections to access the database.

To view collections in-person, you must make an appointment with research staff at least 10 working days in advance of your visit. We are unable to serve collections on-demand. Email vohp@loc.gov or call 202-707-4916 to schedule.

Visit us online at loc.gov/vets and click on our Frequently Asked Questions.