

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.

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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Next of kin may donate original photographs, letters, diaries and unpublished memoirs of a deceased veteran, and must submit the Biographical Data Form and a Veteran's Release Form on behalf of the deceased veteran.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 Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress



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

Connect with VHP

tel: 202-707-4916

email: vohp@loc.gov

msg: 1-888-371-5848

web: www.loc.gov/vets/

fax: 202-252-2046

Facebook: www.facebook.com/vetshistoryproject

blog: <http://blogs.loc.gov/folklife/category/veterans-history-project/>

Disclaimer: Veterans History Project collections are not intended as a substitute for an official record of the federal government nor of military service. These histories are the personal recollections and perspectives of participating individuals, as they were voluntarily submitted to the Project. The Library of Congress does not verify the accuracy of the accounts.

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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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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

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**.

