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WHAT is the Veterans History Project?

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project (VHP) in 2000 as part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, one of the world's most respected research and cultural institutions.

VHP's purpose is to collect, preserve and make accessible the personal accounts of America's wartime veterans so the future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand their selfless service.

WHO?

- Veterans who served in the United States military in any capacity from World War I through recent conflicts are eligible to participate regardless of branch or rank.
- Loved ones of deceased veterans may submit that veteran's first person written narratives.
- Gold Star family members may submit an interview on behalf of their loved one.

WHAT?

VHP accepts veterans' personal narrative in the forms of original, unedited audio- and video-recorded interviews, photographs, letters, diaries, journals, military documents, two-dimensional artwork, maps, and unpublished memoirs that meet minimum requirements.

- INTERVIEW—30 minutes minimum and unedited.
--May be collected by anyone.
--A suggested list of 30-40 questions is provided.
--This is the veteran's story. He or she should answer questions for which they feel comfortable.
- PHOTOGRAPHS, LETTERS, etc.:
A veteran may opt to submit photographs, letters, personal journals, etc. These must be in original form and will be kept by the Library of Congress. (Minimum of 10 required).
- UNPUBLISHED MEMOIR:
A veteran may submit his or her unpublished memoir of their experience as a member of the United States military. It must be a minimum of 20 pages and will be kept by the Library of Congress.

WHY?

Researchers, scholars and educators rely upon VHP collections as a primary source. These oral histories, photographs, manuscripts and other original materials are a rich supplement to historical texts, and a valued cultural resource. Veterans' family members treasure the memories that are permanently preserved at the Library of Congress for future generations. Interviews may be viewed online. Personal manuscripts, photographs, and other submitted documents may be viewed at the Library of Congress.

TO VIEW OTHER VETERANS' INTERVIEWS: www.loc.gov/vets

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THEIR STORIES DESERVE TO BE TOLD

The purpose of the Veterans History Project is to collect and preserve the oral histories of America's wartime veterans.

Volunteers are needed to help record these stories and submit them to the Library of Congress so they may be accessible for generations to come.

Veterans History Project Training Workshop

**Tuesday, June 25, 6:30pm
Lafayette Family YMCA**

3001 S. Creasy Ln., Lafayette, IN

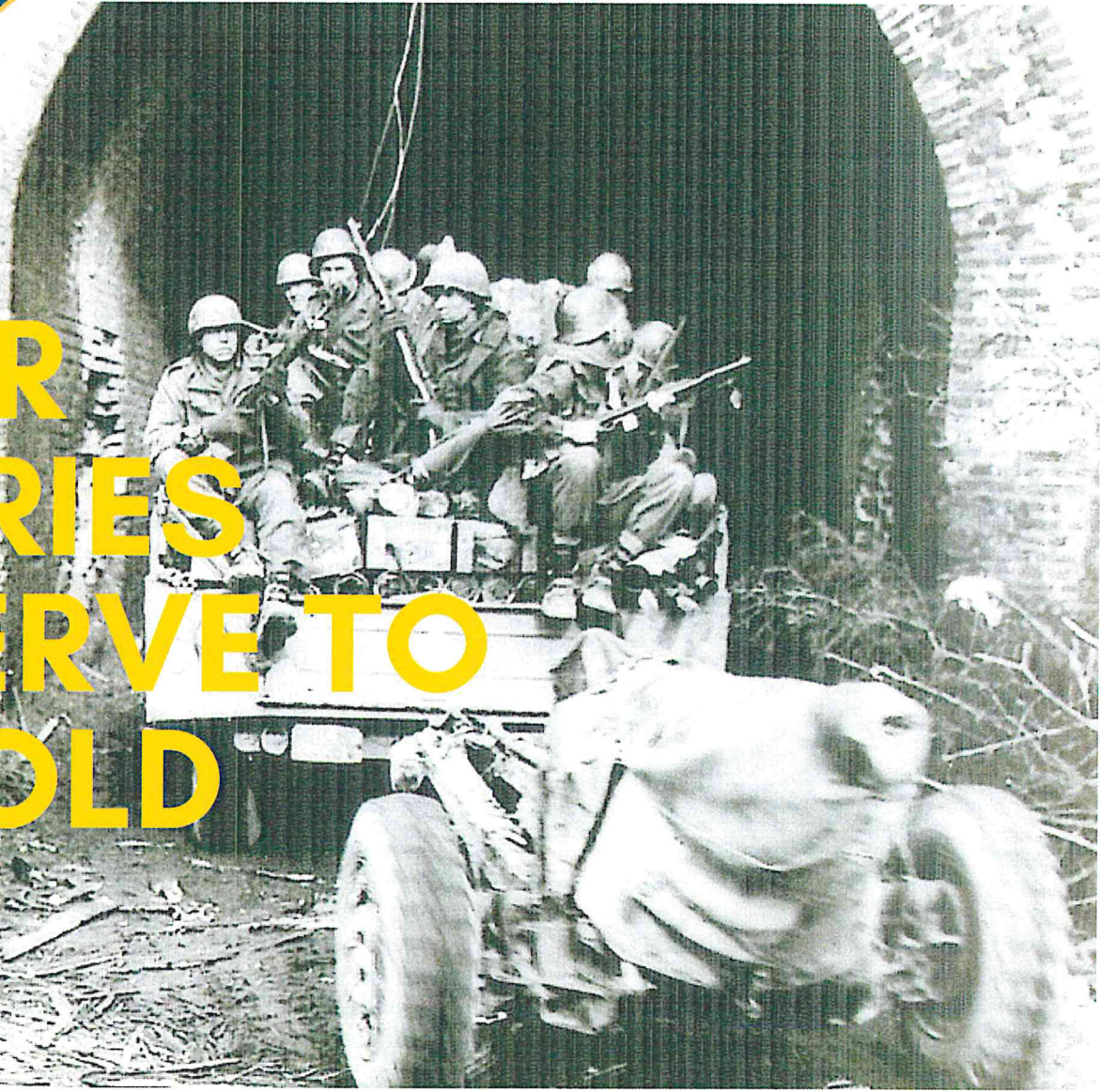
Registration required: Eventbrite.com
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**YOUR
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THE VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Tell your story in a filmed interview, through photos, or in your own written words to be stored in the Library of Congress for posterity.

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