



World War II Victory Museum / American Veterans Institute
Gift of Remembrance
 Preliminary Survey

Dear veteran:

Thank you for your willingness to participate in this important effort to document the individual histories of our nation's veterans. Your voice is a valuable one, for it will enable future generations of scholars, students, and the public to gain a better understanding of how our nation's veterans have enriched our society and preserved our freedoms. You can make your interview/written account more complete by completing the following form. Please keep a copy for your family files as well. *Please answer only the questions you feel comfortable completing.*

Thanks again – and thank you for your service,

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I would like to donate the following preliminary survey to the World War II Victory Museum for use by scholars, students, and the general public.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____ City, State, & Zip: _____

Phone: (____)-____-____ E-mail: _____@_____.com

DATES OF SERVICE: _____ ***TO*** _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____ ***RANK:*** _____

LOCATION OF SERVICE: _____

FAMILY & EARLY LIFE

Date & place of Birth: _____

Date / Place of Parent's Marriage: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Date / Place of Birth: _____

Date / Place of Death: _____

Ethnicity / Native Language: _____

Education (check highest level):

none some elementary elementary some high school high school
 some college college graduate school technical / vocational

If your mother attended college, please list school name and date of graduation:

Mother's Political Affiliation: _____

Mother's Religious Affiliation: _____

Mother's Occupational History:

Mother's Military Service: _____

Father's Name: _____

Date / Place of Birth: _____

Date / Place of Death: _____

Ethnicity / Native Language: _____

Education (check highest level):

none some elementary elementary some high school high school
 some college college graduate school technical / vocational

If your father attended college, please list school name and date of graduation:

Father's Political Affiliation: _____

Father's Religious Affiliation: _____

Father's Occupational History: _____

Father's Military History: _____

Please list the names of your brothers and/or sisters, their dates of birth, their highest level of education and degree attained (if possible, please list school and date of completion):

Did any of your brothers and/or sisters serve in the military? If so, what branch?

Other close relatives serving in the military:

YOUR EDUCATION:

Elementary School (and years of attendance): _____

High School (and years of attendance): _____

College (and years of attendance): _____

Graduate School / Professional School (and years of attendance): _____

Did you use the G.I. Bill to pay for any schooling? _____

YOUR MILITARY SERVICE:

Date / Place of Enlistment: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Age: _____ Rank at Enlistment: _____

FOR THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE ARMY / MARINE CORPS:

CO / TRP / BTRY You Served In: _____ Commanded By: _____

Of Battalion: _____ Commanded By: _____

Of Regiment: _____ Commanded By: _____

Of Division: _____ Commanded By: _____

FOR THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE NAVY / COAST GUARD / MERCHANT MARINE:

Island Base / Shore Facility: _____ Commanded By: _____

Ship(s): _____ Commanded By: _____

FOR THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE:

Unit Assigned To: _____

Were you a pilot? _____ What type of aircraft did you fly? _____

Where did you complete basic training? _____

What type of training did you receive? _____

Did you apply and/or enter an officers training program? When? Where? _____

Did you serve overseas? When? Where? _____

Were you ever in combat? Y N

Please list locations and dates:

Were you ever wounded? _____

Were you ever a prisoner of war? _____

What awards and decorations did you receive? _____

What rank did you hold upon your discharge? _____

Did you join the National Guard or Organized Reserves after being discharged? If yes, how long did you serve in either the Guard or Reserves? _____

Please identify your Guard and Reserve Unit: _____

Please indicate any national unit or veteran's association(s) to which you have belonged:

YOUR POST MILITARY SERVICE:

Did you return to school after leaving the military? _____

Did you make use of any G.I. Bill benefits? _____

What was your first job after leaving the military? _____

What other jobs have you held since leaving the military (if possible, please supply position titles and dates held):

Have you ever belonged to a trade union? _____

What is your current political affiliation? _____

What is your current religious affiliation? _____

Have you ever run for political office? (if so, please give details): _____

YOUR SPOUSE (if applicable):

Name of Spouse: _____

Spouse's Ethnicity: _____

Spouse's Education (where applicable, please give dates of attendance):

Elementary School: _____

High School: _____

College: _____

Graduate School / Professional School: _____

Has your Spouse worked outside the household? (If yes, what position has he/she held?)

Has your Spouse served in the military? (If yes, what branch of service? What were his/her years of service?) _____

Spouse's Religious Affiliation: _____

Spouse's Political Affiliation: _____

Date / Place of Marriage: _____

If you had more than one spouse, we would appreciate your providing the same information on your later spouses on a separate sheet.

Was your first marriage ended by: ___ death of spouse ___ separation ___ divorce

YOUR CHILDREN:

Number of children who survived infancy: _____

Please give the names of your children, their dates of birth, and their highest level of education attained (please name the school and date of completion if possible):

Did any of your children serve in the military? If so, on the next page please give details on dates and branch of service.

In the space below, please feel free to add any additional information that you think will help the interviewer prepare to understand your military service. You may mention your contact with prominent individuals or your participation in specific battles. Please feel free to offer any recollections you have of places you traveled while in military service or what a “typical” day was like. If there are specific things you would like to discuss during the interview, please indicate them.

Thank you again for taking the time to complete this extensive pre-interview survey. It will help us ask better and more informative questions during your interview.