

Library of Congress Veterans History Project Commemorates the 80th Anniversary of D-Day

The Veterans History Project seeks stories from veterans who participated in the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944

WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES, June 5, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In honor of the 80th anniversary of D-Day on June 6, 2024, the Library of Congress <u>Veterans History Project</u> (VHP) seeks additional stories of service from those



who served in World War II on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Generally considered the turning point for the war in Europe, D-Day, also called Operation Overlord, brought together the Allied armies on the shores of France.



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Monica Mohindra, Veterans
History Project director

"So many members of the military contributed to the success of D-Day," said Monica Mohindra, Veterans History Project director. "Every branch of service was involved in some way. From the troops who stormed the beaches to the codebreakers back in Washington, D.C., the pilots who dropped paratroopers and supplies, or the radio transmitters who relayed essential messages, every role was vital to the campaign's success."

The Veterans History Project collects, preserves, and makes

accessible the personal accounts of U.S. military veterans through recorded interviews, photographs, journals and letters. Through the Project's collections, future generations will hear directly from those who served and better understand what they did, saw and felt.

"D-Day is widely acknowledged as one of the most defining moments in our military history. What better way to honor the more than 2,500 Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice on D-Day than to share their stories?" said Mohindra.

VHP is full of first-person experiences like those of <u>Captain Robert Ware</u>, a doctor who chose to launch with one of the first waves of the invasion instead of waiting for the beach to be cleared and was killed while attempting to disembark from his landing craft. His collection, donated by

his son, is filled with letters, military correspondence and more that convey the emotional impact of war on families.

Fully accessible and ever-growing, the Veterans History Project draws participants into an informative and inspirational conversation. View collections and download an instructional Field Kit from loc.gov/vets for information on how to participate. The Field Kit includes all the required forms and everything participants need to know about submitting a veteran's story to the archive.

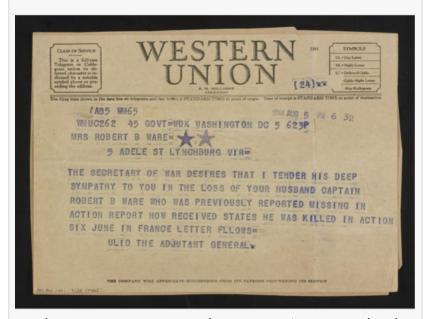
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Congress created the Veterans History
Project at the Library of Congress in
2000 to collect, preserve and make
accessible the firsthand remembrances
of United States veterans from World
War I through the more recent conflicts
in Iraq and Afghanistan and
peacekeeping missions so those future
generations may hear directly from
veterans and better understand the
realities of service. For more
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