

Oral History Project Introduction

The Oral History Manual will be updated and available in the Lerch Homework Folder beginning early next week. In the meantime, you need to work with your parents to locate a suitable veteran to interview. A veteran should be located no later than Sept 5th if possible. The interview must be conducted by October 3rd. Talk to me if this presents any special problems.

To access your OHP Manual: Go to FirstClass Upper School Folder→ US Conference Folder→ Lerch HW folder and look for OHP Manual. Download Part I only at this time.

Basic Time Frame for Project

Quarter 1: Introduction / finding veteran and doing interview (Interview length is a minimum of 45 minutes. An hour or more is preferable!) Trust me on this!

Quarter 2: Transcribing the interview

Quarter 3: Polish final draft of interview and write essay

Quarter 4: Present PowerPoint highlights of veteran's story

Whom should I ask for an interview?

Everyday more and more of the WWII veterans are passing away. In a just a couple more years they will either be gone or unable to tell their stories. Thus, these veterans remain our number one priority!

Consult with your parents first. Priorities exist . . .

- Is there a WWII family member who can tell a good story? (They do not have to live in Indiana!)
- If you locate a veteran who has *already* given an interview for the Library of Congress Veteran History Project, but NOT Park Tudor, they still may be interviewed if they are willing to do this. (This is a change in our policy, since we want their stories for our Legacy Initiative Project.)
- If you are not able to locate a WWII veteran, then one who served in the Korean War is the next choice. (Again, if they have told their story to LOC, but NOT PT, they are still eligible)
- Vietnam War third priority
- Gulf War is the last priority – the individual cannot still be on active duty.

Where might I locate a veteran if there are none in my family?

- Ask neighbors, church groups, parents' jobs may have sources, and Mrs. Lerch is the absolutely LAST resort.

How do I know they will give a good interview with lots of information? Do a pre-interview over the phone if necessary. Pre-interview form will be on FirstClass as well.

DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! Put the due dates above on your assignment calendar.