

Veterans Corner

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000 as part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. The mission of the Veterans History Project is to collect, preserve, and make accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. Collections being accepted by the project may be in the form of war veteran's first-hand oral histories, memoirs, collections of photographs and letters, diaries, and other historical documents from WWI through current conflicts.

In an effort to facilitate participation in this project, Congressman Scott Garrett's local constituent services office in Glen Rock, NJ will be periodically conducting interviews of war veterans for submission to the Veterans History Project. The items and interviews donated are housed in a preservation environment within the permanent collections of the Library of Congress. A web page is also created for each veteran who contributes an interview, memoir or other historical documents. Any war veteran interested in participating in the VHP, contact Councilman Tom Balunis at 973-835-7989 or e-mail at balunis29@optonline.net and you will be notified when the next round of interviews will be taking place. For more information on the Veterans History Project, visit the website at www.loc.gov/vets

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