



Veterans History Project

As you may know, the Library of Congress sponsors the Veterans History Project, which is an oral history project that collects first-hand accounts and wartime stories of veterans who have served in our nation's armed forces. Over the last ten years, more than 75,000 veterans have participated in this effort, and the Veterans History Project recently digitized its 10,000th veterans collection on-line. The Project receives hundreds of new veterans histories each month and has plans to digitize thousands more stories over the next few years.

It doesn't matter if they are the accounts of a buck private or a general, all of these men and women made a contribution to our nation. Without their sacrifices, all of us would not live as freely as we do. It is so important that all of these veterans' stories are being collected, shared and remembered. The Veterans History Project is helping to do just that by preserving this important part of our heritage for future generations.

My office has worked closely with local organizations in Southfield and Warren over the last few years to submit hundreds of these interviews to the Library of Congress. I am excited to expand our efforts into Royal Oak and Madison Heights.

I invite you or a representative from your organization to join my staff at an informational meeting to learn more about this effort to preserve veterans' wartime stories:

Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Royal Oak Historical Society Museum

1411 W. Webster Road (12 ½ Mile Road)

Royal Oak, Michigan 48073

(the museum is in the Northwood Fire Station, at the corner of Crooks and Webster)

Whether you are a veteran yourself, or you know a veteran whose story should be shared, or you are interested in helping to conduct and record interviews, I hope you will be able to attend this meeting. To RSVP, or for more information on how to become involved, please contact Jeremy Mahrle in my District Office at (248) 968-2025 or Jeremy.Mahrle@mail.house.gov.

If you would like to view a veteran's interview to get a better sense of this project, you may do so on the Library of Congress' website at: www.loc.gov/vets or on my website at: levin.house.gov/veterans-history-project-initiative

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