Veterans Legacy Project

Interview Questions

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Name of Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Were you drafted or did you enlist?
2. Where were you living at the time?
3. Why did you join?
4. Why did you pick the service branch you joined?
5. Do you recall your first days in the service?
6. Do you remember your instructors?
7. How did you get through it?
8. What did it feel like?
9. Tell me about your boot camp/training experiences
10. Do you remember arriving and what it was like?
11. What was your job/assignment?

12) Which war (s) did you serve in?

1. Where exactly did you go?
2. Tell me about a couple of your most memorable experiences
3. Did you see combat?
4. Were there many casualties in your unit?
5. How did you stay in touch with your family?
6. What was the food like?
7. Did you have plenty of supplies?
8. Were you a prisoner of war?
9. Tell me about your experiences in captivity and when freed
10. Were you awarded any medals or citations?
11. How did you get them?
12. Did you see any entertainers?
13. What did you do when on leave?
14. Did you feel pressure or stress?
15. Was there something special you did for good luck?
16. How did people entertain themselves?
17. Where did you travel while in the service?
18. Do you recall any particularly humorous or unusual events?
19. What were some of the pranks that you or others would pull?
20. Do you have any photographs?
21. What did you think of officers or fellow soldiers?
22. Did you keep a personal diary?
23. Do you recall the day your service ended?
24. Where were you?
25. What did you do in the days and weeks afterward?
26. Did you work or go back to school?
27. Was your education supported by the GI Bill?
28. What did you go on to do as a career after the war?
29. Did your military experience influence your thinking about war or about the military in general?
30. Did you make any close friendships while in the service?
31. Did you continue any of these relationships?
32. For how long?
33. Did you join a veterans organization?
34. How did your service experiences affect your life?
35. If in a veterans organization—what kinds of activities does your post or association do?
36. Is there anything else you would like to add that we have not covered?

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