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Dear Public Service Director,

The experiences of United States military members are essential to our history. Sadly, however, so many of their stories remain untold.

The Library of Congress Veterans History Project invites veterans and their loved ones, scholars, researchers and the general public to share a veteran's firsthand remembrance or use the collection as a primary source. The Veterans History Project collects, preserves, and makes accessible the experiences of veterans who served from World War I through more recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

We believe it is vital to learn directly from veterans about what they saw, did and felt during their service. Anyone age 15 or older may volunteer to record an oral history interview or gather and donate a veteran's original photographs, written correspondence or other materials.

Here's where you come in. The two enclosed PSAs seek to educate the public about the importance of incorporating these stories into our shared historical record. There is no end date for use.

- **"Your Story"** invites LGBTQ+ veterans to share their stories so they are made accessible for researchers and future generations. Consider this in connection with LGBTQ+ History Month in October.
- **"You're Invited"** teaches how to browse collections on the revamped Veterans History Project site. This evergreen video perfectly relates to Veterans Day and winter holiday family gatherings.

Each PSA is available in four formats and accessible via Extreme Reach and here:

<https://psaconnect.c360m.com/loc/>

- :30 video English
- :30 video Spanish
- :30 audio English
- :30 audio Spanish

We hope you'll help in our efforts to get the word out to veterans and anyone inspired to participate with the Veterans History Project.

Sincerely,



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