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Dear Public Service Director,

For nearly 25 years, the Veterans History Project (VHP) of the Library of Congress has been collecting and preserving the firsthand narratives of U.S. military veterans. The Project makes accessible the stories and materials that help us understand and appreciate our veterans, from those who served in World War I to those in more recent conflicts, domestic emergencies, humanitarian and peacekeeping missions.

We accept submissions from veterans, their families and friends. Anyone age 15 or older can volunteer to record an oral history interview or gather and donate a veteran's original photographs, written correspondence or other materials.

However, for every veteran's experience we are able to collect and preserve, so many more go unrecorded or captured. We believe it is vital to learn directly from veterans about what they saw, did and felt during their service—but it's not always easy to convince people to participate.

Here's how you can help. The two enclosed PSAs seek to educate the public about the Veterans History Project and the importance of incorporating these stories into our historical record.

- **"A Shared History"** invites Hispanic veterans to share their stories, so they are accessible for researchers and future generations.
- **"Our Accomplishments"** celebrates Veterans History Project's 25th anniversary. It informs the audience of our mission and explains that every veteran's experience is important and should be preserved.

Each evergreen 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 us get the word out to veterans, their friends, and their families, to inspire participation in the Veterans History Project.

Sincerely,



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