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The Pritzker Military Museum & Library continues to promote its mission of telling the story of the Citizen Soldier through its Holt Oral History Program. These Stories of Service are our attempt to collect and record first-hand accounts of area veterans and citizens involved in military-efforts for the purposes of preserving these stories for future generations.

The Museum & Library is currently seeking participants from all backgrounds for this project. Men and women from all branches, all occupational specialties, and all eras of service are welcome to participate. We are also seeking men and women involved in efforts to support military on the home front. **Participants should have a willingness** to come to our location in downtown Chicago and be **comfortable sharing their story in a two hour-long recorded environment**. These recordings will be archived as part of the collection, and made available to the public for education and research purposes.

To be considered, we ask that all interested participants take the time to complete the following biographical survey and return it to the library. The survey will allow the dedicated staff of volunteers at the Pritzker Military Museum & Library to research and develop a set of questions based on your experiences. While not every question will pertain to your unique experience, your answers will provide a starting point for the research necessary to come up with a set of questions that does. Also, the more details you are able to provide the better your oral history will end up being. Once you have finished your survey, you may mail it back to the library or email it to the Oral History Coordinator. Upon receiving your completed form at our downtown location, a staff member will contact you if further information is needed and to let you know what further steps are required.

The Pritzker Military Museum & Library is a nonprofit military library that seeks to acquire and maintain a collection of materials and develop appropriate programs focusing on the Citizen Soldier in the preservation of democracy. In addition to the oral history project, the library welcomes donations of materials such as books, photographs, and artifacts. For more information, please go to www.pritzkermilitary.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library soon!

Thomas Webb
Oral History Coordinator



Holt Oral History Program Questionnaire

CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Service Branch: _____ Enlisted Drafted (mm/dd/yyyy)

Military Occupation Specialty (MOS): _____ Active Reserve

Please list Battalions, Regiments, Divisions, Units, Ships, etc. related to your military career:

Service Dates: _____ to _____ Highest Rank: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)

Please list war(s)/military action in which you served: _____

Please list locations of military or civilian service: _____

Did you sustain combat or service-related injuries? Yes No

Please list any medals or decorations you received related to your service (be as specific as possible):



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The following questions will give us a better understanding of your military background. Please answer in as much detail as you are comfortable with sharing. There is additional space at the end of the questionnaire for more information if you feel that the space provided is not adequate. You may also include additional pages if necessary.

If selected to participate in our Oral History Project, these answers will serve as the basis for more detailed interview questions.

What were the circumstances surrounding your decision to be a part of the military?

What was your first military assignment? Where did this take place?

Did you see combat? If so, where?



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What were your opinions of the men and women serving with you at the time? Have any of those relationships lasted beyond military service?

What was your personal philosophy about the enemy that you faced? Has that philosophy changed at all over the years?

What kinds of activities did you participate in to occupy yourself during daily down time?



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**Is there an experience that you had during your time in the military that you feel exemplifies your service?
If so, please describe.**

What did you do once you left the military? Did your military experience prepare you for civilian life?

Are you a member of any veteran organizations? If so, which one(s)?



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What is your understanding of what it means to be a "Citizen Soldier"? How does this understanding fit in with your military experiences?

If selected to be a part of this project, do you have any letters, photographs, maps, articles, documentation or other mementos from your service that you would be willing to share with or donate to the library for the purpose of this Oral History? If so, please list items:

Additional Information:

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Succession Number: _____

Date Received: _____

