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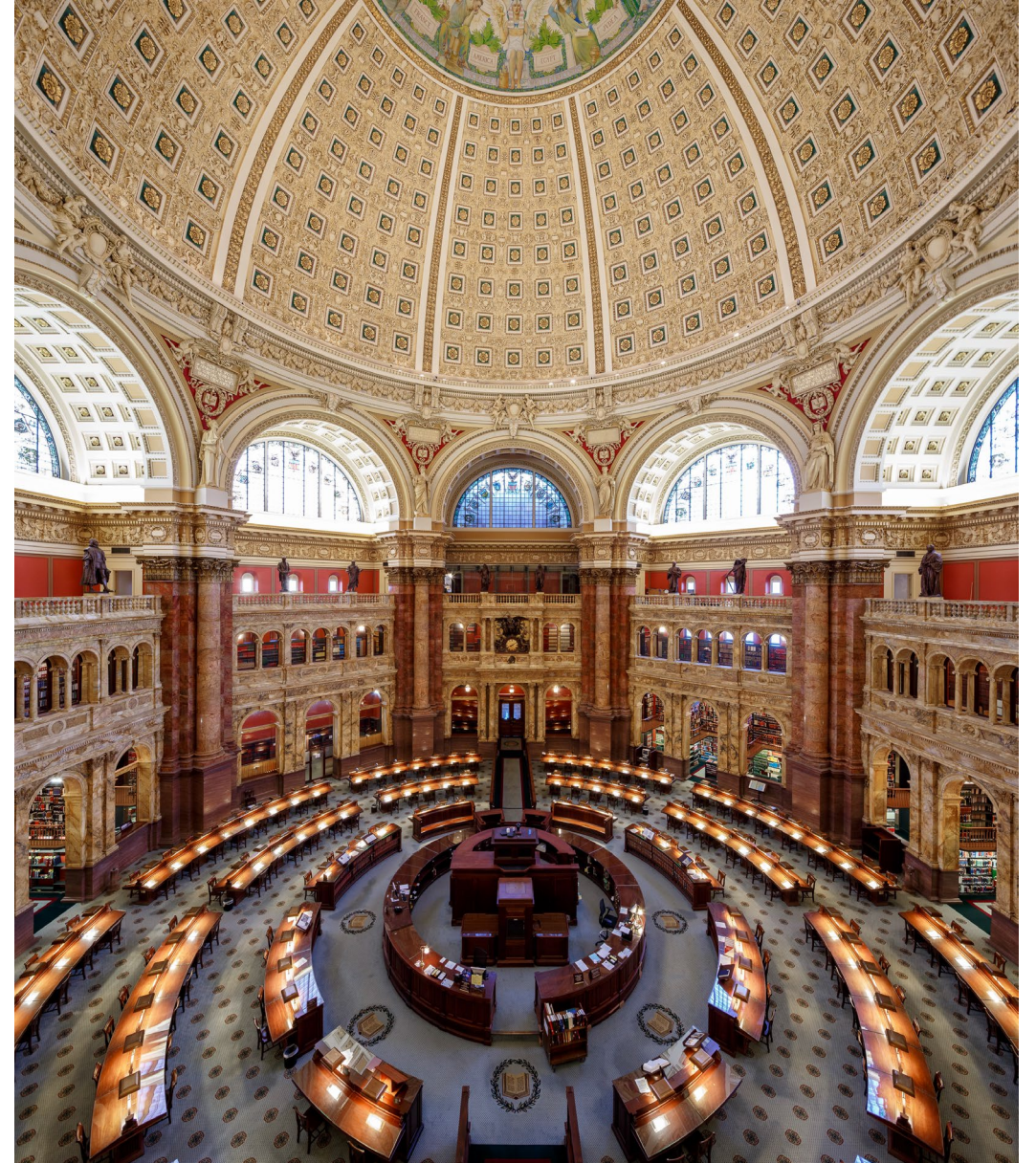
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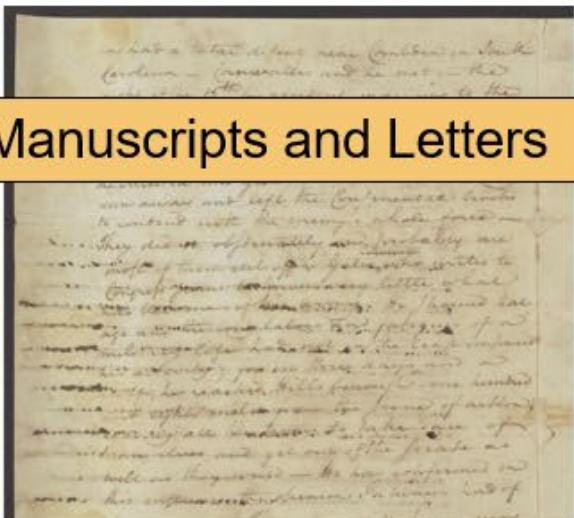
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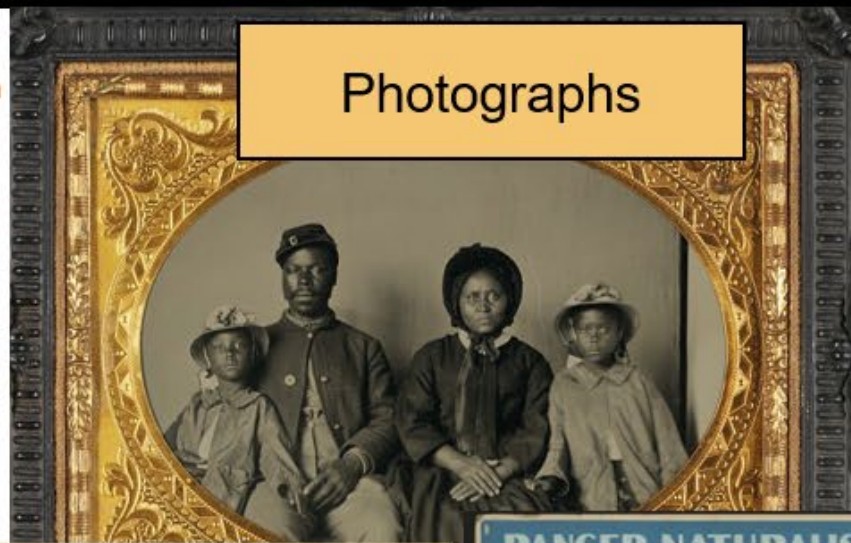


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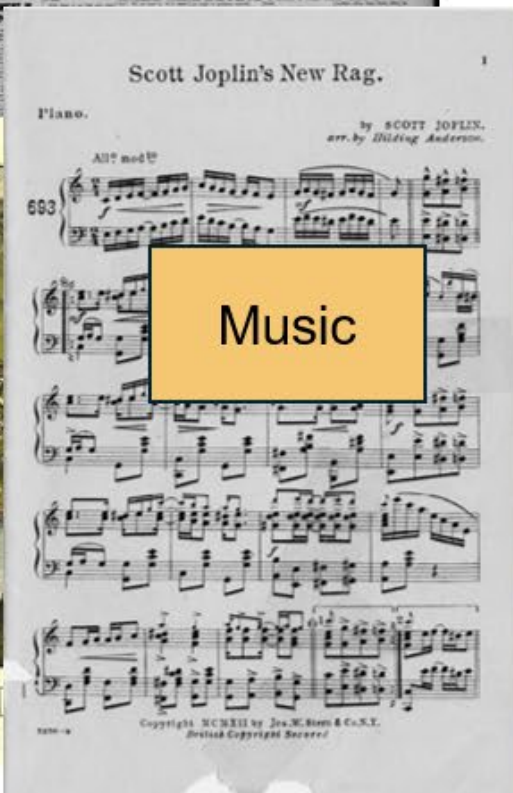
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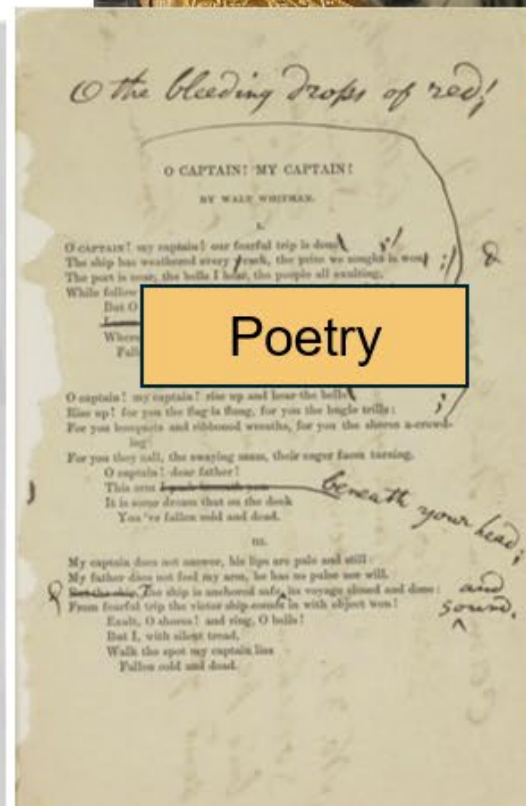
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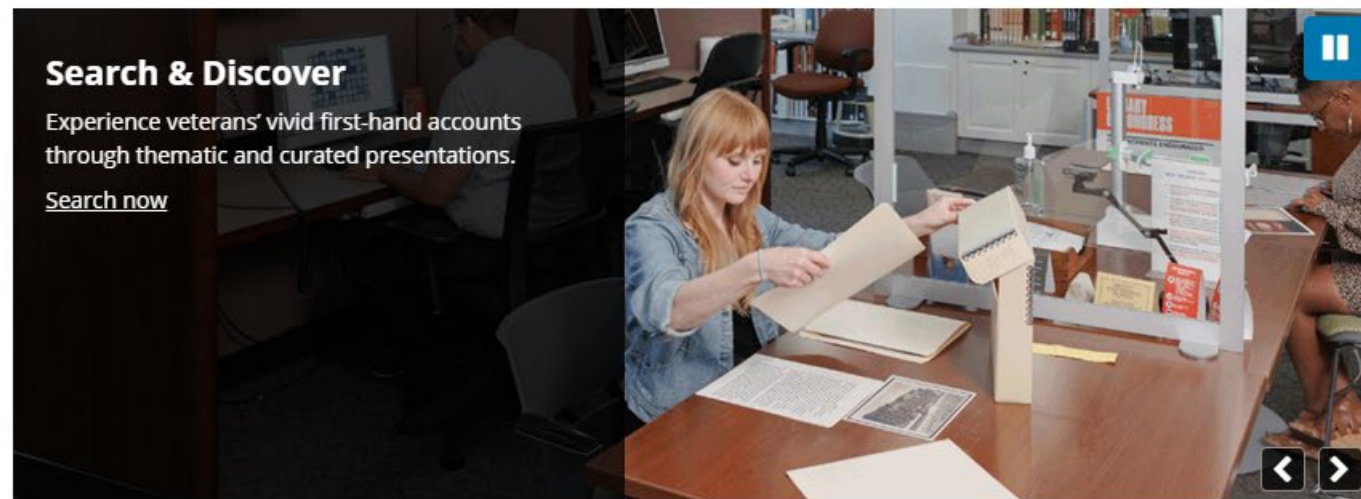
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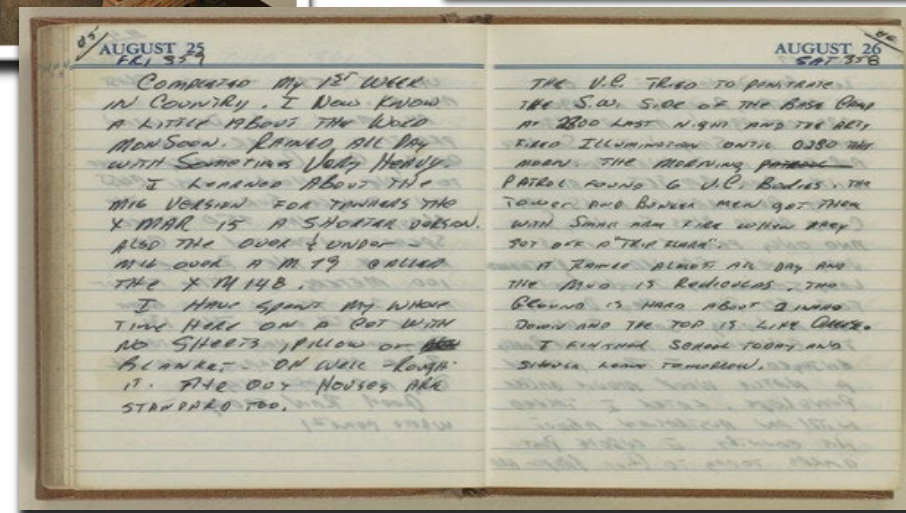
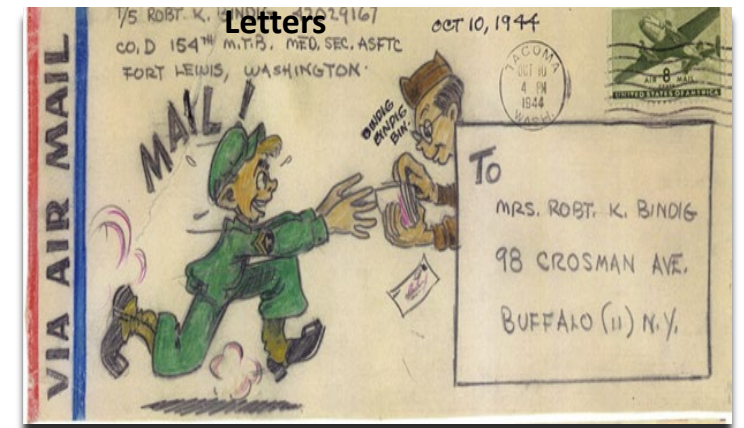
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- Oral History Interviews
- Photographs & Artwork
- Letters
- Diaries, Journals and Memoirs



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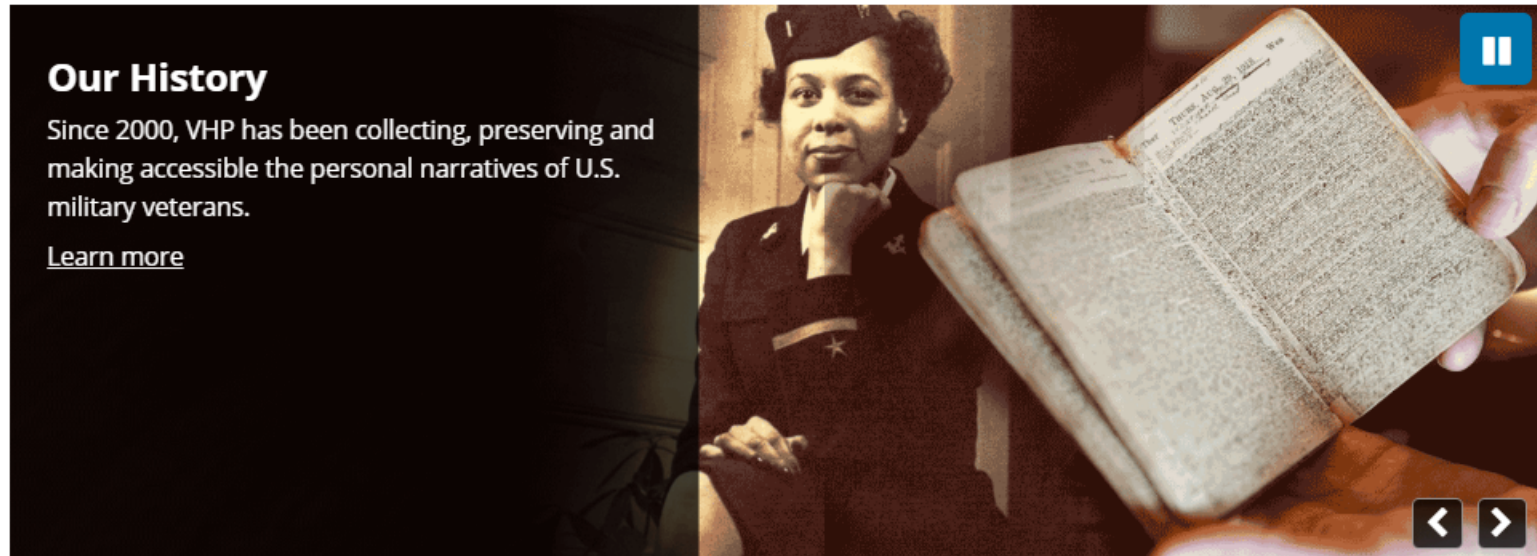
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Douglas Stuart Clark Collection

Lieutenant Colonel, Army, Vietnam War, 1961-1975 - Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Kansas; Vietnam.

Contributor: Clark, Douglas Stuart - Mulvihill, Julie - Humanities Kansas

Date: 1969



PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Kenneth L. Harmon Collection

Army, Cold War - Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Kansas City, Kansas; Neu-Ulm, Germany.

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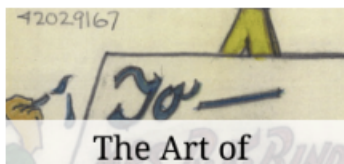
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The diverse environments of the Vietnam War, from the perspective of American veterans

by Justina Moloney

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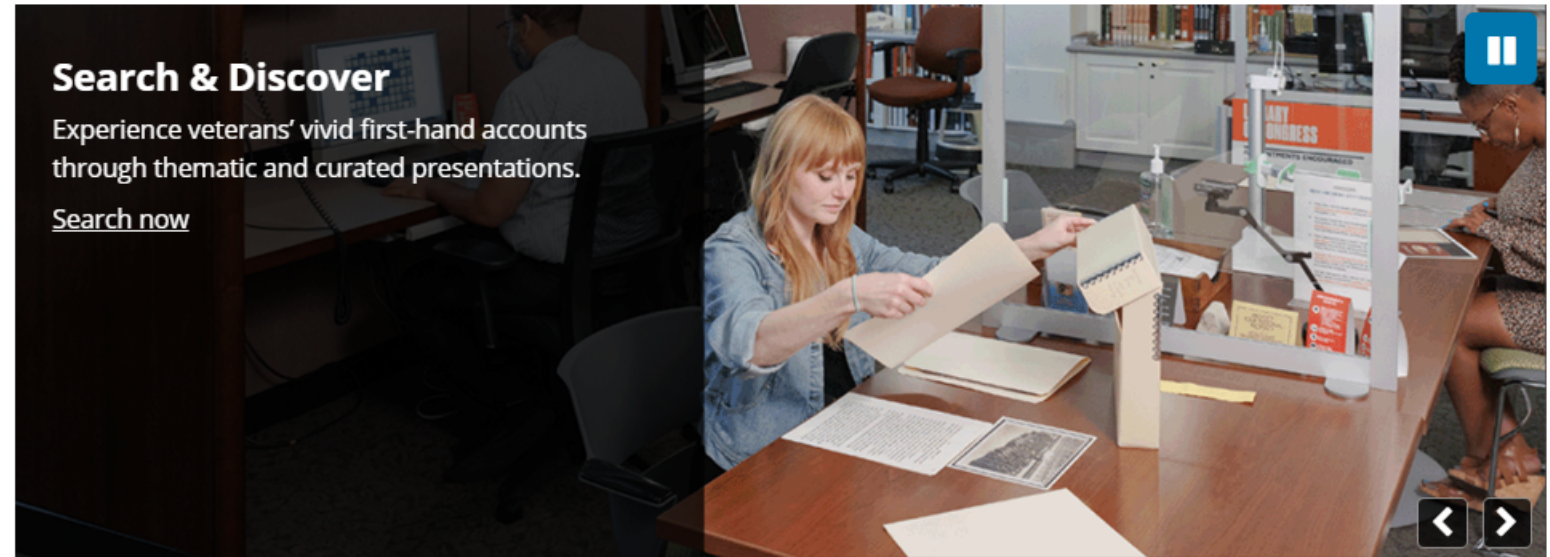
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How to Participate

Step 3 - Send

Use a commercial carrier to ship your collection, or hand-deliver it to the Library of Congress.

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Veterans from all branches and ranks who served at any point since World War I are eligible to participate in the Veterans History Project, even if they did not see combat. Anyone, including students ages 15 and older, may volunteer to record oral history.

Who Can Participate?

Who can participate

- **Veterans of the U.S.
Uniformed Services**
- **Gold Star Families**



Preparing for an Interview.

- 1. Find a veteran willing to share.**
- 2. Select recording equipment.**
- 3. Use a quiet room.**
- 4. Review the VHP Field Kit.**



Facilitating an Interview.

- 1. Develop interview questions.**
- 2. Set up recording equipment.**
- 3. Ask follow-up questions.**



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Participating in the Veterans History Project is easy to do. The entire VHP Field Kit is available as a fillable PDF document, as well as in audio and braille formats. The step-by-step process is presented on this website, but is also contained in the Field Kit. Follow each step to ensure your submission meets all requirements.

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- **[Fillable VHP Field Kit](#)** (PDF, 4.93 MB)
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