

Vietnam Veterans Project

The Library of Congress is now sponsoring an Internet site, created in the year 2000, to preserve first hand accounts of U.S. Veterans. It is called, "Veterans History Project."

In addition to and in conjunction with our reunion, I am starting a personal project to document and record accounts of our own classmate Vietnam War Veterans and others from the Valley. Rudy Escobar, husband of Linda Gonzalez Escobar (HHS 1966), will be helping me with this endeavor. He is a Vietnam Veteran who graduated from Edinburg High School in 1966. He currently works for American Airlines as a trainer for MD80 pilot trainers (he trains the trainers). If you think you would be uncomfortable talking with me, you can interview with him.

The process consists of signing several release forms for a digital video interview. The interview will be in the format of answering questions suggested by the "Veterans History Project."

I know many of you are not yet ready to talk about events that may have been traumatic and shaped your lives differently than if you had not served. But, looking back, I regret that projects like this weren't started earlier for WWI and WWII veterans. Think of all the history that has been lost. Think of the many things you never knew about your parents during WWII. I regret not knowing my father's Air Force WWII story. All I know is what was told to my mother and filtered by her. And now it's too late to find out.

I will be making this a Valley collection. For each interview where qualifications and guidelines have been met, the interview can also be submitted to the Veterans History Project. If all the guidelines cannot be met, we will still include the interview in our collection.

If you'd like more information about relating your experiences, please give me a call to set up an appointment.

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