VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Would you like to do an internship where you can meet interesting people of all ages, collect personal narratives of military service, and be part of preserving these stories for future generations? The UConn Office of Veteran's Affairs and Military Programs and the UConn History Department are seeking undergraduate and graduate students interested in doing 1-4 credit internships or work-study as a part of the Veterans History Project at UConn. Students will conduct and record interviews, catalog and process the interviews for archiving at the U.S. Library of Congress, and make meaning of the experience.

This is a great opportunity to hear the stories of veterans from WWII to the present day and to gain a better understanding about the day to day realities of war on a personal level. The internship will also will teach students:

- The principles, and professional and technical standards for conducting an oral history interview.

- How to prepare for an interview, and how to process and catalog the interview for archiving.

- Conduct an environmental scan of where this project fits into debates about war, memory, trauma and explore public programming opportunities to curate stories from the collection.

- Explore opportunities for funding through the Office of Undergraduate Research. For an example of a grant-funded undergraduate program see The Story Front:

  http://www.thestoryfront.com/about.html

Students are encouraged to pursue interviews with veterans of conflicts that they are particularly interested in or veterans from groups of special interest to them.

No prior interviewing experience is required for this internship. If you have an interest in military history, oral history, and the willingness to listen and learn, then this is the project for you!

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