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The Process

The Project was started to assist the Library of Congress with it's own *Veterans History Project* of the American Folklife Center. With their limited resources, they are only able to digitize 11% of the interviews. In order to assist the Library of Congress with this arduous task, Clemson University students conduct interviews and collect other materials accepted by the project. They then facilitate their digitization for Clemson University records before sending the original materials to the Library of Congress.
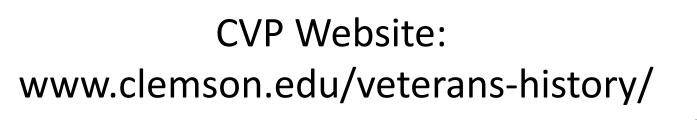
App to Use:

iPhone: Red Laser

Android: QR Droid

CVP Website:
www.clemson.edu/veterans-history/

LoC Website:
http://www.loc.gov/vets/

Procedure:

Each student is required to complete the following before they may begin interviewing:

- Pass/Fail free response exam on the digital file nomenclature, preparation process, and interview courtesy
- Receive training on how to use the equipment purchased through the funding provided by the Creative Inquiry program
- Conduct a practice interview graded by a standard rubric where they behave exactly as if it was a real interview

Interview Process:

The interviews are conducted at the veterans convenience. Many are conducted in the hospitality of their own homes. However some are conducted on campus to make use of heavier equipment such as green screens and projectors. It is the belief of the project and the Library of Congress that both veterans lives before and after military service are as important to preserve as the military service itself. All interviews are captured in high definition and often last over an hour.

Final Product:

Each video is uploaded to YouTube and is then shipped in groups of 5-10. Each shipment contains a flash drive with every video and document in a digital format. Copies of the interviews are sent to the veterans as well.

The Purpose

The Clemson Veterans Project exist to preserve and honor the stories of all American combat veterans from all conflicts throughout our country's history and do so in a professional manner expected from a university with such a rich military heritage.

Current Project Members	Role	Background
Colonel Lance Young	Faculty Advisor	USAF (Ret.)
Daniel Mack	Project Creator 12 Interviews	Sr. Psychology
Derek Devera	Webmaster	Sop. Computer Science
Zach Burns	Video Editing 2 Interviews	Fr. Business
Will Hines	Interviewer - 13	Sop. Business
Will Richter	Interviewer - 8	Sop. Business
Heidi Gerstmyer	Interviewer - 6	Sop. Business
John Richter	Interviewer - 6	Sr. History
Austin Mall	Interviewer - 3	Jr. Economics

Through Clemson University's Creative Inquiry program, the project will continue as long as there are students willing to support it.

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Interview Results to Date

Total Interviews Completed: 70
Clemson Alumni, Faculty, or Students: 20

Wars	Interview Count - War
World War II	19
Korean War	5
Vietnam War	13
Operation Iraqi Freedom	4
Operation Enduring Freedom	6

Rank	Interview Count - Rank
Corporal (Cpl)	2
Sergeant (Sgt)	2
Staff Sergeant (SSgt)	6
Platoon Sergeant	1
Boatswain 3rd Class	1
Disbursing Clerk 2nd Class (DK2)	1
Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol)	1
Colonel (Col)	5
Brigadier General (BGen)	2

Branch	Interview Count With Branch
Air Force	10
Army	28
Marines	6
Navy	8

Website Statistics since Feb 2nd.

Total Uploaded	61 hours
Total Video Views	2,507
International Visits	426 (17%)
Total Time Watched	10 days, 10 hours
Most Viewed	John R. Allen -176 views