

~ MISSION ~
Preserving the Oral
Histories of Combat Veterans



Witness to War is proud to be a content provider for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project.

Videos collected to date:
WWII 3,429
Korea 270

Vietnam 1,069
Afghan/Iraq 242
As of Mid-July 2017

The Witness To War (WTW)/VHPA relationship reached a “personal best” in terms of the number of oral histories recorded at the VHPA Reunion this year in Indy! Twenty Five (25)!!! On two of the four recording days scheduled for Indy, EVERY 90-minute recording sessions was used! This is on top of ten (10) done with the Alamo Chapter of the VHPA in mid-April in San Antonio.

The mid-April WTW statistics for Vietnam videos collected was 836 for Vietnam. Now it is 1,069 as shown in the right column above (copied from their website). The VHPA is responsible for at least 35 of the 233 new videos added in the last 90 days.

As announced in Indy, the VHPA is now looking at ways to “port” WTW videos into The Vietnam Center and Archive (VNCA) at

Texas Tech. Stay tuned for more on this important subject in the months to come.

WTW Interviewer, Martin Madert, has attended at least the last five VHPA Reunions at zero expense to the VHPA or to individual VHPAers. This year’s push by the Reunion Committee and the Executive Council of the “Your Own Legacy” theme really helped Martin reach this “personal best.”

Because WTW is based in Atlanta and because the VHPA now knows how to pre-schedule individual interviews, we are hoping for even bigger results at the Atlanta Reunion.

If you are interested in signing up to be interviewed in Atlanta, please contact Mike Law at 830-730-0950 or mglaw@earthlink.net.

For a moment consider the following scenario!

About a year from now, your ten-year old grandchild (or great grandchild) suddenly says to his or her parents [while attending your memorial service], “Wow! I never knew grandpa was a veteran! What did he ever tell you about his time in Vietnam?”

One of the child’s parents (our own child or grandchild) answers, “Oh, you know, he was just too busy to write anything down for us. Just last week, we found a box of his old Army stuff with some pictures – but we didn’t understand much about that, so we just pitched it out.”

GENTLEMEN YOU CAN FIX THIS NOW!!!!

Right now is the time to have **YOUR HISTORY** recorded **YOUR WAY**. It will be **PRESERVED** and **HONORED** as part of the Legacy of all the rest of us who “enjoyed that all expenses paid vacation” to Southeast Asia in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Feel free to contact VHPA Headquarters 800-505-9472 (ask for Mike Law) for more details about the VHPA’s Legacy efforts involving not only Witness to War but also The Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech.

About Witness to War

The Witness to War Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) founded in 2001 by Atlanta-based entrepreneur Tom Beaty. The Foundation is dedicated to capturing the stories of individual combat veterans.

It is about the ‘foxhole’ or ‘windshield’ view of combat as seen by the soldiers, sailors, and airmen who experienced it. It is about the fear, the emotions, the training, and the previously untapped wells of personal courage that enabled ordinary individuals to survive, and in some cases thrive, under extraordinary pressures and almost unimaginable danger.

The Witness to War Foundation is dedicated to understanding, as much as possible, what was like to ‘be there.’



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Martin Madert, Witness to War Interviewer, is a 2011 graduate of Georgia State University where he received bachelors’ degrees in History and Film. He is responsible for performing interviews with veterans across the country, including reunions, and distributing content to interviewees and their families. He has conducted hundreds of interviews with veterans of all wars.