

Madison Oneida BOCES School Library System

Madison-Oneida BOCES, in 2007, received a state-funded Central New York Library Resources Council regional automation grant to:

- segment and mount digital video and audio files of veterans' interviews, along with related photographs and documents on the MOBOCES website
- describe the contents on the Madison-Oneida Media (M.O.M) catalog
- Have the Mid York Public Library System create MARC catalog records in OCLC.

Find the interviews at:

http://media.moric.org/mom/lcl_ctp.htm

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NYS Veteran Oral History Project

The New York State

Veteran Oral History Program

uses professional historians

and the latest digital technology

to preserve the story of New York's Veterans -

in their own words -

now and for all generations to come.

Copies of local interviews are on file with the project.

If you know a veteran, or need more information

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Capturing Their Pasts

Since 2000, the Rome Free Academy Veterans' Oral History Project has interviewed over 120 veterans from World War II to the present.

This program has collaborated with the NYS Veteran Oral History Project, the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, and the Madison-Oneida BOCES School Library System.

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"If you want to know me, then you must know my story, for my story defines who I am. And if I want to know myself, to gain insight into the meaning of my own life, then, I, too, must come to know my own story..."

Dr. Dan P. McAdams:

Stories We Live By: Personal Myths and the Making of the Self

"The Past is a source of knowledge, and the future is a source of hope. Love of the past implies faith in the future."

Stephen E. Ambrose

"Everybody is a veteran of life, and has a story to tell. We need to be willing and able to bear witness, and thus help them help us capture their past."

Gary R. Ford



WW I Veteran Bert A. Fidler, 1993



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A School-Based Veterans Oral History Project



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 or
 At Jervis Public Library, Rome, NY

Veterans' Reflections on *Capturing Their Pasts*

Oral History collects and preserves valuable, often unique, and previously unrecorded information about the past.

School Oral History Projects:

- Preserve the stories of those who served
- Develop student skills, knowledge, and appreciation for the study of history
- Become an enduring resource for teachers, students and researchers
- Create unique teaching opportunities
- Fill gaps in the historical record
- Provide student-centered learning experiences
- Meet & exceed NYS Learning Standards
- Personalize the past for the present generation

“An Experience of a Lifetime”

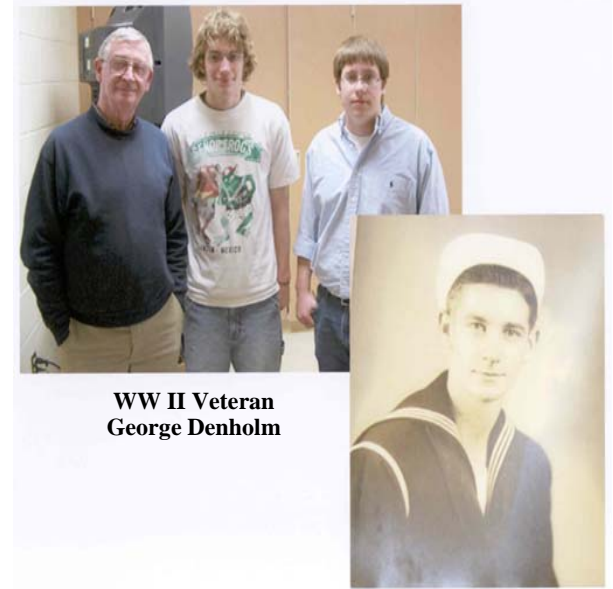
***Korean War Veteran James Kane,
 New Hartford, NY***

Passing on our experiences in person to a younger generation...Meeting and talking with the students...Helping to put a human face on historical records...Creating a permanent record of many unique personal experiences...

***World War II Veterans Fred & Iris Barnes,
 Rome, NY***



We deeply appreciate the efforts of the students and school staff in accomplishing this very worthwhile project. Just imagine if there had been such a project 50 years after the Civil War! You are accumulating a wealth of knowledge for future scholars.



**WW II Veteran
 George Denholm**

Student Reflections on *Capturing Their Pasts*

This Oral History Project connected me to history that I never found in any textbook, and the veterans made me feel as if I was there myself.

We really appreciate what these veterans have done for us, and we are awed that they did it when they were about our age.

This is the best thing I can remember doing. I must have walked past thousands of vets and monuments to vets without giving them proper respect. This will change that.

