

US Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC)
Attn: VES
950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania 17013-5021



Internship Opportunities 2008-2009 Veteran's Oral History Program US Army Heritage & Education Center

Objectives: Gain practical experience in oral history interview techniques:

- a. To record and preserve the stories and experiences of Army veterans of all conflicts for use by researchers.
- b. To provide a training resource for public history students to practice the craft of oral history in conjunction with an official curriculum.
- c. To develop a collection of interview material for which manuscript or printed sources are inadequate or not available and which supplements written records and clarifies obscure aspects of significant events and decisions.
- d. To provide an educational vehicle to deepen the interviewer's understanding of historical events and to develop skills in historical research and analysis.
- e. To provide participants with the opportunity to establish a direct relationship with veterans.

Background: The U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center (AHEC) established the Veteran's Oral History Program in 2006 to collect soldiers' stories in a systematic way in order to further scholarly research in U.S. Army history. It compliments the existing Senior Officer Oral History Program. Interview transcripts are placed in the USAHEC archives for use by scholars in accordance with narrator access agreements.

Internship Description:

Requirement: Conduct 2 oral history interviews with veterans selected by AHEC staff in consultation with college faculty. Program includes detailed background research on the veteran and his/her unit and transcription of the interview.

Support: AHEC provides generic question list, research assistance, interview equipment (if necessary), appropriate documentation, and guidance for the student. AHEC will also assist in contacting the veteran.

Product: Student will produce a typewritten verbatim transcript of each interview. All tapes or electronic files, transcripts, and release paperwork must be turned in to AHEC to successfully complete the internship.

Applicability: This internship is applicable to students majoring in history, public history, or other related humanities or social sciences discipline.

Contact: Michael E. Lynch, Education Coordinator, (717) 245-3803
michael.lynch@carlisle.army.mil.