

The MAPS Air Museum is conducting Oral History Interviews related to Military History. We will set up a camera and ask you questions. The questions will range from where you were born through today. Here are some of the questions that will help us tell your story.

*There is no need to answer all of these questions, they are meant to get you thinking.*

### **Prior to your service**

Where and when were you born?

What did your parents do?

Who are/were you siblings? Did any of them serve in the military?

What did you do before joining the service?

Were you married when you joined the military?

### **Early Days of Service**

Which branch of the military did you serve?

Did you enlist or were you drafted? (If Enlisted, why?)

What was basic training like?

Did you receive specialized training?

How did you adapt to military life, including physical regiment, barracks, food, etc.?

## Wartime Service/Regular Service

Where did you serve?

What was your regiment/squadron/ship/battalion name and/or number ?  
(include all assignments if known)

Did you see combat?

How did you stay in touch with your family?

What did you do for recreation?

## People or circumstances that made a difference

Were there any fellow service members that stood out to you? Why?

Were there rules or orders that helped you and your unit succeed?

Were there rules or orders that prevented you and your unit from succeeding?

## War's End/Coming Home/Discharge

If during wartime, where were you when the war ended?

How did you get home after you were discharged?

How were you received by your family and community?

How did you readjust to civilian life?

Have you remained in contact with or reunited with fellow veterans? If so, who?

Are you a member of any veterans' organizations? If so, which?

What have you done since separating from the military? (family, work, hobby, etc.)

### Reflections

How did your wartime experiences affect your life?

When you returned home, were you able to talk about your time in the military?

Did you suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress and if so how did you or are you coping?

What can the military do to help service members return to civilian life?

What are some life lessons you learned from the military?

What message would you like to leave for future generations who view your interview?