

NATIONAL HOME FRONT PROJECT: Gathering Memories of World War II

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Histories of World War II too often omit the experiences of “home front heroes”: the men, women, and children who bought bonds, built planes, endured sacrifices, and kept families together while loved ones served on the front lines. In contrast to the many oral histories of veterans, very few of those wartime witnesses’ memories and voices have been recorded. **They must be collected now, before it’s too late.**

The **National Home Front Project** is a major new grassroots initiative under the leadership of historians at Washington College. We are working with individuals, communities, and organizations across the country to record **audio interviews** with men and women in born before 1940 who remember wartime America.

Our staff will provide guidance and resources for those who wish to interview these story-sharers or to be interviewed themselves. **No experience or expertise is necessary.** We’ll help you collect the oral histories, then include them in a nationwide archive to be preserved and shared with future generations. Participating is fun, educational—and an act of public service to ensure that our country never forgets its history.

We’d love to hear from individuals and groups who would like to join the effort. We’re also gathering names of potential interviewees nationwide, as well as information on existing oral history recordings. We invite you to fill out one of our mailing list sign up sheets and/or contact program staff at story_quest@washcoll.edu.

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