

Having served in the U.S. Armed Forces — first as a paratrooper in the Army's 101st Airborne Division, then later as a member of the Illinois National Guard — I understand the sacrifices veterans have made for our country and I share their pride.

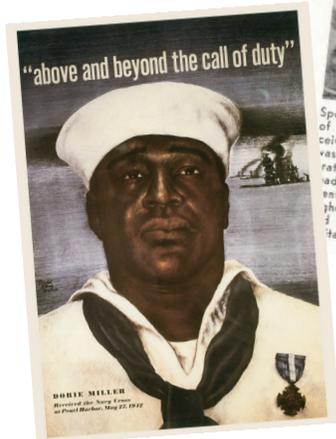
In my role as State Archivist and State Librarian, my office partnered with the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project to create the Illinois Veterans' History Project in 2005. This effort honors Illinois veterans by documenting and preserving the memories of their wartime experiences so future generations might have a better understanding, appreciation and compassion for the sacrifices these brave men and women made in the name of patriotic duty. Since this effort was implemented, more than 6,000 Illinoisans have taken part in this historic project. Their oral and written histories are available in the Illinois Digital Archives at www.idaillinois.org. Nearly 500 interviews are also available on the Illinois Veterans' History Project YouTube channel as IL VHP.

If you are a veteran or civilian who served during wartime, I encourage you to document memories of your service by completing an Illinois Patriot Information Form. Participants may also submit an oral recorded history to ensure that a permanent archive of your service will be kept alive for generations to come.

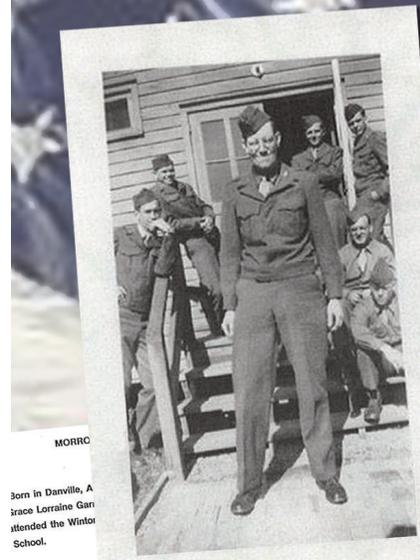
Thank you for your service and your participation in this important project.

Jesse White

JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State



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In 1948, he volunt
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S.S. Johnson. He earned the rank of first class petty officer and
served an honorable discharge with a good conduct medal and
captain's commendation. While his ship was refitting for six
months at her home port of Newport, Rhode Island, Gary met a
barnyard young woman from the Boston area and began to
commute there with increasing frequency. Returning to civilian life,
he married his sweetheart, Gertrude Bouzau on June 13th, 1953.

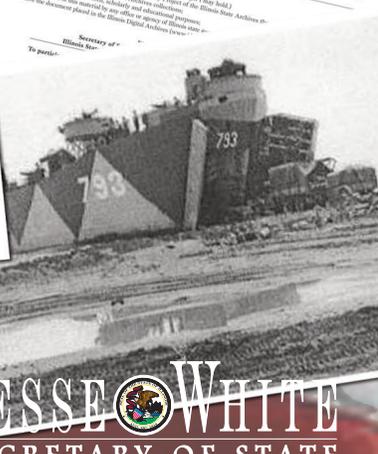
Trudy's family and his desire to complete his education
brought him back to New England to Northeastern University where
he received the degree of Bachelor of Science with a major in
accounting in 1957. He took jobs as a painter and as an
apprentice building superintendent to make ends meet while he
went to college days.

Illinois
Veterans' History Project

Illinois Patriot Information Form

Illinoisans who have served our country during times of war and peace, please complete this form and return it to the back of this magazine. Your information will be used to create a permanent record of your service in the Illinois Veterans' History Project. This project is a part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. For more information, please contact the Illinois Veterans' History Project at 1000 East Illinois Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761. We are currently accepting oral histories. Please call 1-800-966-5322 ext. 6 or 217-743-1337 and ask for the Illinois Veterans' History Project.

Name: _____
 Service dates: _____
 Location of military or civilian service: _____
 Did the service include combat or service-related injuries? _____
 Relationship to Patriot being honored: _____
 How do you want to be remembered? _____





Illinois Veterans' History Project



Honoring our veterans for future generations

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has been a partner with the Library of Congress in the Veterans History Project since November 2003 and officially launched the Illinois Veterans' History Project in November 2005. The Illinois Veterans' History Project began with the collection of written information about Illinois veterans through the use of the Illinois Patriot Information Form.

In September 2007, the Secretary of State's office entered the next phase of the project, collecting oral (audio and video) histories of Illinois veterans. These histories are now available through the Illinois Digital Archives at www.idaillinois.org.

To participate in the Illinois Veterans' History Project, record your history today by completing an Illinois Patriot Information Form at:

www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/ard138.pdf

Illinois Veterans' History Project
Illinois Patriot Information Form

To all veterans and civilians who have served our country during times of war and of peace, please complete this form and share your remembrance on this link or as a separate sheet of paper. In the Archives and from the Library, Secretary of State Jesse White will ensure that these firsthand accounts will be commemorated, archived in Springfield and shared nationwide and throughout the world. You will receive an official Certificate of Appreciation for your participation in this Veterans' History Project. For information on recording an oral interview, please call 1-800-665-5376 ext. 6 or 217-752-1537 and ask for the Veterans' Project Coordinator.

Please print clearly.

Patrician's name: _____ of Veteran Civilian
 Birthdate: _____ Decennial: _____
 Length of Patrician's Illinois residency: _____ of Male Female
 Branch of service or wartime activity: _____ Highest rank: _____
 National Branch Academy Service dates: _____
 War(s) in which individual served: _____ Location(s) of military or civilian service: _____
 Was the veteran a Prisoner of War? _____ Did the veteran sustain combat or service related injuries? _____
 Medals or special service awards: _____
 Name & address of individual submitting form: _____ Phone: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____ Relationship to Patrician being honored: _____
 Email: _____
 Is the Patrician interested in recording an oral history? Yes No

Release statement: (I understand I do not give up any copyright I may hold.)
 In submitting this form, I give the Veterans' History Project of the Illinois State Archives the right to permanently:
 • Hold this material in the Illinois State Archives collection.
 • Use this material for research, scholarly and educational purposes.
 • Republish the use of this material by any office or agency of Illinois state government for exhibition, publication and presentation.
 • Have this document placed in the Illinois Digital Archives (www.idaillinois.org).

Please return this form to:
 Secretary of State Jesse White • Illinois Veterans' History Project
 Illinois State Library • 205 S. Second St., Room 410 • Springfield, IL 62714

To participate in the National Veterans' Oral History Project at the Library of Congress, contact:
 Veterans' History Project • American Folklife Center • Library of Congress
 101 Independence Ave., SE • Washington, D.C. 20540-6015 • www.loc.gov/vets

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LINKS:

Video histories may be found at www.youtube.com/user/ilveteransproject/videos

The Illinois Digital Archives contains:

- Illinois Veterans' History Project www.idaillinois.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/ivhp
- Veteran interview transcripts www.idaillinois.org/cdm/search/collection/ivhp/searchterm/transcript/field/title
- World War II Poster Collection www.idaillinois.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/isl5

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