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Congresswoman Lois Capps, Representing California's 23rd Congressional District

Dear <:Firstname: > ,

I want to make you aware of a great opportunity to honor our nation's veterans and preserve a vital piece of American history by participating in the Veterans History Project.

The Veterans History Project was commissioned by Congress in 2000 to gather and archive the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans and the civilians who supported our armed forces. The Project, run by the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress, is the largest oral history program in American history, currently containing more than 50,000 one-of-a-kind stories in its collection.

I encourage you to explore the website of Veterans History Project (www.loc.gov/vets) and consider how you might get involved. The Project website offers easy-to-follow guidelines to assist you. You could interview a relative, friend or acquaintance about their wartime remembrances. Or maybe help them arrange their photographs, letters, memoirs or other historical records that document that important time. This valuable record will be protected as a part of the Library of Congress' permanent collection.

In addition, the Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum in San Luis Obispo is an official partner with the Library of Congress, and museum volunteers are available to help conduct interviews or provide a studio for interviews. You can schedule an interview appointment with the museum, volunteer, or get further information by contacting:

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 801 Grand Ave.
 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
 Phone: (805) 543-1763
 Email: cvcmmus@gmail.com
 Web: www.vetmuseum.org

Finally, in partnership with the Veterans History Project, PBS will present a seven-part series, [The War](#). This new Ken Burns film "tells the story of the Second World War through the personal accounts of a handful of men and women from four quintessentially American towns." The series begins September 23, 2007.

Again, I invite you to join me in the effort to record the stories of those who have served our nation. If you have any questions or would like a Veterans History Project Field Kit for conducting interviews please contact my office in San Luis Obispo at 805-546-8348. Thank you for considering this worthy project.

Would you, or someone you know be interested in participating in the Veterans History Project?

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