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Name\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date\_\_\_\_\_

Present Age\_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service\_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service\_\_\_\_\_

Highest rank achieved\_\_\_\_\_

Job/Position\_\_\_\_\_

May we have permission to record your story for transcription for our project? Yes/No

May we have permission to share your story with students and others? Yes/No

(Please complete release form on page 5.)

Signed\_\_\_\_\_

date\_\_\_\_\_

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What were you trained to do?

What were some of the major campaigns you were involved with?

Was combat seen/were you ever wounded?

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Looking back, do you see WWII as a defining moment in your life? If so, in what ways?

- What were some of your memorable experiences in the war? Feel free to be as thorough as possible. See next page for sample questions our young people have been curious about in the past.

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Sample questions: (may attach separate sheet)

- Where were you and what went through your mind on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941?
- What was going through your mind in combat?
- What did you talk about with your buddies?
- Did your families know what you were doing? How did they deal with the war and your absence?
- Do you find it hard to watch documentaries on the war today?
- Where were you when the war ended? Can you describe how you felt?
- Do you recall your feelings when FDR died?
- What did you think about Truman's decision to use atomic force against Japan?
- How do you feel toward the "enemy" today? How did you feel then?
- Did you see any of our commanders in the field?
- What was your motivation to keep going? Were there any times when you felt like giving up?
- Although it was wartime, do you have any fond, happy or pleasant recollections from this period? What are they?
- How close did you come to the enemy?
- How was the food?

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- Please describe for our young people why they should not regard the WW II era as “ancient history”, detached and irrelevant. Why do you think we need to learn all we can about this time so long ago, “before we were born”?

Thank you for completing this form to preserve the past for our nation’s future!

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Briefly describe your background and WW II story below. What was living during this time period like for you? What events or personal memories can you recall that can help us understand what our nation was going through during this time period?

More specific questions (continue on back or use other sheets, if necessary):

- Can you describe where you were and how you felt on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941?

- What do you remember about life on the home front during the war? How did life change after Pearl Harbor? What kind of support did you see for the troops at the front?
- Did you work during the war period? What did you do? Was any of your work experience in war-related industries?
- Was your family life disrupted or changed significantly by the war? Were family members in the service? If so, did you know what they were doing at the time?
- Do you remember the effect that rationing had on your family? Please describe.

- Do you recall your feelings when FDR died (April, 1945)?
- What did you think about Truman's decision to use the atomic bomb against Japan?
- Coming out of the Great Depression, how did the war effect your life during and afterwards? (What was life like during the Depression, and how would it be altered forever by the war?)
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NON US CITIZEN AT TIME OF WAR

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