ORAL HISTORIES OF WORLD WAR II HEROES

Young Americans from all parts of the country fought gallantly all over the world to help end World War II. We need to be reminded of what was faced by these heroes. The oral histories in these books from infantrymen, Marines, paratroopers, sailors, and OSS operatives make the excitement, confusion, and sheer terror of the war in Europe and in the Pacific come alive on the page.

The listing includes Newton Talks oral history project interviews with two World War II veterans.

The listed books are available at the Newton Free Library. The Newton Free Library, as well as the Minuteman Library Network, has many other items about all aspects of World War II. Readers may also wander among the book shelving in the “New Books” Room or on the second floor to browse among the Dewey Decimal 940.53 books. The listed Web sites can also be very useful and informative. Ask a librarian, if you need help.

(See also these two companion bibliographies: “World War II Personal Memoirs” and “The Congressional Medal Of Honor: America’s Honor For Our Greatest Heroes”)

Astor, Gerald. Crisis in the Pacific: The Battles for the Philippine Islands by the Men Who Fought Them. 940.542 A85C 1996

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Carlson, Lewis H. We Were Each Other’s Prisoners: An Oral History of World War II American and German Prisoners Of War. 940.547 C19W 1997

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Culpepper, Marilyn Mayer. Never Will We Forget: Oral Histories of World War II. 940.537 C89N 2008


Giangreco, D. M. Eyewitness D-Day: Firsthand Accounts from the Landing at Normandy to the Liberation of Paris. 940.542 GIANGRECO 2005


La Forte, Robert S (Editor). With Only the Will To Live: Accounts of Americans in Japanese Prison Camps, 1941-1945. 940.547 W77L


O'Donnell, Patrick K. Into The Rising Sun: In Their Own Words, World War II's Pacific Veterans Reveal the Heart of Combat. 940.548 INTO 2002
Olson, Michael Keith. **Tales from a Tin Can: The USS Dale from Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay.** 940.545 O52T 2007

Petty, Bruce M. **Voices From the Pacific War: Bluejackets Remember.** 940.542 PETTY 2004

Richardson, K. D. **Reflections of Pearl Harbor: An Oral History of December 7, 1941.** 940.542 RICHARDSON 2005


Terkel, Studs. **"The Good War": An Oral History of World War Two.** 940.54 T27G 1984

**INTERNET RESOURCES**

You can use an Internet search engine to find many professional and personal Web sites that provide oral histories, memoirs and pictures of World War II events. Type in "World War II Oral Histories" or "World War II memoirs" and then look down the list of available sites. Other useful sites:


- [http://oralhistory.rutgers.edu/military-history/29-conflict-index](http://oralhistory.rutgers.edu/military-history/29-conflict-index)  Web site of the Rutgers University Oral History Archives, which records the personal narratives of men and women who served on the home front and overseas during World War II.

- [www.loc.gov/vets/](http://www.loc.gov/vets/)  The Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. The Web site also includes a link for "Other Oral History Sites."

- [www.natickvets.org/list.php?type=browse&subject=World%20War%20II](http://www.natickvets.org/list.php?type=browse&subject=World%20War%20II)  The Veterans Oral History Project at the Morse Institute Library in Natick has collected and preserved the personal recollections of local men and women who have served their country in the armed forces in the past and those who served the home front during World War II (i.e., border or light patrollers, factory workers).

- [www.nationalww2museum.org/see-hear/collections/oral-histories/](http://www.nationalww2museum.org/see-hear/collections/oral-histories/)  Web site of the National WWII Museum, which is designated by Congress as the official WWII museum of the United States and which features oral histories from all branches of the armed forces.

- [www.tankbooks.com/interviews/contents.htm](http://www.tankbooks.com/interviews/contents.htm)  Interviews with 21 World War II participants.

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