

**RUTGERS ORAL HISTORY ARCHIVES**  
**WORLD WAR II ★ KOREAN WAR ★ VIETNAM WAR ★ COLD WAR**

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**PRE-INTERVIEW SURVEY**

*Please answer as many of the following questions as you feel comfortable completing.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to visit Rutgers University for an interview: \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

I would like additional information on donating my personal or family papers, photographs, and other materials to the Rutgers University Library \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no \_\_\_\_possibly, please send me additional information.

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY HISTORY**

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Education (check highest level of education): \_\_\_\_none \_\_\_\_some elementary \_\_\_\_elementary  
\_\_\_\_some high school \_\_\_\_high school \_\_\_\_some college \_\_\_\_college \_\_\_\_graduate school.

If your father attended college, please list name of school and date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupational History: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Political Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Education (check highest level of education): \_\_\_\_\_ none \_\_\_\_\_ some elementary \_\_\_\_\_ elementary  
\_\_\_\_\_ some high school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ some college \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_ graduate school.

If your mother attended college, please list name of the school and date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupational History: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Political Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Parents' Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of your brothers and sisters, dates of birth, highest level of education, and degree attained. (Please list name of school and date of graduation, if possible.)

Did other close relatives serve in the military? If so, please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

### **YOUR EDUCATION (ASIDE FROM RUTGERS)**

*If your education was interrupted due to military service, etc., please make a note.*

Elementary School – name(s), location(s), and years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

High School – name(s), location(s), and years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate – name(s), location(s), and years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School(s) – name(s), location(s), and years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

### **YOUR RUTGERS EXPERIENCE**

Which colleges and/or schools were you enrolled in? \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Fraternity: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Teams: \_\_\_\_\_

Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you live while attending Rutgers? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was your favorite professor? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you a member of the ROTC? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your religious affiliation at Rutgers? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your political affiliation at Rutgers? \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s) of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year(s) (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY**

Date and Place of Enlistment: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank at Enlistment: \_\_\_\_\_

Army/Marine Corps:

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Battery: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Battalion: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Service in the Navy/Coast Guard/Merchant Marine:

Base/Shore Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Ship(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Service in Army Air Force/Navy/Marine Corps Air Corps/US Air Force:

Air Force: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Station/Base: \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded by: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you served in multiple units, please list your primary unit here and others on the back of this survey. If you were a career military officer/enlisted person, you may wish to include a résumé.*

Where did you complete basic training? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you complete advanced training? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you enter an officer's training program? \_\_\_\_\_ When and where did you complete your training?

Did you apply for any specialized branches of the service or training opportunities (i.e. the airborne, radio school, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_ If accepted, please list and give dates: \_\_\_\_\_

What was your primary job in the military (i.e., infantryman, pilot, clerk, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any stateside postings (with dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any overseas postings (with dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Did you ever take part in any combat action? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where, when, and against whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you wounded? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you a prisoner of war? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where were you held and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any awards and decorations received: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you participate in occupation duty? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list date, place of and rank at discharge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you join the National Guard or the Reserves? \_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Were you ever recalled to active duty? \_\_\_\_ If so, when, for how long and with what unit(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please list any national or unit veterans' association(s) to which you have belonged: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **FOR THOSE WHO REMAINED ON THE HOME FRONT**

Where did you live during the war years? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ with your parents \_\_\_\_ rent \_\_\_\_ own home  
Were you employed in any war-related industries? \_\_\_\_ Where (company and location)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
What was your specific job(s) (i.e., welder, clerk, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did your company or institution do any classified or secret work for the military? \_\_\_\_ Please give details: \_\_\_\_\_  
Did your business or industry have a union? \_\_\_\_ Were you a member? \_\_\_\_ Please list the name of the union: \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you or your family participate in a civil defense unit? \_\_\_\_ Please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Were you active in any volunteer organizations during the war? \_\_\_\_ Please list the name(s) and activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Were you unable to enlist in the military? \_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

### **POSTWAR EXPERIENCES**

Did you continue your education after the war? \_\_\_\_ Where and what degree(s) attained: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Did you make use of any GI Bill benefits? \_\_\_\_ Please list: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupational History (Please list by date, in reverse chronological order, including positions held):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **YOUR SPOUSE (IF APPLICABLE)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place/Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elementary School -- name, location, and years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School -- name, location, and years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
College(s) attended and degree(s) attained (please include dates): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupational History (Please list by date, in reverse chronological order, including positions held):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date/Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR CHILDREN (IF APPLICABLE)**

Number of children \_\_\_\_ Please give names of your children, date of birth, level of education attained. Please also include name of school(s) and date of degree(s), if possible:

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Did any of your children serve in the military? \_\_\_\_ Please list dates, service branch, where stationed, etc.:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this extensive survey. Please feel free to add any additional information that you think will help the interviewer prepare for your interview, such as your experiences during the war years, contact with prominent individuals, professional experiences, etc., on a separate sheet

Please mail the completed pre-interview survey to:

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