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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

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: _____

Technical/Professional School – name(s), location(s), and years of attendance: _____

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

Major(s): _____

Scholarships Held: _____

Greek Organization: _____

Athletic Teams: _____

Clubs: _____

Did you live on campus? _____

Were you a member of the ROTC or other military training course? _____

If so, for how many years? _____

What was your religious affiliation at college? _____

What was your political affiliation at college? _____

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

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:

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

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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