 todd family scholarship veterans interview project
suggested questions for a veteran of operation desert storm, operation enduring freedom, etc.

use these suggestions as a starting point and make your own outline for the interview. remember, each interview will be different, and not all questions will apply.

introduction

begin your interview by stating the following:

- date
- location (city, state)
- your name
- interviewee’s name

example: today’s date is august 1, 2019. my name is john smith, and this is an interview with jane doe in oklahoma city, oklahoma.

early life

- where were you born?
- when is your birthday?
- who was your father?
- and your mother?
- where did you start school?
- what type of work did your parents do?
- who was your favorite teacher?
- tell me about your school.
- describe your house where you lived when you were in school.
- was there a movie theater in your town?
- what was the name of the theater?
- how often would you go to the movies?
- what year did you graduate high school?
- what did you do after high school?

entering the military

- did you enlist or were you drafted?
- if you enlisted, why did you choose the service branch you joined?
- where did you go for basic training?
- how did you travel there?
- tell me about basic training.
- what type of training did you have in basic?
- did you pull kitchen patrol (kp)?
- tell me about kp.
- what is your most vivid memory of basic training?
- tell me about your drill instructors.
• How long did basic training last?
• Where did you go after basic training?
• Were you on a troop train?
• Where did you sleep on the train?
• When the train stopped, were you allowed to get off?

Military Service

• What unit were you assigned to?
• What was your job in the unit?
• Tell me about going overseas.
• When did you leave the United States?
• What were you thinking when you were on the airplane leaving the United States?
• Where did you leave the United States?
• Where did the airplane land?
• What did you do there?
• Did you have any contact with the local people?
• What was their reaction toward the Americans?
• What is your most vivid memory of your time in the military?
• Tell me about coming home.
• When were you discharged?
• What did you do after you were discharged?
• Would you join the military again?
• How do you want to be remembered?