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Biographical / Historical

The Military Oral History Project was originally an initiative of VMI's John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History and Strategic Analysis. The Center's first Director, Kip Muir (served 2002-2011) initiated the oral history program, in which VMI cadets interviewed veterans as part of their military history coursework. Subsequent cadet-conducted interviews were overseen by the Center's second Director, Bradley L. Coleman.

In addition, a 2015 collaborate effort between Coleman and journalist Lisa Tracy resulted in a number of interviews conducted by Tracy with VMI World War II alumni.

Scope and Contents

This oral history collection spans the World War II era through recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. One interview (Frank Buckles) covers World War I service. The majority of the interviews were conducted by VMI cadets taking courses in military history. The interview files and recordings are housed in the VMI Archives.

Keywords

Oral histories

World War, 1914-1918

World War, 1939-1945

Korean War (1950-1953)

Vietnam War (1961-1975)

Persian Gulf War (1991)

Iraq War, 2003-2011

Afghan War, 2001-2021

Online Access

The bulk of this collection is available online.

Description of Subordinate Components

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5569

Language English

World War II interviews by Lisa Tracy

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4561

Unit Date 2014-2015

Language English

source Tracy, Lisa (Elizabeth Kilbourne)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This addition to the oral history collection was received from Lisa Tracy in 2015.

Scope and Contents

This series consists of transcripts of oral history interviews conducted in 2014 to 2015 with VMI alumni who served during World War II. The interviewer is journalist Lisa Tracy. These interviews contain

information about cadet life during the War, as well as wartime service of individuals.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1930-1939
Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1940-1949
Virginia Military Institute—Alumni—Biography
Virginia Military Institute—History—World War, 1939-1945
Prisoners of war
Tracy, Lisa (Elizabeth Kilbourne)
Saxe, Ira N. (Ira Nelson), 1918-?
Smith, Robert P. (Robert Pemberton), 1919-2017
Richards, Walter L. (Walter Leland), 1919-
Miller, Charles B. (Charles Bruce)
Gottwald, Floyd D., Jr.
Smith, Jeffrey G., Sr.
Doss, James V.
Taylor, Arthur C., Jr. (Arthur Canning)
Matheis, Richard, A., ?-2015
Morgan, James M., Jr. (James Markus), 1923-2021
Spach, Jule C.
Eliaison, William A.
Siebert, Harry J. (Harry John)
Layman, Thomas O. (Thomas Orville)
Gantt, Joseph I., Sr. (Joseph Isley)
Suter, Bruce H.

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4564

Unit Date 2015

Language English

source Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Creator Tracy, Lisa (Elizabeth Kilbourne)

Extent 1.3 Gigabytes

Conditions Governing Access

These interviews are not available online. Please contact the VMI Archives for information about accessing this material.

Scope and Contents

This sub-series consists of oral histories of World War II era VMI alumni conducted by cadets taking History 393, World War II, taught by Lieutenant Colonel Bradley L. Coleman (Fall 2015). The interviews cover cadet experiences from the era as well as military service.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Virginia Military Institute—Alumni—Biography
World War, 1939-1945
Oral histories
Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1930-1939
Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1940-1949
Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History
Abbitt, Charles W.
Anthony, Eiland E.
Ashley, Maurice C., Jr. (Maurice Cavileer), 1925-2015
Boyd, John T.
Crane, George A., Jr.
Dischinger, Hugh C. (Hugh Charles), 1924-?

Esser, Jefferson R. C. (Jefferson Randolph Cary)
Gantt, Joseph I., Sr. (Joseph Isley)
Geary, Paul X.
Gialanella, John A.
Massenburg, Edgar A.
Mills, William C.
Naill, John D., Jr., 1924-?
Newton, Russell B.
Patton, John M. (John Mercer), 1921-?
Siegel, Ralph
Smaw, Daniel G., III
Smith, Jeffrey G., Sr.
Smothers, Robert C.
Spach, Jule C.
Williams, John P., 1922-?
Winter, William D.

Alfred A. Alvarez interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5570

Unit Date 2005 October 24

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (19 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:53)

Biographical / Historical

Alfred A. Alvarez was born in 1924 and grew up in Chelsea, Massachusetts. He enlisted in July 1942, and following stateside training, joined the 1st Infantry Division in England. He took part in the Normandy invasion, hitting "Easy Red," Omaha Beach on D-Day. He subsequently saw action in the Champagne campaigns and at Hurtgen Forest, the Battle of the Bulge, and in Czechoslovakia.

Alvarez re-enlisted in the Reserves in 1945, and during his thirty-two years of duty served combat tours in Korea and Vietnam, and was deployed to Central and South America. He was inducted into the United States Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) Hall of Fame in April 2003.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Alfred A. Alvarez's service during World War II.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

Hurtgen Forest, Battle of (Germany : 1944)

Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)

Operation Overlord

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Alvarez, Alfred A., 1924-

Ernest A. Andrews interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5574

Unit Date 2006 October 31

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (20 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:55)

Biographical / Historical

Ernest A. Andrews was born in 1923 in Tennessee and was drafted into the United States Army in 1943. He served in the 16th Infantry, H Company, First Infantry Division (Big Red One) until the end of the World War II, and was in combat at Normandy, and in the Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes, France.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Ernest A. Andrews' service during World War II.

Keywords

Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Operation Overlord
Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)
Hurtgen Forest, Battle of (Germany : 1944)
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Andrews, Ernest A., 1923-?

Joseph L. Argenzio interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5577

Unit Date 2006 October 30

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (18 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:46)

Biographical / Historical

Joseph L. Argenzio was born in 1927 New York City, New York. He entered the United States Army in 1944 and, following training, was assigned to the First Infantry Division, 3rd Battalion, 16th Infantry, M Company. On D-Day he was part of the first wave at Omaha Beach, France. Argenzio subsequently saw combat in France, Belgium, and Germany, and participated in the liberation of Falkenau concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Joseph L. Argenzio's service in World War II.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Operation Overlord
Oral histories
United States. Army
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Argenzio, Joseph L., 1927-?

Charles D. Bachman interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5578

Unit Date 2006 February 22

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (25 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Charles D. Bachman enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 and became a part of the V12 Unit in Champaign, Illinois. A summary of his military services includes: November 1944–1945: Attended Midshipmens School at Columbia University, New York March 1943–1945: Attended Destroyer Schools in Norfolk, Virginia June 1945–August 1945: Attended Tactical Radar School in Hollywood Beach, Florida August 1945–October 1945: Attended Fighter Director School in St. Simons, Georgia November 1945–August 1946: Served as deck officer, Combat Information Center watch officer, and fighter director on board the USS Warrington (DD-843)

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Charles D. Bachman's service in World War II.

Keywords

United States. Navy
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Oral histories
Bachman, Charles D.

John G. Barrett interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5582

Unit Date 2006 December 6

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (15 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:58)

Biographical / Historical

John Gilchrist Barrett was born in 1921 in Gastonia, North Carolina. In 1942 he joined the United States Naval Reserves and was commissioned following his graduation from Wake Forest University. Barrett served in the Pacific Theater on the LCI(L)-1052 (Landing Craft Infantry Large). He was discharged in 1946 and enrolled in graduate school, receiving a PhD in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Barrett was a Professor of History at VMI from 1953 until his retirement in 1987. He died in 2013 in Lexington, Virginia.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

United States. Navy

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean

Barrett, John G. (John Gilchrist), 1921-2013

Hobert Bodkin interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5590

Unit Date 2009 March 3

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (16 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:17)

Biographical / Historical

Hobert Bodkin joined the United States Marine Corps in September 1942 and was assigned to the 1st Marine Division in March 1944. He went into combat during the invasion of Peleliu Island, Palau, and in April 1945 took part in the invasion of Okinawa, Japan.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Peleliu, Battle of, Palau, 1944.

Oral histories

United States. Marine Corps

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean

Bodkin, Hobert

Charles Brooks interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5595

Unit Date 2006 October 10

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (10 pages) and audio (duration 00:05:08)

Biographical / Historical

Charles Brooks, a native of North Carolina, was drafted in May 1943. Following stateside service with an Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) unit, he was shipped to Europe where he was assigned to Company A, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division. He served as a first scout until the end of World War II.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

United States. Army

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Brooks, Charles

Fred Brown interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5597

Unit Date 2006 November

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (16 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Fred Brown was drafted in 1942 at the age of 19. After receiving training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, he shipped out to the European theater. Brown took part in the Normandy invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, and the Battle of Hurtgen Forest.

Keywords

Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)

Hurtgen Forest, Battle of (Germany : 1944)

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

United States. Army

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Brown, Fred, 1923-?

Guy B. Burnette interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5603

Unit Date 2008 February 10

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (11 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:42)

Biographical / Historical

Guy B. Burnette was born in 1921 in North Carolina and was drafted in 1942. After training, his unit was stationed in Hawaii for island defense, and after the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan, he was sent there for occupation duty. Following World War II, Burnett returned to North Carolina where he raised a family and was a farmer and construction worker.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Allied Occupation of Japan (1945-1952)

United States. Army

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean

Burnette, Guy B. (Guy Berry), 1921-?

Stanley Caulkins interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5605

Unit Date 2005 October 1

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (17 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Stanley Caulkins served as a B-17 radio operator in the United States Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Stanley Caulkins' service during World War II.

Keywords

United States.—Army Air Forces

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Caulkins, Stanley

Robert L. Cheatham, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5607

Unit Date 2006 October 18

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:33)

Biographical / Historical

Robert L. Cheatham, Jr. graduated from Clemson University, South Carolina, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program in August 1942. Following training he was shipped overseas and arrived in North Africa on December 26, 1942. On February 13, 1943 he was assigned to C Company, 26th Infantry, First Division. Cheatham was captured by the Germans at Kasserine Pass, Tunisia on February 20, 1943 and was a prisoner of war until he was liberated on April 29, 1945.

Scope and Contents

This interview contains extensive information about Robert L. Cheatham, Jr.'s experiences as a prisoner of war.

Keywords

Prisoners of war

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Africa

Kasserine Pass, Battle of (Tunisia : 1943)

Cheatham, Robert L., Jr.

Allen E. Clark interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5609

Unit Date 2008 September 13

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (17 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:47)

Biographical / Historical

Allen E. Clark enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1942 and served during World War II in the Pacific Theater on Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima. He was a member of B Company, 1st Battalion, 21st Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Papua New Guinea

Iwo Jima, Battle of, Japan, 1945

Clark, Allen E. (Allen Eugene), 1924-?

Glen Cleckler interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5610

Unit Date 2006 February 13

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (22 pages) and related photographs

Biographical / Historical

Glen Cleckler served with the United States Marine Corps during World War II from February 1943 to December 1945. His service included participation in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Glen Cleckler's experiences during World War II.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Marine Corps

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Iwo Jima, Battle of, Japan, 1945

Cleckler, Glen

William H. Collier interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5611

Unit Date 2008 March 6

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (17 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:27)

Biographical / Historical

William H. Collier served in World War II in the 106th Cavalry Regiment (mechanized). He participated in several campaigns in Europe, including Normandy, northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe. He also served in the Army of Occupation in Austria. His later career included postings in Korea, Germany, Hawaii, Vietnam, and the Pentagon. He retired in 1971, having obtained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Scope and Contents

This interview primarily covers William H. Collier's service in World War II.

Keywords

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Collier, William H. (William Hurle)

Cyril G. Cousart Interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5614

Unit Date 2009 February 22

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (8 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:23)

Biographical / Historical

Cyril G. Cousart enlisted in the United States Army in 1942 and became a flight crew member on the B-29 bomber. His unit was stationed at Saipan in the Marianas and he flew on 35 missions over mainland Japan.

Keywords

United States.—Army Air Forces

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean

Cousart, Cyril G.

Chalmer E. Cowan

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5615

Unit Date 2009 February 25

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (9 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:12)

Biographical / Historical

Chalmer E. Cowan was born in 1919 in Pennsylvania and was drafted in the United States Army in October 1941. After basic training, he was assigned to Battery A, 27th Field Artillery Battalion. He fought throughout North Africa and Italy during World War II. Cowan was discharged in July 1945.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Army
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Africa
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Cowan, Chalmer E., 1919-?

David Cvengros interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5618

Unit Date 2009 February 21

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (15 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:57)

Biographical / Historical

George E. Cvengros (1923-1985) served in the 134th Infantry Regiment, Company "F." His unit landed on Omaha Beach on July 5, 1944 and fought throughout France and Germany. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge, Germany, and was in Hannover, Germany when World War II ended.

Scope and Contents

In this interview, David Cvengros recounts the World War II service of his father George E. Cvengros (1923-1985).

Keywords

Operation Overlord
United States. Army
Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Cvengros, George E., 1923-1985
Cvengros, David

Joseph O. Dazzo interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5624

Unit Date 2006 November

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (16 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:43)

Biographical / Historical

Joseph O. Dazzo joined the United States Army in 1940 and was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division as a combat medic. He served in North Africa and Sicily, and took part in the Normandy invasion. His unit subsequently fought through France, Belgium, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. Dazzo was discharged in September 1945.

Keywords

United States. Army
Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Africa
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Dazzo, Joseph O.

Nathan DeSantis interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5625**Unit Date** 2009 March 10**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (20 pages) and audio (duration 00:00:51)**Biographical / Historical**

Nathan DeSantis joined the Merchant Marines in December 1941 and is a graduate of the Merchant Marine Academy, Class of 1944. He served throughout World War II on various vessels that carried cargo in support of combat operations. DeSantis spent his entire career in the Merchant Marines and retired in 1988.

Keywords

Merchant marine—United States

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

DeSantis, Nathan, 1921-?

Robert F. Dexter interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5627**Unit Date** 2007 April 12**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (30 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:21)**Biographical / Historical**

Robert Fred Dexter was born in Massachusetts in 1925. He joined the United States Army in January 1944 and served in World War II, Korea, Central and South America, and in Vietnam. Following the end of his Army service in 1971, he began a career with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Dexter, Robert F. (Robert Fred), 1925-?

Mark R. Dixon interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5630**Unit Date** 2006 October 16**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (6 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:10)**Biographical / Historical**

Mark R. Dixon grew up on a farm in York County, South Carolina, and was drafted in the United States Army in July 1945. He served one year with the First Infantry Division during the post-World War II occupation of Germany.

Keywords

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

Dixon, Mark R.

Walter M. Duncan, Sr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5633

Unit Date 2009 February 27

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:00:42)

Biographical / Historical

Walter M. Duncan, Sr. entered the United States Army Air Forces in November 1943 and received flight training on several aircraft before being assigned to the B-24.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Walter M. Duncan, Sr.'s stateside pilot training.

Keywords

United States.—Army Air Forces

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Air pilots, Military

Duncan, Walter M., Sr., 1920-?

Howard R. Dunfee interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5634

Unit Date 2006 November 9

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:08)

Biographical / Historical

Howard Dunfee was drafted in 1943 into the United States Army and was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division. He landed in Normandy on three days after D-Day and served as a front line infantryman, machine gun bearer, and gunner until he was seriously wounded near Aachen, Germany. After receiving treatment in several hospitals, Dunfee returned to the United States and was discharged in April 1945.

Keywords

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Operation Overlord

Operation Cobra, 1944

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Dunfee, Howard

Allen D. Evans interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5637

Unit Date 2010 March 10

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (24 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:21)

Biographical / Historical

Allen D. Evans was born and raised in Indiana and is a decorated veteran of World War II. He enlisted in the United States Army in December 1942 and served in Europe with the 76th Field Artillery Battalion. He was a Staff Sergeant in charge of the Fire Direction Center and saw action throughout the European Theater of Operations (ETO), including the battles at Remagen, Germany and Ardennes Forest, France.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Evans, Allen D.

Robert R. Fair interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5638

Unit Date 2009 February 17

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (22 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:45)

Biographical / Historical

Robert R. Fair was born in Kansas in 1925. After spending a semester at Louisiana State University in the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), he entered the regular United States Army in mid-December 1943. He was assigned to the 100th Infantry Division, arriving in Europe (Marseille, France) in October 1944. Fair fought on the front lines as the Division moved through France and Germany until he was wounded in April 1945.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Fair, Robert R., 1925-?

William C. Farmer interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5639

Unit Date 2009 March 3

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (14 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:21)

Biographical / Historical

William C. Farmer was born in 1926 and joined the United States Navy after graduating from high school in 1944. He was stationed aboard an LSM (Landing Ship Medium) serving in the Pacific theater. His vessel operated in the Mariana Islands and supported the invasion of Okinawa, Japan in the Spring of 1945.

Keywords

United States. Navy

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean

Farmer, William C., 1926-?

Edward L. Feightner interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5641

Unit Date 2005 October 17

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (20 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Edward Feightner was designated as a Naval Aviator in 1942, commissioned as an Ensign from that date, and subsequently progressed in rank to that of Rear Admiral 1971. During his distinguished career, he served in World War II as an Engineering Officer for various squadrons that operated in the Pacific theater. He was a test pilot and a member of the "Blue Angels," and has over twenty years of experience in command of squadrons, airwings, ships, training units, and major staffs.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Edward L. Feightner's experiences throughout his career, including his service in World War II and as a test pilot and member of the "Blue Angels."

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Air pilots, Military
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean
Feightner, Edward L.

William Funkhouser interview

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Unit Date 2006 October 1

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (24 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:54)

Biographical / Historical

William Funkhouser, a decorated veteran of World War II, grew up in the Shenandoah Valley near Strasburg, Virginia. He joined the United States Army in February 1943 and served with F Company, 16th Regiment, First Infantry Division (Big Red One). He landed in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and subsequently fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Keywords

United States. Army
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Oral histories
Operation Overlord
Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Funkhouser, William

Donald E. Furman interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5647

Unit Date 2009 February 7

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (15 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:54)

Biographical / Historical

Donald E. Furman grew up in Pennsylvania and was drafted in 1941. He served as a light tank driver in the European theater where his unit was assigned to reconnaissance duty.

Keywords

United States. Army
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Oral histories
Furman, Donald E., 1913-?

Roy George interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5649

Unit Date 2007 February 26

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (8 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:16)

Biographical / Historical

Roy George was born in 1927 in New Jersey and enlisted in the United States Navy in August 1944. During his time in service, he completed Aviation A and B Schools and was assigned to service seaplanes and other aircraft. George received an honorable discharge in August 1948, leaving the Navy as an Aviation Metalsmith, 2nd Class Petty Officer.

Keywords

United States. Navy
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Oral histories
George, Roy, 1927-?

Frank J. Haggerty interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5657

Unit Date 2009 March 5

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (10 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:47)

Biographical / Historical

Frank J. Haggerty enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps on December 8, 1941, one day after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Following stateside training as an aircraft mechanic, he shipped overseas and was stationed at Polebrook Army Air Force Station (Northamptonshire, United Kingdom) home of the Eighth Air Force. Haggerty's unit (320th Service Squadron attached to the 351st Bomb Group) serviced the B-17 Flying Fortress. At the end of World War II Haggerty remained in the Air Force for a total of 20 years, retiring in 1962.

Keywords

United States.—Army Air Forces
Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Haggerty, Frank J.

R. "Hap" Halloran interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5658

Unit Date 2004 March 12

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (24 pages)

Biographical / Historical

R. "Hap" Halloran served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II. He was a B-29 navigator with the 73rd Wing, 499th Bomb Group, 878th Squadron, flying missions over Japan from a base in Saipan, northern Marianas. Halloran was shot down over Japan on January 27, 1945 and became a prisoner of war.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers R. "Hap" Halloran experiences on B-29 missions and his time as a prisoner of war.

Keywords

United States.—Army Air Forces
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Oral histories
Prisoners of war
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean
Halloran, R. "Hap"

John S. Halsey interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5659

Unit Date 2010 January 28

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (8 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:43)

Biographical / Historical

John Selden Halsey, VMI Class of 1943, entered the United States Army in May 1943. A decorated

John Selden Halsey, VIII Class of 1943, entered the United States Army in May 1943. A decorated combat veteran, he served in Europe with the 116th Mechanized Reconnaissance Squadron and was wounded in action in Germany in February 1945.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1943
Oral histories
United States. Army
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Halsey, John S. (John Selden)

R. Marlowe Harper interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5661

Unit Date 2009 February 17

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (5 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:21)

Biographical / Historical

R. Marlowe Harper was attending the University of Alabama when he was drafted in 1942. He was trained in radar and was ground crew member for the B-29 bomber, maintaining the gun laying set. Harper spend the last 8 months of World War II on Guam, where he supported missions bombing oil refineries in Japan. He was attached to the 20th Air Force, 15th Bomb Wing, 21st Squadron.

Keywords

United States.—Army Air Forces
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean
Harper, R. Marlowe

Jerome Holzman interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5666

Unit Date 2009 March 4

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (11 pages) and audio (duration 00:00:51)

Biographical / Historical

Jerome "Bud" Holzman served in Europe with the United States Army 94th Infantry Division from March 1945 to August 1945. As World War II came to an end, his unit was assigned to patrol, guard, and similar occupation duties in Germany and Czechoslovakia. He spent the final three months of his overseas duty at George S. Patton's 3rd Army Headquarters.

Keywords

United States. Army
Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Holzman, Jerome

William Howard interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5670

Unit Date 2008 October 30

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (10 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:39)

Biographical / Historical

William Howard enlisted in the United States Navy in 1939 and attended boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Station, Illinois. He served in the Asiatic Fleet from 1939-1943. After leaving the Navy, he worked

in a munitions factory.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Navy

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Howard, William, 1919-?

John P. Irby III interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5672

Unit Date 2004 February 14

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (29 pages)

Biographical / Historical

John Poindexter Irby III, VMI Class of 1944, was inducted into the United States Army in 1943, graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1944 and was first assigned to the 30th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron in Fort Riley, Kansas.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers John P. Irby III's training and includes coverage of his service in World War II with Company C of the 86th Reconnaissance Squadron of the 6th Armored Division, in General George S. Patton's 3rd Army, and the 3rd Armored Division.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1944

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

United States. Army—Officers

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Irby, John P., III (John Poindexter), 1922-?

Carl F. Jenkins interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5673

Unit Date 2006 October 26

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (19 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:49)

Biographical / Historical

Carl F. Jenkins grew up on a dairy farm near Gastonia, North Carolina. He was drafted in August 1944 at the age of 18. After completing basic training, he was sent overseas as a replacement in the Big Red One during the Battle of the Bulge. Jenkins was wounded by scrapnel on February 28, 1945 and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Jenkins, Carl F.

John R. Kershaw interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5679

Unit Date 2010 November 19

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (17 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:30)

Biographical / Historical

John R. Kershaw, a World War II veteran, served as a B-17 bomber pilot in Europe. Following training he was assigned to the 92nd Bomb Group, 327th Squadron, at Podington, England. Kershaw flew numerous combat missions, bombing targets over Germany.

Keywords

United States. Army

United States.—Army Air Forces

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Air pilots, Military

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Kershaw, John R., 1925-?

Frank E. King interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5681

Unit Date 2006 November 2

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (18 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:12)

Biographical / Historical

Frank E. King was born in 1922 in Wythe County, Virginia. He volunteered for the United States Army in September 1942 and served with Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division throughout World War II. King was in North Africa, Sicily, and landed at Omaha Beach on D-Day. He subsequently saw action in other major battles, including Huertgen Forest, Germany, and the Battle of the Bulge. King served overseas for more than 30 months and was awarded several decorations, including the Bronze Star.

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)

Hurtgen Forest, Battle of (Germany : 1944)

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

King, Frank E., 1922-?

Jerome H. King, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5682

Unit Date 2004 October 21-22

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (18 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Vice Admiral Jerome H. King, Jr. received his commission in the United States Navy in 1941, following his graduation from Yale University. His distinguished career began with service in the Pacific Theater during World War II and continued for over three decades until his retirement from active duty in 1974.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

King, Jerome H., Jr.

Edmund B. Kinter interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5683**Unit Date** 2009 March 3**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (7 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:46)**Biographical / Historical**

Edmund B. Kinter joined the United States Merchant Marines in 1943 and served on Liberty ships carrying ammunition and supplies across the Atlantic.

Keywords

Merchant marine—United States

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

Kinter, Edmund B.

Leonard G. Lawton interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5690**Unit Date** 2009 February 14**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (28 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:38)**Biographical / Historical**

Leonard G. Lawton was born in 1919 in Orlando, Florida and entered the United States Marine Corps following his graduation from Stetson University in 1941. After completing boot camp and officer training, he served with the 1st Marine Division in the Pacific Theater where he saw extensive action and witnessed firsthand the conditions of jungle fighting. Lawton was awarded: The Silver Star for action on Guadalcanal The Purple Heart for a wound received in November 1942 Two Presidential Unit citations one personal letter of citation from Admiral William Halsey

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean

Lawton, Leonard G., 1919-?

Walter Luikart interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5695**Unit Date** 2009 February 26**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (9 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:01)**Biographical / Historical**

Walter Luikart joined the United States Merchant Marines in 1943. He served on nine ships, including Liberty ships that carried cargo and on troop ships in the English Channel that delivered soldiers and vehicles to the beachhead. Luikart's assignments took him to the North Atlantic, Indian Ocean, and Mediterranean Sea. He left the service in 1947.

Keywords

Merchant marine—United States

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

Luikart, Walter, 1925-?

Demetrius Lypka interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5696

Unit Date 2006 October 21

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (20 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:38)

Biographical / Historical

Demetrius "Pete" Lypka was born in 1918 in New Jersey and enlisted in the United States Army in 1941. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, 16th Infantry, Company G and served until the end of World War II, seeing action in North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. Lypka was discharged in July 1945 and returned home to start a career as a carpenter.

Keywords

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

Operation Overlord

Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Africa

Lypka, Demetrius, 1918-?

Alexander Marsh interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5699

Unit Date 2009 March 9

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (11 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:10)

Biographical / Historical

Alexander Marsh enlisted in the United States Army in June 1942. He served as a 57mm anti-tank gun platoon commander with the 106th Infantry and was deployed to Europe. He was captured in the Ardennes, France on December 16, 1944 and spent three months in Stalag IX, Germany.

Keywords

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Prisoners of war

Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Marsh, Alexander

Charles H. McKinney interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5704

Unit Date 2008 February 28

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (12 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:38)

Biographical / Historical

Charles H. McKinney was born in 1920 in Selma, Alabama and joined the United States Army during the early days of World War II. After completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) in 1942, he joined the 509th Parachute Battalion in North Africa. He subsequently saw combat in Italy, France, and Belgium. McKinney also fought with the 505th Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean War. He retired from active duty in 1962.

Keywords

United States. Army—Officers

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
McKinney, Charles H., 1920-?

Alexander Michnewich interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5707

Unit Date 2008 February 27

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (17 pages) and audio (duration 00:06:03)

Biographical / Historical

Alexander Michnewich was born in 1923 in Brooklyn, New York. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, 1905th Aviation Battalion, and was stationed in the China-Burma-India theater.

Keywords

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Burma

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—China

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—India

Michnewich, Alexander, 1923-?

Robert Moberg interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5710

Unit Date 2008 October 6

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (12 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:26)

Biographical / Historical

Robert Moberg joined the United States Marine Corps in April 1943. After initial assignments, his unit was sent to Camp Tarawa, Hawaii, to join the 5th Marine Division and train for the invasion of Japan. He was en route to Japan when World War II ended, and went into Japan as part of the occupation forces.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Allied Occupation of Japan (1945-1952)

Moberg, Robert, 1921-?

Malcolm Muir, Sr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5714

Unit Date 2005 July 4-5

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (24 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Malcolm Muir, Sr. served with the United States Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1945 as an Armed Guard officer on board the SS Booker T. Washington (troop ship, Liberty ship), the Sinclair H-C (merchant tanker), and the SS Carleton Ellis (merchant tanker, Liberty ship).

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Malcolm Muir, Sr.'s experiences in World War II.

Keywords

United States. Army

United States. Navy
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Oral histories
Muir, Malcolm, Sr., 1914-?

Wilma Murray interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5715

Unit Date 2009 March 4

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:09)

Biographical / Historical

Wilma Murray joined the United States Army Nurse Corps in 1941. After stateside training, she shipped overseas to England. She subsequently was deployed to Normandy and landed on Omaha Beach 10 days after D-Day. Murray served in evacuation hospitals attached to the 1st Army, treating the wounded as the troops fought through France and Belgium. At the end of the War, she was in Germany where she cared for tuberculosis patients in the liberated Buchenwald concentration camp.

Keywords

United States. Army—Nurse Corps
Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Murray, Wilma

James B. Naughton interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5716

Unit Date 2006 February

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (15 pages)

Biographical / Historical

James B. Naughton served for three years in the United States Marine Corps. Much of that time was spent in the hospital due to serious injuries received as a result of combat action during the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945. Naughton is a successful accountant and worked at Naughton, Cesario and Company, which he began following his military service.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers James B. Naughton's experiences during World War II.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Iwo Jima, Battle of, Japan, 1945
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean
Oral histories
Naughton, James B., 1926-?

Guy C. Nicely, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5718

Unit Date 2006 October 6

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (21 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:59)

Biographical / Historical

Guy C. Nicely, Jr. grew up in Lexington, Virginia and is a decorated veteran of World War II. He was drafted in the United States Army in February 1943 and soon joined the First Division, the Big Red One. After serving briefly in Sicily, Italy, his unit was sent to England to train for the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944. He landed on Omaha Beach and later fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He received both the

Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Army
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)
Operation Overlord
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Nicely, Guy C., Jr.

Edwin A. Noble interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5720

Unit Date 2006 October 6

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (29 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:44)

Biographical / Historical

Edwin A. "Ned" Noble grew was born in 1922 in Bethel, Vermont and attended Tufts University after graduating from high school. He was drafted in the United States Army in 1944 and was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, serving in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He subsequently served as Acting Battalion Sergeant major during occupation duty in Nuremberg, Germany. Noble died on January 3, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

Keywords

Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
United States. Army
Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Noble, Edwin A., 1922-2013

Anthony J. Perna interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5729

Unit Date 2008 March 13

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (18 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:57)

Biographical / Historical

Cononel Anthony J. Perna (Retired) had a distinguished thirty year career in the United States Air Force and was among the youngest officers to reach the rank of Colonel. During World War II he served as a flight instructor for B-17s and B-24s. He was subsequently involved in both the Berlin Airlift (Germany) and in the creation of the United States flight simulation program. Perna also had assignments as the Defense Attaché to Israel during the Six Day War, in the Strategic Air Command (SAC) during the Cold War, and he served on the staff of the Joint Chiefs at the Pentagon.

Keywords

Oral histories
Cold War
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
United States. Air Force
Air pilots, Military
Perna, Anthony J. (Anthony Joseph)

George Porter interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5731

Unit Date 2009 March 6

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (12 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:20)

Biographical / Historical

George Porter enlisted in the United States Army at the beginning of the World War II and served at the famed Tuskegee Army Air Field, Alabama as a mechanic ground crew chief. He worked primarily on the P-40 and was responsible for training the mechanics who supported the Tuskegee Fighter Squadrons.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers George Porter's experiences during and after World War II, and includes discussion of the racial prejudice that black soldiers encountered in the United States Army and in society at large.

Keywords

United States.—Army Air Forces

United States. Army

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

African American soldiers

Porter, George, 1921-?

Carl D. Proffitt interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5732

Unit Date 2005 February 17

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (22 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Carl D. Proffitt enlisted in the National Guard of Virginia in 1939 and reported for active duty on February 3, 1941, at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. He shipped overseas to England in September of 1942. He served with K Company, 116th Infantry, 29th Division, for the D-Day Invasion. Among his numerous decorations are the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts, the Good Conduct Medal, the Pre Pearl Harbor Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the French Freedom Medal, and the State of Virginia Distinguished Service Award.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Carl D. Proffitt's experiences in World War II.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Operation Overlord

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Proffitt, Carl D.

Julian M. Quarles, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5733

Unit Date 2010 February 28

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (10 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Julian M. Quarles, Jr. served as an United States Army infantry officer (36th Division) during World War II, taking part in the landing at Salerno, Italy. He and another officer were captured, escaped from the prison train carrying them to Germany, and then made their way back to their outfit after 33 days behind German lines.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Prisoners of war

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Africa

Quarles, Julian M., Jr., 1917-?

Richard Rathmell interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5736**Unit Date** 2008 April 8**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (7 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:40)**Biographical / Historical**

During World War II, Richard Rathmell served as a 3rd Assistant Engineer on a merchant marine vessel. His ships made ammunition runs in support of the war effort, including a North Atlantic crossing to supply the Battle of the Bulge.

Keywords

Oral histories

Merchant marine—United States

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Rathmell, Richard, 1925?-?

Emmett F. Reagan interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5738**Unit Date** 2009 February 27**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (9 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:22)**Biographical / Historical**

Emmett F. Reagan was born in 1924 in Norfolk, Virginia and joined the United States Navy in 1942. After completing flight school, he served as a pilot in the Pacific Theater flying search and destroy missions.

Keywords

United States. Navy

Air pilots, Military

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean

Reagan, Emmett F., 1924-?

John M. Remaly interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5739**Unit Date** 2007 March 5**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (22 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:22)**Biographical / Historical**

John M. Remaly served in the United States Army Air Force from 1943 to 1945. He was an engineer on a B-24 Liberator bomber, flying in India, Burma, and China with the 10th Army Air Force. He was seriously burned when his plane made a crash landing on July 29, 1944.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers John M. Remaly's experiences during World War II.

Keywords

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Oral histories

United States.—Army Air Forces

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Burma

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—China

Remaly, John M.

William Repke interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5740

Unit Date 2006 March 6

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (9 pages)

Biographical / Historical

William Repke enlisted in the United States Army in 1938 with the 102nd Cavalry. He went overseas to England in September 1942, then to Algiers, Africa in January of 1943. His unit was transferred to Italy and went into combat in Rome. He made the invasion of South France with the 117th Cavalry Squadron. Repke received a Battlefield Commission in October 1944, transferred to the 36th Infantry Division and then served six months in combat with Company B, 142nd Infantry. He was discharged in September 1945, having received the European Theater of Operations (ETO) Service Ribbon with five battle stars and one arrowhead, the Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantry Badge, Silver Star, and Bronze Star.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers William Repke's experiences during World War II.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Repke, William

Charles A. Riley interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5742

Unit Date 2007 January 27

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (12 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:41)

Biographical / Historical

Charles A. Riley joined the United States Navy in 1943 at the age of 16. During World War II he served with the Navy's Scouts and Raiders, participating with the United States Marines in several campaigns, including the landing at Iwo Jima, Japan. Following the War he enrolled in college and subsequently joined the United States Army (Airborne) and then transferred to the Air Force, serving as an aviator. He flew missions in both Korea and Vietnam. Riley retired from active duty in 1970.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Charles A. Riley's post-World War Two United States Air Force career.

Keywords

United States. Air Force

Air pilots, Military

Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

United States. Navy

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Riley, Charles A. (Charles Andrew), 1926-?

Kenneth D. Rupe interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5748

Unit Date 2009 March 2

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (10 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:46)

Biographical / Historical

Kenneth D. Rupe was drafted into the United States Army in May 1942 and was assigned to hospital administration in the 300th General Hospital. The unit shipped overseas in the fall of 1943 and Rupe spent the bulk of the war in Naples, Italy in the 300th Headquarters.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Army
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Rupe, Kenneth D., 1919-?

Edward A. Ryan interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5750

Unit Date 2005 March 2

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Edward A. Ryan served with the United States Army, 29th Infantry, from 1943 to 1946.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Edward A. Ryan's experiences during World War II.

Keywords

United States. Army
Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
Ryan, Edward A.

Robert Sams interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5751

Unit Date 2009 February 6

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (29 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:41)

Biographical / Historical

Robert Sams enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1943. He spent 17 months at sea aboard the USS Cambria (APA 36) and participated in landing troops in the Marshall and Mariana Islands, the Philippines, Saipan, and Okinawa (Japan). Sams was also part of the first United States forces to land at Nagasaki, Japan six weeks after an atomic bomb destroyed the city.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States.—Coast Guard
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Papua New Guinea
Sams, Robert

Luther J. Schilling interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5753

Unit Date 2006 March 17

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (21 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Luther J. Schilling served with the United States Army, G-3 106th Infantry Division, Army of Occupation in Germany from 1944 to 1946.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Luther J. Schilling's experiences during World War II.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Army
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Schilling, Luther J., 1926-?

Arthur Schintzel interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5754

Unit Date 2006 October 22

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (17 pages) and audio (duration 00:07:22)

Biographical / Historical

Arthur Schintzel is a decorated veteran of World War II and the recipient of two Purple Hearts. He was drafted in 1942 and served in Europe with the United States Army 16th Infantry, First Infantry Division. He took part in the Normandy, France invasion on D-Day and was seriously wounded in action.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Operation Overlord

Schintzel, Arthur, 1922-?

Charles B. Shaeff interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5756

Unit Date 2005 February 20

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (7 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Charles B. Shaeff served in the United States Navy Reserves from June 24, 1943 to March 24, 1946.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers the invasion of Normandy, France and Charles Shaeff's time in the United States Navy Reserves.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Navy

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Operation Overlord

Shaeff, Charles B.

Gale O. Shreffler interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5758

Unit Date 2009 February 5

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:34)

Biographical / Historical

First Lieutenant Gale Shreffler joined the United States Army Air Force in 1941. He was a B-29 Navigator based on Tinian Island, Marianas Islands where he served with the 313th Bomb Wing, 504th Bomb Group. Shreffler took part in bombing raids over Japan and crash landed on Iwo Jima in July 1945.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States.—Army Air Forces

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean

Shreffler, Gale O., 1924-?

Alfred St. Clair interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5760

Unit Date 2006 November 7

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (11 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:10)

Biographical / Historical

Alfred St. Clair was born in Bedford County, Virginia in 1918. He was drafted into the United States Army in July 1941 and served until the end of World War II. He was with the Fifth Army in England, North Africa, and Italy, including the Battle of Anzio (Italy). He is the recipient of the Purple Heart.

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Anzio, Battle of, Anzio, Italy, 1944

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

St. Clair, Alfred, 1918-?

Philip O. Stewart interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5761

Unit Date 2006 October 18

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (11 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:41)

Biographical / Historical

Philip O. Stewart enlisted in the United States Army in 1941. His first assignments were stateside with an anti-aircraft artillery battalion. In 1944 he shipped overseas and joined the First Division at the Roer River (Germany) crossing. Stewart fought with the unit in Germany until he was seriously wounded near the end of World War II.

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Stewart, Philip O.

Jack Talbot interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5764

Unit Date 2006 October 24

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (19 pages) and audio (duration 00:07:00)

Biographical / Historical

Jack Talbot grew up in New Jersey and was working as a riveter when he was drafted into the United States Army in 1942. He shipped overseas in March 1943 and was assigned as a radioman at Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry. Talbot's unit served in North Africa, Sicily, France, and Germany until the end of World War II.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Operation Overlord

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Africa

Talbot, Jack

Samuel Tarkenton interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5765

Unit Date 2006 October 21

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (12 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:37)

Biographical / Historical

Samuel Tarkenton grew up in Norfolk, Virginia, and was drafted into the United States Army in March 1944. He shipped overseas as an infantry replacement in Company D, 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, in Czechoslovakia, and during the early part of the occupation was assigned to the war crimes trials in Nuremberg, Germany. Tarkenton was discharged in March 1946 and returned home to a career at the Norfolk Shipyard.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Samuel Tarkenton's experiences during his United States Army service.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)

Tarkenton, Samuel

George J. Tompkins, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5769

Unit Date 2009 March 4

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:05:08)

Biographical / Historical

George J. Tompkins, Jr. enlisted in the United States Army in September 1942. He went overseas in 1943 and was assigned as a radio operator with the 1st Signal Company, 1st Infantry Division. Following time in North Africa, Sicily, and England, Tompkins participated in the Normandy (France) landing on D-Day and subsequently went into Belgium and Germany where he was in the Battle of Hurtgen Forest. He was discharged in October 1945.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1944

Oral histories

United States. Army

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Operation Overlord

Hurtgen Forest, Battle of (Germany : 1944)

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Africa

Tompkins, George J., Jr. (George Johnson)

Meeks B. Vaughan interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5775

Unit Date 2005 February 6

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (30 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Captain Meeks B. Vaughan commissioned into the United States Army Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant in June 1942 while at the University of Tennessee. From March 1944 to October 1945 he was stationed at Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands), Bougainville (Solomon Islands), Leyte (Philippines), Morotai (Indonesia), and Palawan (Philippines), serving as an Intelligence Officer (S-2) and Captain.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Meeks B. Vaughan's early years growing up in Timpton County, Tennessee, as well

as his experiences during World War II.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Army—Officers
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
United States.—Army Air Forces
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean
Vaughan, Meeks B., 1919-?

William H. Wills interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5778

Unit Date 2006 October 25

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (19 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:33)

Biographical / Historical

A decorated veteran of World War II, William H. Wills was born in 1919 in New York City. He joined the United States Army in October 1940 and was assigned to the First Infantry Division, First Engineer Combat Battalion, B Company. Wills served for the entire war, fighting in North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily (Italy), and taking part in the D-Day landing on Omaha Beach (France). He subsequently fought in the Battle of the Bulge and ended the War in Czechoslovakia. After the War he served for 27 years as an officer with the New York City Police Department.

Keywords

United States. Army
Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Europe
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Africa
Operation Overlord
Ardennes, Battle of the (1944-1945)
Wills, William H., 1919-?

Tyson Wilson interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5779

Unit Date 2005 January 29

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (22 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel Tyson Wilson served with the United States Marine Corps (active duty and Reserves) from 1941 to 1977. For his service he received the Bronze Star with Combat V, the Purple Heart, and two Presidential Unit Citations (Guadalcanal and Tarawa).

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Tyson Wilson's service in World War II (2nd Marine Division) and briefly his time teaching Combat Intelligence at Quantico, Virginia, and his years teaching with the Economics, History and Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) departments at Virginia Military Institute.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps
Oral histories
World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean
Tarawa, Battle of, Kiribati, 1943
Wilson, Tyson, 1918-?

Korean War

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5579

Language English

William D. Badgett interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5580

Unit Date 2005 October 26

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (8 pages)

Biographical / Historical

William D. Badgett graduated from VMI in 1953 and served in the United States Air Force as a 1st Lieutenant from November 1953 to July 1955. From July 1954 to 1955 he was stationed in Korea. He served with the 608th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, first with Detachment #1 (Target Director Post) and then with Detachment #2 on the island of Pyongyang-do (radar surveillance). Badgett joined the VMI faculty in the fall of 1955 and spent his entire teaching career at VMI.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers William D. Badgett's experiences in Korea.

Keywords

Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1953

United States. Air Force—Officers

Badgett, William D., ?-2020

Ovid Belt interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5583

Unit Date 2010 February 20

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (9 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:20)

Biographical / Historical

In 1957 Ovid Belt enlisted in the United States Army and served two years active duty and two years in the reserves. He deployed overseas to Korea with the 34th Infantry Division and later saw stateside duty with the 14th Infantry Division.

Keywords

Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American

United States. Army

Oral histories

Belt, Ovid

Wesley L. Fox interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5644

Unit Date 2010 February 5

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (24 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:19)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel Wesley L. Fox enlisted in the United States Marines on August 4, 1950, and served two tours with the 1st Marine Division in Korea. He commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1966, and was first assigned to the 2nd Force Reconnaissance. He subsequently had numerous other assignments during his long and distinguished career. Fox's many decorations include the Medal of Honor and the Purple Heart.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

Fox, Wesley L.

Vernon A. Good interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5651

Unit Date 2006 February 21

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (10 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Vernon A. Good served with the United States Marines from September of 1950 through November of 1951. He in the Inchon-Seoul Campaign, Wonsan Hungnam Chosin Campaign, North Korea. Good has received the following awards: Korean Service Medal with the Silver Star National Defense Medal Presidential Unit Citation (three times) United Nations Service Medal Korea Presidential Unit Citation-Foreign (two times)

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Vernon A. Good's experiences during the Korean War.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps—Marine Regiment, 5th—Battalion, 2nd

Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

Good, Vernon A.

Raymond A. Johnson interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5675

Unit Date 2006 March 3

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (14 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Technical Sergeant Raymond A. Johnson served with the United States Marine Corps from 1948 to 1952.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Raymond A. Johnson's United States Marine Corps career and his experiences during the Korean War.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Oral histories

Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American

Johnson, Raymond A.

Joseph W. Kovac interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5685

Unit Date 2008 October 1

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (10 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:48)

Biographical / Historical

Joseph W. Kovac enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950 and served during the Korean War aboard the destroyer USS Allen M. Sumner (DD 692). The ship was active in Pusan, Korea, where the mission was to prevent the progress of enemy supply trains. Kovac left the Navy in 1954 and returned to civilian life.

Keywords

United States. Navy

Oral histories

Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American

Kovac, Joseph W., 1930?-

Leonard L. Lewane interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5692

Unit Date 2003 December 10

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (82 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Leonard L. Lewane commissioned in the United States Army following his graduation from VMI in 1950 and rose to the rank of Colonel before retiring in 1974. During the Korean War (1950-1953) he served with the 72nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division and the 64th Tank Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division. During the Vietnam War (1965-1966) he served with the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry "Quarter Horse", 1st Division "Big Red One." Lewane's Cold War assignments in Germany included Commander, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division (1972-1973) and Chief of Staff, United States Army Berlin (1973-1974).

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1950

United States. Army—Officers

Oral histories

Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Cold War

Lewane, Leonard L.

Charles W. McKellar interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5703

Unit Date 2006 March 2

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Charles W. McKellar served with the United States Army Transport Service (1944-1945), the United States Marine Corps (1945-1949 and 1951-1966), and with the United States Marine Corps Reserve (1949-1951).

Scope and Contents

This interview primarily covers Charles W. McKellar's experiences in the Korean War.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

McKellar, Charles W.

Bill R. Penn interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5727

Unit Date 2004 September 29

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (21 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Bill Rivers Penn, MD, served in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1955. This included a tour of duty with the United States Marines from November 1952 to May 1953 as a Fleet Marine Force (FMF) corpsman.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Bill R. Penn's experiences in the Korean War as a corpsman and as a prisoner of war.

Keywords

Oral histories

Prisoners of war

United States. Navy
United States. Marine Corps
Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American
Penn, Bill R. (Bill Rivers)

John T. Pepper interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5728

Unit Date 2005 March 3

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

John T. Pepper served with the Air National Guard as a mechanic prior to the Korean War. During the War he served as an infantryman.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers John T. Pepper's years of military service.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Army
Korean War, 1950-1953—Personal narratives, American
United States -- Air National Guard

Vietnam War

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5567

Language English

VMI Class of 1966 Vietnam Oral History Project

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6677

Scope and Contents

A collection addition in 2021 added supplemental material related to Craig D. Caldwell, Paul A. Robblee, Jr., Paul Wagner, Dale W. Saville, Randolph W. Urmston, and Edwin Y. Hines.

Ian H. Ackroyd-Kelly interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6678

Unit Date 2021 February 2

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Army
Ackroyd-Kelly, Ian H. (Ian Howard), 1944-

Robert T. Bland III interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6679

Unit Date 2021 June 15

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Army
Bland, Robert T. , III (Robert Tyler), 1943-

Michael D. Burton interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6680

Unit Date 2020 October 28

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American United States. Army

Burton, Michael D. (Michael Davies), 1944-

Craig D. Caldwell interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6681

Unit Date 2021 May 6

Creator Walters, John , A. (John Arthur), 1944-

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American United States. Army

Peter R. Charrington interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6682

Unit Date 2021 March 5

Keywords

Oral histories

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American United States. Army

Charrington, Peter R. (Peter Randolph), 1943-

Oliver D. Creekmore interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6683

Unit Date 2021 January 12

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American United States. Army

Creekmore, Oliver D. (Oliver David), 1944-

Clifford A. Crittsinger interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6684

Unit Date 2021 March 22

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American United States. Army

Crittsinger, Clifford A. (Clifford Andrew), 1941-

William W. Edmunds, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6685

Unit Date 2020 December 22

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Air Force
Edmunds, William W., Jr. (William Wilson), 1944-

Joseph M. Gesker interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6686

Unit Date 2021 January 22

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
Oral histories
United States. Army
Gesker, Joseph M. (Joseph Mitchell), 1944-

Thomas W. Gray interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6687

Unit Date 2021 January 5

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Army
Gray, Thomas W. (Thomas Wayne), 1944-

Thomas H. Harrel, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6688

Unit Date 2020 December 1

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Marine Corps
Harrel, Thomas H., Jr. (Thomas Howard), 1944-

Nathaniel R. Hoskot, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6689

Unit Date 2021 April 20

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Marine Corps
Hoskot, Nathaniel R., Jr. (Nathaniel Ramsey), 1943-

Edwin Y. Hines book

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/7338

Unit Date undated

Creator Hines, Edwin Y. (Edwin Yarbrough)

Scope and Contents

This file contains one book titled "VietNam 1968-1969" by Edwin Y. Hines.

David R. Kiernan interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6690

Unit Date 2021 January 29

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American United States. Army

Kiernan, David R. (David Richard)

Howard M. Lloyd, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6691

Unit Date 2021 February 18

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American United States. Army

Lloyd, Howard M., Jr. (Howard Marshall), 1944-

William G. McClure III interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6692

Unit Date 2021 April 29

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American United States. Marine Corps

McClure, William G., III (William Granville), 1944-

Miguel E. Monteverde interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6693

Unit Date 2021 March 2

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American United States. Army

Monteverde, Miguel E. (Miguel Enrique), 1944-

John R. Odom III interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6694

Unit Date 2021 March 26

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American United States. Marine Corps

Odom, John R., III (John Robert), 1945-

David R. Pinkus interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6695

Unit Date 2021 March 15

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Army
Pinkus, David R. (David Ralph), 1944-

Lawrence C. Reifsnider interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6696

Unit Date 2020 November 17

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Marine Corps
Reifsnider, Lawrence C. (Lawrence Clark), 1944-

Robin P. Ritchie

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6697

Unit Date 2020 September 23

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Army
Ritchie, Robin P. (Robin Polk), 1943-

Paul A. Robblee, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6698

Unit Date 2020 November 12

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Army
Robblee, Paul A., Jr. (Paul Ashworth), 1944-

John L. Rowe, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6699

Unit Date 2021 February 4

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Army
Rowe, John L., Jr. (John Louis), 1944-

Woodson A. Sadler, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6700

Unit Date 2021 January 28

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966
Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Marine Corps

Sadler, Woodson A., Jr. (Woodson Alexander), 1944-

Dale W. Saville interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6701

Unit Date 2020 December 3

Creator Caldwell, Jesse W. (Jesse Walters), 1901-?

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Army

Saville, Dale W. (Dale William), 1944-

James R. Smith, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6702

Unit Date 2020 December 18

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Army

Smith, James R., Jr. (James Russell), 1944-

James G. Szymanski interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6703

Unit Date 2021 April 1

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Army

Szymanski, James G. (James George), 1945-

John M. Turner interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6704

Unit Date 2021 February 23

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Marine Corps

Turner, John M. (John McLeod)

Randolph W. Urmston interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6705

Unit Date 2020 December 17

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Army

Urmston, Randolph W., 1944-

Paul A. Wagner interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6706

Unit Date 2020 December 10

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Air Force

Wagner, Paul A. (Paul Allyn), 1944-

John A. Walters interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6707

Unit Date 2021 February 16

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Army

Walters, John , A. (John Arthur), 1944-

Duane E. Williams interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6708

Unit Date 2021 May 4

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Army

Williams, Duane E. (Duane Edward), 1944-

James R. Williams interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6709

Unit Date 2021 March 18

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Marine Corps

Williams, James R. (James Richard), 1944-

Geoffrey R. Young interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6710

Unit Date 2020 November 6

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Marine Corps

Young, Geoffrey R. (Geoffrey Reynolds), 1944-

Terry G. Allison interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5568

Unit Date 2005 October 17

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (11 pages)

Biographical / Historical

From 1972 to 1973, Terry G. Allison served in the United States Navy as an Petty Officer Second Class, Aviation Storekeeper in San Diego (California), Millington (Tennessee), Yorktown (Virginia), and Vietnam.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Terry G. Allison's experiences during the Vietnam War.

Keywords

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

Allison, Terry G.

Norman M. Bissell interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5588

Unit Date 2007 February 27

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (42 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Brigadier General Norman Michael Bissell graduated from VMI in 1961 and commissioned in the United States Army, retiring in 1987. He served two tours as a combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam. His other assignments included: Commander of the 17th Aviation Group Commander of the Joint Republic of Korea Army and the United States Army Combined Aviation Force Director of the United States Army Flight Training and Deputy Chief and Acting Chief of Staff of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Two years in the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon as Executive Officer to the Director of Operations (J3).

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army—Officers

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Air pilots, Military

Bissell, Norman M. (Norman Michael), 1938-2019

Lawrence E. Boese interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5591

Unit Date 2004 March 28

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (10 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Lawrence E. Boese joined the United States Air Force following his graduation from VMI in 1966 and rose to the rank of Lieutenant General before retiring in 1996.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Lawrence E. Boese's three tours of duty in Vietnam (1968-1972) with particular emphasis upon Operation Linebacker. During the "Linebacker" period, he served as a F-4D/E aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and mission commander with the 308th Tactical Fighter Squadron out of Homestead Air Force Base, Florida.

Keywords

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

United States. Air Force—Officers

Air pilots, Military
Operation Linebacker (1972)
Boese, Lawrence E.

Michael L. Bozeman interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5592

Unit Date 2004 March 31

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (24 pages)

Biographical / Historical

After commissioning in 1967, Michael L. Bozeman spent three years in the United States Army, including a year in Vietnam, where he served with distinction as a platoon leader and commanded a Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Unit. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Ranger Tab. He is also a retired Brigadier General in the United States Army Reserve.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Michael L. Bozeman's service in Vietnam.

Keywords

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Army—Officers
Oral histories
Bozeman, Michael L.

George M. Brooke III interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5594

Unit Date 2006 April 24

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (12 pages)

Biographical / Historical

George M. Brooke, III, was a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps from 1967 to 1994, retiring at rank of Colonel. A summary of his military service includes: 1968-1969: First Marine Division, Vietnam, as an artillery forward observer and battery fire direction officer 1969-1972: United States Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as an Instructor, Gunnery Department 1973-1974: Third Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan, as a Rifle Company Commander 1974-1975: Marine Detachment, USS Canopus (AS-34), Holy Loch, Scotland, as a Commanding Officer 1976-1979: Second Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, as a Battalion Operations Officer, Logistics Officer, and Artillery Battery Commanding Officer 1983-1984: Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., as a Maritime Prepositioning Ships (MPS) Program Project Officer 1985-1986: III Marine Amphibious Force, Okinawa, Japan, as a Force Plans Officer 1986-1991: 1st Marine Corps District, Garden City, New York, as a Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, and Operations Officer 1991-1994: Joint Staff, Pentagon, in Washington, D.C., as a Division Chief, J-7 Directorate.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers George M. Brooke III's career with the United States Marine Corps.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1967
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Marine Corps—Officers—Biography
Oral histories
Brooke, George M., III

Bayes L. Bryant interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5599

Unit Date 2008 March 3

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:37)

Biographical / Historical

Bayes L. Bryant was born in Washington, D.C. in 1948 and enlisted in the United States Army in March 1968. He served until January 1972, completing two combat tours in Vietnam.

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Bryant, Bayes L., 1948-?

Lloyd C. Burger interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5601

Unit Date 2006 April 7

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (33 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Captain Lloyd C. Burger graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, and served with the Coast Guard from 1960 to 1988.

Keywords

United States.—Coast Guard

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

Burger, Lloyd C.

Leland H. Burgess interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5602

Unit Date 2005 September 27

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (8 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel Leland H. Burgess commissioned at the University of Alabama as a 2nd lieutenant of artillery in May of 1965. He entered active duty in February of 1966 and underwent Artillery Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Burgess was a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War from July 1967 to February 1968.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Leland H. Burgess' career as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War.

Keywords

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Air pilots, Military

United States. Army—Officers

Oral histories

Burgess, Leland H.

Richard F. Cayo interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5606**Unit Date** 2006 March 1**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 1 itemsTranscript (14 pages)**Biographical / Historical**

Richard F. Cayo served with the United States Navy from 1952 to 1973, serving on the USS Rushmore (LSD-47), USS Rankin (AKA-103), USS Cambria (APA-36), USS Okinawa (LPH-3), and USS DuPont (DD-941).

Keywords

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Navy

Oral histories

Cayo, Richard F., 1934-

William H. Dabney interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5619**Unit Date** 2005 September 8**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 1 itemsTranscript (84 pages)**Biographical / Historical**

An infantry officer, Colonel William H. Dabney served 37 years in the Marine Corps, including two tours in Vietnam. He earned numerous citations, including the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry, and the Navy Cross. While in Vietnam, he commanded India Company, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines, on Hill 881S during the Battle of Khe Sanh, for which he was awarded the Navy Cross in 2005.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Khe Sanh, Battle of (Vietnam : 1968)

Dabney, William H. (William Howard), 1934-2012

Charles L. Dailey interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5620**Unit Date** 2008 February 9**Language** English**Creator** Dailey, Charles L.**Extent** 2 itemsTranscript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:53)**Biographical / Historical**

Charles L. Dailey grew up in Pennsylvania, attending college there and in Indiana. He joined the United States Army in 1957, went through flight school, and was rated to fly both rotary and fixed wing aircraft. Dailey served two tours of duty in Vietnam, piloting the U-1A "Otter" and the twin-engine U-8D.

Keywords

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Air pilots, Military

United States. Army

Oral histories

Terry J. Davis interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5622

Unit Date 2008 February 21

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (11 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:44)

Biographical / Historical

Terry J. Davis commissioned in the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in April 1968 and entered active duty at Fort Bliss, Texas in September. He was assigned to the 1st Air Cavalry Division, serving in the Vietnam War from September 1969 to June 1970. Davis was a forward observer attached to an infantry company responsible for patrolling the jungles in the region known as the "corridors" to Saigon. He also participated in the invasion of Cambodia.

Keywords

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Army—Officers

Davis, Terry J., 1946-

Lee S. Dewald interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5626

Unit Date 2005 October 14

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (9 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Colonel Lee S. Dewald served on active duty with the United States Army from 1969 to 1992. His military service included time as a Brigade Assistant (Operations), 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam, during which he planned combat intelligence operations for two air cavalry troops, a ranger company, and was involved in many other intelligence-related assignments. Dewald also was a Professor of Applied Mathematics at VMI, retiring in 2017.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Lee S. Dewald's military career and experiences in Vietnam and the Hague as well as his time as a cadet at the Citadel.

Keywords

United States. Army—Officers

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Dewald, Lee S.

Blaise S. DiMartino interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5628

Unit Date 2005 February 17

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (14 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Blaise S. DiMartino served in the United States Navy from September 1966 to August 1970 as a machinery repairman, 3rd class. He spent one year in Vietnam aboard a river boat repair ship and 24 months aboard the USS Monticello (LSD-35), in the Pacific Region.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Blaise S. DiMartino's service in the United States Navy.

Keywords

United States. Navy

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

DiMartino, Blaise S.

Floyd H. Duncan interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5632

Unit Date 2004 April 1

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (7 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Floyd H. Duncan graduated from VMI in 1964 and was on active duty in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967. He subsequently served in the Army Reserves. From 1978 to 2013 he was a member of the VMI faculty.

Scope and Contents

This interview focuses on Floyd H. Duncan's tour of duty in Vietnam (1966-1967) and on his service in the Army Reserves during the Vietnam era.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1964

Oral histories

United States. Army

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Duncan, Floyd H.

Ronald A. Erchul interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5636

Unit Date 2006 February 23

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (11 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Captain Ronald A. Erchul spent twenty years in the United States Navy following his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1961. An ocean engineer, he received a Master's degree from the Naval Post-Graduate School and a PhD from the University of Rhode Island.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Ronald A. Erchul's years of active duty (1961-1981).

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Erchul, Ronald A. (Ronald Anton), 1938-2011

Alan F. Farrell interviews

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5640

Unit Date 2007-2010

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 3 itemsFirst interview transcript (12 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:11); Second interview transcript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Alan F. Farrell was born in 1945 in Hanover, New Hampshire and joined the United States Army (Special Forces) in 1966, serving in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. Following his Army service, Farrell received a Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD from Tufts University and began a career in higher education.

Scope and Contents

These interviews cover Alan F. Farrell's Special Forces training and experiences in the Vietnam War.

Keywords

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Army
Oral histories
Farrell, Alan F., 1945-

William J. Flanagan interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5643

Unit Date 2010 October 29

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (9 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:06)

Biographical / Historical

Admiral William J. Flanagan commissioned in the United States Navy in 1967 and was selected for flag rank in his 20th year of service. He was subsequently among the youngest officers to achieve four star rank. During his 29-year career, he served in all theaters of operations, including the Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, and Iraq War. Flanagan served as: Commander, United States Second Fleet Commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Striking Fleet Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet NATO's Commander-in-Chief, Western Atlantic Among his many military decorations are the Navy and Defense Distinguished Service Medals. Flanagan retired from the Navy in 1996.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives

Oral histories

Flanagan, William J.

Robert L. Gardner interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5648

Unit Date 2010 October 5

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (8 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:08)

Biographical / Historical

Robert L. Gardner served in the Vietnam War as a United States Army avionics technician in the 56th Battalion, 330th Company and attached to the 611th Company. He worked primarily on helicopters.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Gardner, Robert L.

William Grady and Thomas Turner interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5654

Unit Date 2004 August 14

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (31 pages) and document with photographs (19 pages)

Biographical / Historical

William Grady went through United States Army basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and then on to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he was with the 1st Division, 26th Infantry, C Company. He served in Vietnam and left the armed services as a Specialist 4.

Thomas Turner went through United States Army basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and then went to Fort Sam Houston, Texas for medical training. In Vietnam he served as a line medic for approximately eleven months in the field, one month in the rear. Upon his return from Vietnam, he worked in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in the flight surgeon's office.

Keywords

Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Army
United States -- Army -- Medical Corps
Grady, William
Turner, Thomas

Arbury D. Hooker interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5668

Unit Date 2005 October 15

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (14 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Arbury Daryl Hooker was drafted in June of 1969 into the United States Army Special Forces and served with Project Phoenix during the Vietnam War. During his military career he was stationed in Korea (1973-1974), Fort Bragg, California (1974-1976), Fort Greely, Alaska (1979), and Fort Eustis, Virginia (1979-1983). He also served with Task Force 160th Delta Force from 1983 to 1987 and in 1987, the Virginia Army National Guard.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Arbury D. Hooker's experiences in the Vietnam War, Korea, and Grenada.

Keywords

United States. National Guard
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
Oral histories
United States. Army
Grenada—History—American Invasion, 1983
Hooker, Arbury D. (Arbury Daryl)

Robert M. Hudson interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5671

Unit Date 2005 March 3

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel Robert M. Hudson served as a pilot with the United States Air Force and was a prisoner of war for 93 days in Vietnam. During his career he flew the T-39, B-52F, B-52D, B-52H, FB-111, F-100 and F-16. He served as: Chief, battlestaff, Looking Glass Base Commander, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas Base Commander at a classified location Inspector General, Ramstein Air Base, Germany Director of Strategic Air Command, Strategic Communication Division

Scope and Contents

This interview primarily covers Robert M. Hudson's service in the Vietnam War.

Keywords

United States. Air Force
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
Prisoners of war
Air pilots, Military
Oral histories
Hudson, Robert M.

William C. Jones interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5677

Unit Date 2007 February 25

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (19 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:19)

Biographical / Historical

Brigadier General William C. Jones was appointed to the United States Air Force Academy in 1960 and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1964. Upon completion of F-105 training in 1967, he was assigned to the 333rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, Takhli, Thailand, where he flew 189 combat missions, 123 over North Vietnam. Jones is a command pilot with over 6,000 flying hours in the T-33, T-37, T-38, F-102, F-105, F-106, A-7, C-26, and F-16 aircraft, including over 562 combat hours. He served as Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Headquarters, Virginia Air National Guard, based at Richmond International Airport, in Sandston. He retired in May 2001.

Keywords

United States -- Air National Guard

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Air pilots, Military

Oral histories

United States. Air Force—Officers

Jones, William C.

John P. Jumper interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5678

Unit Date 2010 October 5

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (16 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:21)

Biographical / Historical

General John P. Jumper, VMI Class of 1966, retired in 2005 after a distinguished 39 year career. He served as the 17th Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force from 2001 to 2005.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Oral histories

Air pilots, Military

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

United States. Air Force—Officers

Jumper, John P. (John Phillip), 1945-

Ronald W. Kosh interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5684

Unit Date 2007 February 25

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (28 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:55)

Biographical / Historical

Ronald W. Kosh enlisted in the United States Air Force in October 1962 and trained in air traffic control and combat control. His overseas deployments included assignments in the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, and Laos. Missions during the Vietnam War included deployment with Special Forces units and providing forward air control for interdiction of North Vietnamese Army materiel.

Keywords

United States. Air Force

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

Kosh, Ronald W.

Jerold L. Krumwiede interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5687

Unit Date 2006 February 12

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (16 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Captain Jerold L. Krumwiede graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1954 and served until 1980. Following graduation he was assigned duty as Gunnery Officer on USS Frank Knox (DDR 742). In 1957, he attended United States Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, earning an Master of Science in physics. His West Coast career focused on nuclear weapons at the Nuclear Weapons Training Command, and engineering assignments on USS Yorktown (CV 10) and Commander Destroyer Squadron 17 Staff. He became the Executive Officer of USS Morton (DD 748) serving tours in Vietnam theater.

On the East Coast, Krumwiede attended the Naval War College, concurrently earning an Master of Science in international affairs. This duty was followed by two years on the academic staff of the United States Naval Academy. This was followed by two years as Commanding Officer, USS Mullinix (DD 944). He served as Surface Operations Officer on COMCARGROUP FOUR Staff, followed by two years as Fleet Readiness Officer, CINCUSNAVEUR Staff, London, England. Following this duty he served four years on the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Surface Warfare Staff, in command and control and electronic warfare programs.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Cold War

Krumwiede, Jerold L.

James E. Livingston interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5694

Unit Date 2005 July 31

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (26 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Major General James E. Livingston retired in 1995 after more than 33 continuous years of active duty in the United States Marine Corps. His last assignment was as Commander of the Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans, Louisiana. He commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1962 and promoted to Captain in 1966, serving as the Commanding Officer of the Marine detachment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp (CV 18), before joining the 3rd Marine Division (Reinforced) in the Republic of Vietnam in August 1967.

On May 2, 1968, while serving as the Commanding Officer, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, Livingston distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty in action against enemy forces and earned the Congressional Medal of Honor. After his second tour in Vietnam, he served as an instructor at the Army's Infantry School, Director of Division Schools for the 1st Marine Division and, later, as the S-3 for 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. In March 1975, he returned to Vietnam and served as the Operations Officer for the Vietnam evacuation operations which included Operation "Frequent Wind," the evacuation of Saigon.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers James E. Livingston's experiences in Vietnam.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps—Officers

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

Livingston, James E.

Paul B. Maini interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5698

Unit Date 2005 February 17

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (20 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Colonel Paul B. Maini (VMI Class of 1966) served 20 years with the United States Army Infantry, Aviation. He served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 and Korea from 1977 to 1979.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Paul B. Maini's service in the Vietnam War.

Keywords

United States. Army

Air pilots, Military

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1966

Maini, Paul B.

Richard C. Marshall, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5700

Unit Date 2010 October 3

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (15 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:40)

Biographical / Historical

Richard C. Marshall, Jr. (VMI Class of 1965) entered the United States Air Force in December 1966 and trained as an F-4 Phantom pilot. He served three tours of duty in Vietnam where he was a forward air controller and also participated in rescue operations for downed pilots.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1965

United States. Air Force—Officers

Air pilots, Military

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Oral histories

Marshall, Richard C., Jr. (Richard Coke)

John G. Miller interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5708

Unit Date 2004 June 26

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (9 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel John G. Miller served in the United States Marines Corps from 1957 to 1985. During his career he spent two tours in Vietnam, the first as a rifle company commander and battalion assistant operation officer (1965-1966), and the second time as a Co-van advisor to the Vietnamese Marines (1970-1971).

Scope and Contents

This interview covers John G. Miller's experiences in the Vietnam War.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Miller, John G.

Richard S. Miller interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5709

Unit Date 2008 February 21

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (41 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:34)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Colonel Richard S. Miller (Retired) graduated from VMI in 1960 and commissioned in the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry. His active duty assignments include: 7th Infantry Division, Korea 5th Special Forces Group, Vietnam Analyst in the Offices of the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Army Assistant Professor (mathematics) at West Point, New York Instructor at the United States Navy Postgraduate School, California Miller retired from active duty in 1980.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1960

United States. Army

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Miller, Richard S., 1939-

William Moriarty interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5712

Unit Date 2004 June 24

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (20 pages)

Biographical / Historical

William Moriarty commissioned in the United States Marine Corps in 1959. In May 1964 he participated in an On the Job Training (OJT) program and was assigned to the 32nd Vietnamese Ranger Battalion as an advisor. In 1967 he was assigned to the Vietnamese Marine Corps.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers William Moriarty's experiences during the Vietnam War.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps—Officers

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Moriarty, William

Jeffrey H. Mosher interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5713

Unit Date 2004 May 31

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (17 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Jeffrey H. Mosher served in the United States Army from 1970 through 1973, during which time he achieved the rank of Specialist and was a helicopter crew chief door gunner. At the time of this interview he was a Chief Petty Officer with the United Navy Seabees.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Jeffrey H. Mosher's experiences in the Vietnam War.

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Mosher, Jeffrey H., 1952?-

John Ohmer interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5721

Unit Date 2010 October 20

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (12 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:07)

Biographical / Historical

Sergeant Major (Retired) John Ohmer enlisted in the United States Army in 1963. He received aviation training as a crew chief, working with Cobra and Huey helicopters during his three tours of duty in Vietnam. He subsequently worked as a recruiter, retiring from service in 1990.

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Ohmer, John

Wesley I. Rahn interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5735

Unit Date 2005 September 16

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (24 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Wesley I. Rahn joined the United States Air Force in 1961 and retired in 1981. He was stationed at Ft. George G. Meade (at the time, Tipton Army Air Field), Maryland as a weather equipment repairman. From 1966 to 1969 he served in Ramstein, Germany, installing weather equipment throughout Europe. From 1971 to 1972 Rahn was stationed in Vietnam as a tech sergeant. Upon his return to the United States he was stationed at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia in intermediate electronics maintenance. Following this service he became an instructor at the Military Airlift Command Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy, was stationed at Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama, and taught at the Senior Enlisted Academy.

Rahn worked with Lockheed Aircraft Company in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, teaching management and leadership to Saudi officers working in the Air Force. Subsequently, he worked for the Director of Air Training at Riyadh, Saudi Air Force headquarters, also teaching Royal Saudi Air Force officers advanced management courses. In Saudi Arabia, Rahn also worked for Dallah Avco at R Staff Headquarters, McDonald-Douglas, and also taught at a field training center in Dhahran, where he was promoted to be the superintendent of the facility, working for the Royal Saudi Air Force supervising Saudis and McDonald-Douglas employees who were training Saudis on how to maintain aircraft.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Wesley I. Rahn's experiences throughout his United States Air Force career.

Keywords

United States. Air Force

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Rahn, Wesley I.

Ronald Ray interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5737

Unit Date 2006 May

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (41 pages) and audio (duration 00:07:27)

Biographical / Historical

Ronald Ray was born in Kentucky in 1942 and graduated from Centre College (Kentucky) and the University of Louisville School of Law. He commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1964 and spent the next five years on active duty. He was deployed to the Dominican Republic, the Caribbean, and served as an advisor in Vietnam from March 1967 to March 1968. Ray served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense during the Reagan administration, on two presidential

commissions, and as a military historian at the United States Marine Corps Historical Center.

Keywords

Oral histories
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
United States. Marine Corps
Ray, Ronald, 1942-

William R. Ricks interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5741

Unit Date 2005 November 11

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (29 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel William R. Ricks served with the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1987 as a pilot of F-105s, F-4s, and F-15s.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers William R. Ricks' experiences as a pilot, his experiences in the Vietnam War, and his observations of Air Force participation in Operation Desert Storm.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Air Force—Officers
Air pilots, Military
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
Ricks, William R.

John W. Ripley interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5743

Unit Date 2004 June 25

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (19 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel John W. Ripley served for 35 years on active duty in the United States Marines Corps. He served two tours in Vietnam. During the second (1971-1972) he was Senior Advisor to the 3rd Vietnamese Marine Battalion, which operated along the demilitarized zone.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers John W. Ripley's experiences during his second tour in Vietnam (1971-1972).

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Marine Corps
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
Ripley, John W.

Joseph E. Rosinski interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5746

Unit Date 2005 February 12

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (18 pages)

Biographical / Historical

From January 1968 to August 1971, Joseph E. Rosinski served with the United States Air Force, Tactical Air Command (TAC) 38th and 37th Airlift Squadron Headquarters at Langley, Virginia as a Staff Sergeant, supply and logistics.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Joseph E. Rosinski's time in the service from 1967 to 1971.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Air Force
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
Rosinski, Joseph E.

Gilman Rud interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5747

Unit Date 2007 February 23

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (14 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:02)

Biographical / Historical

Gilman Rud entered the United States Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate program following his 1966 graduation from North Dakota State University. His distinguished 28 year career included 5,600 hours of flight time and 786 carrier landings. He also flew combat missions during the Vietnam War. He served as: Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 192 (Golden Dragons) Commanding Officer and Flight Leader of the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels) Captain of the Fleet Replenishment Oiler, USS Wabash (AOR 5) Commander of the the aircraft carrier USS Constellation (CV 64) Rud retired from active duty in 1995.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Navy—Officers
Air pilots, Military
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
Rud, Gilman

William P. Saunders interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5752

Unit Date 2005 March 3

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (17 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Colonel William P. Saunders served in the United States Air Force as an Aircraft Commander (AC-47), Flight Scheduler, 4th Special Operations Squadron at Bien Thuy Air Base/Bien Hoa Air base, Republic of Vietnam. He served with the Air Force through 1988.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Air Force—Officers
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
Saunders, William P.

Glenn A. Thieme interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5766

Unit Date 2007 March 13

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (34 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:44)

Biographical / Historical

Glenn A. Thieme was born in Wisconsin in 1931 and served in the United States Navy from July 1949 to June 1975, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Glenn A. Thieme's entire career, including his deployment to Vietnam in 1971.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Navy—Officers
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
Thieme, Glenn A., 1931-

Thomas D. Todd interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5768

Unit Date 2004 June 17

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (44 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Commanders Thomas D. Todd enlisted in the United States Navy in 1953. He served in the Inactive Reserves from 1957 to 1961, was an aviation officer candidate in 1961, a Naval officer from 1961 to 1968, and served in the Active Reserves from 1968 to 1982. He also served as Legal Officer VR-22 in Norfolk, Virginia from 1962 to 1965, as Assistant Air Intelligence Officer on the USS Coral Sea (CVA 43) from 1965 to 1967, and as a political analyst for FICUR NASJAX, Florida.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Thomas D. Todd's years of military service.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Navy—Officers

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Todd, Thomas D.

James R. Treadwell interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5770

Unit Date 2007 February 19

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (11 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:48)

Biographical / Historical

James R. Treadwell served in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic and engine and crew chief (1971-1973), and as a KC-135 boom operator and flight engineer (1973-1979). During the Vietnam War he flew on missions to refuel fighter aircraft flying over Cambodia.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers James R. Treadwell's military career.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Air Force

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Treadwell, James R., 1952-

Blair P. Turner interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5772

Unit Date 2010 March 4

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (26 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:11)

Biographical / Historical

Blair P. Turner commissioned into the United States Navy on April 10, 1970 as a Surface Warfare Officer. He served two overseas deployments during the Vietnam War (1970-1971), and was assigned to the USS Windham County (LST 1170). Turner left active duty in 1973, remaining in the Reserve through 1975. At the time of this interview he was a Professor of History at the Virginia Military Institute.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Navy—Officers

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Turner, Blair P., 1947-

Steven M. Yedinak interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5780

Unit Date 2010 March 11

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:33)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Colonel Steven M. Yedinak (Retired) commissioned into the United States Army Infantry in 1963 and subsequently spent 26 years in Special Forces and Airborne Infantry. He served two combat tours in Vietnam (1966-1967 and 1971-1972), and started the Mobile Guerrilla Force. He is the author of "Hard to Forget: An American with the Mobile Guerrilla Force in Vietnam" (Random House, 1998). Yedinak retired from the Army in 1989.

Keywords

United States. Army—Officers

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Yedinak, Steven M.

Frank Yusi interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5782

Unit Date 2005 February 19

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (30 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Frank Yusi attended United States Navy boot camp in January of 1965 as a seaman recruit, but was then picked up for Officer Candidate School (OCS) and graduated in April. In November 1965 he began service in the South China Sea on a destroyer. From August 1967 to January 1969 he served in Vietnam on river patrol boats (River Division 533 in the Mekong Delta). Following this service Yusi went to OCS as an instructor at Newport, Rhode Island and then returned to destroyers as an engineer. He served for several tours on destroyers, as well as two tours at the Naval War College, one as a student and one on staff. In 1984 he returned as a senior student at the Naval War College and finished his career after being in command and being an Executive Officer on destroyers and frigates, Naval Training Service Center School for Recruits at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Scope and Contents

This interview primarily covers Frank Yusi's service in the Vietnam War, but also his time at the Naval War College, Rhode Island.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Yusi, Frank

Anthony C. Zinni interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5784

Unit Date 2004 June 29

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (19 pages)

Biographical / Historical

General Anthony C. Zinni was an advisor with the South Vietnamese Marines in 1967. Subsequent assignments include the following: Deputy Commander in Chief, United States Central Command Commanding General, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Commander, Combined Task Force for Operation United Shield Chief of Staff and Deputy Commanding General of combined task force Provide Comfort Special Advisor to the Secretary of State Senior Advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies Zinni's decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V and gold star in lieu of a second award, and the Purple Heart.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Anthony C. Zinni's experiences as an advisor with the South Vietnamese Marines

This interview covers Anthony C. Zinni's experiences as an advisor with the South Vietnamese Marines (1967).

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Marine Corps
Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American
Zinni, Anthony C. (Anthony Charles), 1943-

Persian Gulf War

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5571

Language English

Steven L. Amato interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5572

Unit Date 2010 November 9

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (18 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:44)

Biographical / Historical

Steven L. Amato, a 1983 VMI graduate, entered active duty in October 1983. He trained as a B-52 navigator and was deployed during Operation Desert Storm (January 1991). In addition to his many assignments, he served at the Pentagon and worked on President George W. Bush's first inaugural. Amato also served as the Head of VMI's Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFROTC) detachment.

Keywords

Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives
Oral histories
Amato, Steven L.

William F. Andrews interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5575

Unit Date 2008 March 15

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (16 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:44)

Biographical / Historical

William F. Andrews graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1980 and began pilot training the same year. He has flown the T-37, EF-111, and the F-16. He was deployed in Operation Desert Storm and was a prisoner of war for eight days. Andrews subsequently served as an F-16 squadron and group commander, staff officer for the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C., and taught at the National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

Keywords

Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives
Prisoners of war
Air pilots, Military
Oral histories
Andrews, William F., 1958-2015

Jim Carver interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5604

Unit Date 2010 February 20

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (10 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:00)

Biographical / Historical

Jim Carver had a distinguished career as a senior non-commissioned officer in the United States Army.

Jim Carver had a distinguished career as a senior non-commissioned officer in the United States Army Special Forces. He was deployed to Operation Desert Storm while assigned to Operational Detachment Alpha 326, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), serving as an Engineer Sergeant. Carver subsequently held senior special forces training and operations management positions at Fort Bragg, California, and served as a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Military Science Instructor at the University of Richmond, Virginia.

Keywords

Oral histories
Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives
United States. Army
Carver, Jim

Timothy Heely interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5663

Unit Date 2005 February 7

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (19 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Timothy Heely graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1975 and commissioned that same year. He trained as a pilot and served with distinction for 30 years, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers
Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives
Air pilots, Military
Oral histories
Heely, Timothy

James G. Kyser interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5688

Unit Date 2010 September 14

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (32 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:00)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel James G. Kyser, a United States Naval Academy graduate, had a distinguished career in the Marines Corps from 1985 to 2009. His many deployments included Desert Shield and Desert Storm (1990-1991), special operations missions in Europe and Africa, and the Iraq War. Kyser retired in July 2009 after 24 years of service.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Marine Corps
Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives
Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives
Kyser, James G.

Charles H. Litz interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5693

Unit Date 2007 February 18

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (18 pages) and audio (duration 00:00:04)

Biographical / Historical

Captain Charles H. Litz received his Bachelor of Science from the United States Naval Academy and his Master of Science from the National War College. From June 1976 to July 2002 he served a carrier

helicopter pilot flying the SH-3H. Litz participated in Desert Storm as part of Airwing on the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Air pilots, Military

Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives

Litz, Charles H.

Thomas A. Magno interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5697

Unit Date 2007 February 23

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (8 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Commander Tom A. Magno spent 22 years as a United States Navy flight officer, piloting E-2 Hawkeyes and F-14A/F-14B Tomcats. He accrued 2500 flight hours/650+ arrested landings, and saw combat tours in Libya (1986), Bosnia (1993), and Iraq (Operation Desert Shield, 1990). Magno retired in 2003.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives

Air pilots, Military

Magno, Thomas A.

Timothy S. McElhannon interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5702

Unit Date 2005 October 5

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (12 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Commander Timothy S. McElhannon entered the United States Navy in May 1980 upon graduation from the University of Georgia, received his commission in August 1980, and earned his Naval Aviator wings in July 1981. His operational tours include Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Thirty-Four in Norfolk, Virginia and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Forty-Three in San Diego, California. McElhannon deployed to the Persian Gulf twice (1983 and 1989) during the Iran/Iraq War where he participated in the escort of re-flagged tankers during the final stage of the War. He subsequently was selected for naval attache duty.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Timothy S. McElhannon's career through 2002.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives

Air pilots, Military

Oral histories

McElhannon, Timothy S. (Timothy Sean)

J. H. Binford Peay III interviews

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5725

Unit Date 2007

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 3 itemsFirst interview transcript (14 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:31); Second interview transcript (11 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Following his distinguished career in the United States Army, General J. H. Binford Peay III became VMI's 14th Superintendent in 2003. Detailed biographical information is available upon request.

Scope and Contents

The first interview covers J. H. Binford Peay III's years as a VMI cadet (1958-1962). The second interview contains reflections on his military service and the challenges facing the army.

Keywords

United States. Army—Officers

Oral histories

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1962

Cold War

Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives

Virginia Military Institute—Alumni—Biography

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1960-1969

Peay, J. H. Binford, III, 1940-

Brian L. Quisenberry interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5734

Unit Date 2006 February 22

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (21 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Captain Brian L. Quisenberry graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1981 and commissioned in the United States Navy.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Brian L. Quisenberry's assignments throughout his active duty and reserves career.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute -- Class of 1981

United States. Navy—Officers

Persian Gulf War, 1991—Personal narratives

Oral histories

Quisenberry, Brian L.

Afghan War and Iraq War

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5612

Language English

Robert J. Cook interviews

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5613

Unit Date 2005-2010

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsFirst interview transcript (16 pages); Second interview transcript (13 pages);

Biographical / Historical

Robert J. Cook was on active duty with the United States Army for over 20 years, first as an enlisted soldier and subsequently as an officer. He is a decorated combat veteran who was deployed to Afghanistan, with a background in military intelligence and aviation. From 2005 to 2006 he served as

aide-de-camp to the Commanding General at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Cook has served twice in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) department at VMI.

Keywords

Oral histories
Afghan War, 2001-2021—Personal narratives
Air pilots, Military
United States. Army
Cook, Robert J. (Robert James)

Steven Craig interviews

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5616

Unit Date 2008-2010

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 3 itemsFirst interview transcript (17 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:15); second interview transcript (14 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Captain Steven Craig is a UH-1N helicopter pilot and a decorated veteran of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. He enlisted in the United States Marines Corps in 1989 and subsequently was commissioned and went to flight school. He was deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom in 2004, and in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 to 2006. In 2010 Craig was assigned to the VMI Naval ROTC Department as a Marine Corps Instructor.

Keywords

Air pilots, Military
United States. Marine Corps
Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives
Afghan War, 2001-2021—Personal narratives
Oral histories
Craig, Steven

Gary A. Bissell interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5586

Unit Date 2007 February 27

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (7 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:15)

Biographical / Historical

Following his graduation from VMI in 1989, Gary A. Bissell commissioned in the United States Army and trained as a helicopter pilot. After leaving active duty, he has continued to serve in the Army National Guard and the Reserves, and was deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1989
Oral histories
Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives
Military helicopters
Air pilots, Military
United States. Army—Officers
Bissell, Gary A.

William Bither interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5589

Unit Date 2005 February 23

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (7 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Colonel William Bither first served with the United States Army 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington as a rifle platoon leader. He then joined United States Army Special Forces and has been stationed in Korea, Quantico (Virginia), the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, Germany, Fort Bragg (California), Kuwait, and Iraq.

Keywords

Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives
United States. Army—Officers
Oral histories
Bither, William

Thomas A. Brashears interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5593

Unit Date 2005 February 25

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (8 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Captain Thomas A. Brashears was 9 3/4 years active with the 18th Field Artillery Brigade Airborne, 1st Armored Division. He deployed to Kosovo from May to December, 2000 and to Iraq as Battery Commander from April 2003 to July 2004.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Thomas A. Brashears' experiences in Iraq.

Keywords

Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives
United States. Army
Oral histories
Brashears, Thomas A.

Robert Churchill interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5608

Unit Date 2005 October 16

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (15 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Major Robert Churchill served with the United States Air Force from May 19, 1991 to August 15, 2005, and since August 16, 2005 he has served with the United States Air Force Reserves. He attended graduate Space Training and then went into Space Command as an orbit analyst in Space Ops. He then went into pilot training, to Reese Air Force Base, Texas, and then on to F-16 training. At the time of this interview, Churchill was with the 302nd Fighter Squadron.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Robert Churchill's career with the United States Air Force and the United States Air Force Reserves.

Keywords

Air pilots, Military
Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives
United States. Air Force—Officers
Oral histories
Churchill, Robert

Jose L. Crespo interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5617**Unit Date** 2010 October 12**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 itemsTranscript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:47)**Biographical / Historical**

At the time of this interview Jose L. Crespo was a logistics officer in the United States Air Force. He has been deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Keywords

Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives

Afghan War, 2001-2021—Personal narratives

United States. Air Force—Officers

Oral histories

Crespo, Jose L., 1980-

Tim Daniel interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5621**Unit Date** 2005 November 5**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 1 itemsTranscript (8 pages)**Biographical / Historical**

Major Tim Daniel began serving with the United States Air Force in January of 1983. He has been an A-10 pilot, T-37 instructor pilot, and an OA-10 pilot, and has 3500 hours of flight time with 100 hours of combat time in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Keywords

Air pilots, Military

Oral histories

Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives

Afghan War, 2001-2021—Personal narratives

United States. Air Force—Officers

Daniel, Tim

Frank Diorio interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5629**Unit Date** 2008 March 28**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 itemsTranscript (36 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:16)**Biographical / Historical**

Major Frank Diorio graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1996 and immediately commissioned in the United States Marine Corps. He has been deployed to the Kuwait/Iraqi border (1997-2000), Djibouti, Africa (2004), and Al Anbar Province, Iraq (2005).

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives

Oral histories

Diorio, Frank, 1973-

Jon A. Drake interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5631

Unit Date 2005 October 7

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (6 pages)

Biographical / Historical

A combat engineer, Captain Jon A. Drake served in support of Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo. He later deployed to Iraq in February 2004 as a company commander for Alpha Company, 82nd Engineer Battalion.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army

Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives

Drake, Jon A.

Michael Johnson interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5674

Unit Date 2006 February 10

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (26)

Biographical / Historical

Michael Johnson enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in August 1993. At the time of this interview, he was a Military Occupational Specialty 0629 (MOS) Communications Chief (E-7). Johnson has served: With 1st Anglico/Camp Pendleton As a drill instructor at Parris Island, South Carolina With the 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company As Assistant Marine Officer Instructor (AMOI) at VMI Johnson deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives

Afghan War, 2001-2021—Personal narratives

Oral histories

Johnson, Michael

Benjamin Kimsey interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5680

Unit Date 2008 March 5

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (12 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:38)

Biographical / Historical

Benjamin Kimsey is a member of the VMI Class of 2009. From 2002 to 2005 he was on active duty in the United States Army in the 116th Brigade, 29th Infantry Division, and was deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Afghanistan. Kimsey subsequently became a member of the National Guard, in Delta 1 of the 19th Special Forces Group in Kingwood, West Virginia.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Benjamin Kimsey's active duty service and his experience as a VMI cadet.

Keywords

United States. Army

United States. National Guard

Afghan War, 2001-2021—Personal narratives

Oral histories

Kimsey, Benjamin

Phillip A. Suydam interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5763

Unit Date 2010 February 19

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (28 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:57)

Biographical / Historical

Phillip A. Suydam served in the United States Air Force for 21 years as an Air Force Security Forces Officer. He provided security, police services, force protection planning, and information security program management. His assignments took him to Germany, Guam, and the United Arab Emirates. In 2004 Suydam deployed to Joint Base Balad, Iraq as the Commander of the 332d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Air Force—Officers

Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives

Suydam, Phillip A.

James G. Wicker interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5777

Unit Date 2006 April 26

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (10 pages)

Biographical / Historical

James G. Wicker entered the United States Navy in 1979, serving on deployments to the Persian Gulf as an Executive Officer to a minesweeper during the Iran-Iraq War, and deployed to the Mediterranean, the Pacific, and Indian Oceans. During his career he served on board the USS Goldsborough (DDG 20), the USS Sides (FFG 14), the USS Elusive (AM 225), and the USS Bainbridge (CGN 25).

Scope and Contents

This interview covers James G. Wicker's United States Navy career.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Navy—Officers

Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives

Wicker, James G.

Patrick M. Young Interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5781

Unit Date 2007 February 27

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (18 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:41)

Biographical / Historical

At the time of this interview, Lance Corporal Patrick Young was serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserves and was a member of the Virginia Military Institute Class of 2009. His unit was B. Company, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion out of Roanoke, Virginia. Young is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Scope and Contents

This interview primarily covers Patrick M. Young's combat experiences during his deployment to Iraq in 2005.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Oral histories

Iraq War, 2003-2011—Personal narratives

Young, Patrick M.

Keith R. Anderson interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5573**Unit Date** 2010 October 3**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (12 pages) and audio (duration 00:04:13)**Biographical / Historical**

Keith R. Anderson served as an active duty Marine Corps officer for eleven years (1980-1992). During his career he flew the H-53 Sea Stallion helicopter, and in addition, spent four years as a Marine One pilot (HMX, presidential helicopter squadron) during the Reagan and Bush administrations. Since leaving military service, Anderson has worked as a jet pilot in corporate aviation.

Keywords

Oral histories

Air pilots, Military

Anderson, Keith R.

Thomas P. Arendes interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5576**Unit Date** 2008 September 23**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (14 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:34)**Biographical / Historical**

Thomas Arendes joined the United States Navy following his graduation from high school in 2006. At the time of this interview he was an Electrician's Mate, 3rd Class, in the nuclear field, and was serving on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71).

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Thomas P. Arendes' service to date and in particular his training as a nuclear operator.

Keywords

United States. Navy

Oral histories

Arendes, Thomas P.

Kenneth W. Baity interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5581**Unit Date** 2008 September 27**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 items Transcript (21 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:53)**Biographical / Historical**

Kenneth W. Baity served in the United States Navy on the USS Sam Houston (SSBN-609). His enlisted rate was Machinist Mate/Engineering Laboratory Technician Nuclear.

Keywords

United States. Navy

Oral histories

Baity, Kenneth W., 1959-

Brandon A. Bissell interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5584**Unit Date** 2007 February 16**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (10 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:38)

Biographical / Historical

Brandon A. Bissell accepted a commission in the United States Army following his graduation from VMI in 1998. He served with the 101st Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, flying Black Hawk helicopters. He also has been a company Executive Officer, platoon leader, S-1 and S-3. Bissell subsequently spent two years in Korea.

Keywords

United States. Army
Air pilots, Military
Military helicopters
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1998
Oral histories
Bissell, Brandon A.

Marti J. Bissell interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5587

Unit Date 2007 February 2

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Colonel Marti J. Bissell commissioned in the United States Army in 1988. She trained as a helicopter test pilot and has served on active duty in Korea, Germany, and Fort Riley, Kansas.

Keywords

Air pilots, Military
Military helicopters
United States. Army—Officers
Oral histories
Bissell, Marti J.

Charles F. Brower IV interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5596

Unit Date 2005 March 2

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Brigadier General Charles F. Brower, IV served in the United States Army from 1969 to 2001, serving in: United States Army Europe and Africa (USAREUR) RVN Continental United States in the 4th Armored Division, 101st Airborne Division, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), and 23rd Infantry Division Cavalry Troop Commander, RVN, from 1971 to 1972 Brower was an Professor, departments of History and Behavior Sciences and Leadership, at the United States Military Academy. He also served as Deputy Superintendent and Dean of the Faculty at VMI from 2001 to 2008.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Charles F. Brower IV's service as Army Aide to President Ronald Reagan from 1982 to 1984.

Keywords

Oral histories
United States. Army—Officers
Brower, Charles F., IV

Kenneth R. Brown interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5598**Unit Date** 2005 February 24**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 1 itemsTranscript (5 pages)**Biographical / Historical**

Lieutenant Kenneth R. Brown enlisted in the Navy in 1994. He received a four-year Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship to Norwich University and received his commission in 1999. He has served as a Surface Warfare Officer.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Navy—Officers

Brown, Kenneth R. (Kenneth Randolph)

Frank W. Buckles interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5600**Unit Date** 2010 February 27**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 itemsTranscript (8 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:41)**Biographical / Historical**

Frank Woodruff Buckles was born in 1901 and grew up on a farm in Missouri. He enlisted age 16 and joined the United States Army Ambulance Corps, arriving in France a few months before the end of World War I. At the beginning of World War II he was working as a civilian in the Philippines when he was captured by the Japanese and held in a prisoner of war camp for more than three years.

Keywords

World War, 1914-1918—Personal narratives, American

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives

Prisoners of war

Oral histories

United States. Army

Buckles, Frank W. (Frank Woodruff), 1901-2011

Steven E. Day interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5623**Unit Date** 2010 February 6**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History**Extent** 2 itemsTranscript (48 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:42)**Biographical / Historical**

Rear Admiral Steven E. Day enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1967 and received his commission in 1979. His long career has included numerous posting stateside and overseas.

Keywords

United States.—Coast Guard

Oral histories

Day, Steven E.

James Eicher interview**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/5635**Unit Date** 2005 October 17**Language** English**Creator** Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (16 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel Eicher served with the United States Marine Corps for 26 years as an aviator, commissioning in November 1970.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers James Eicher's experience flying the OV-10 and the AV-8 ("The Harrier"), and his thoughts on military flight technology.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Air pilots, Military

Oral histories

Eicher, James

Steven V. Ferguson interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5642

Unit Date 2006 February 10

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (16 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Steven V. Ferguson served with the United States Navy, four years active and two years reserve. He served on the USS Gearing (DD-710).

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Steven V. Ferguson's United States Navy career.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Navy

Ferguson, Steven V.

Victoria P. Friedensen interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5645

Unit Date 2010 October 5

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (9 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:16)

Biographical / Historical

Victoria P. Friedensen holds an Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina and and Master of Science from Virginia Tech. Her career has included positions at the National Academy of Science and the National Academy of Engineering. At the time of this interview, Friedensen was a civilian employee at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), where she was the acting program manager of the Lunar Precursor Robotic Program.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Friedensen, Victoria P.

John D. Gober interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5650

Unit Date 2008 October 12

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (20 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:28)

Biographical / Historical

John D. Gober, M.D., served as a United States Navy flight surgeon.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers John D. Gober's various training and assignment experiences.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Gober, John D.

Paul F. Gorman interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5652

Unit Date 2014 May 26

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 4 items Transcript (47 pages); audio part one (duration 00:59:54); audio part two (duration 00:59:54); audio part three (duration 00:51:51)

Biographical / Historical

Paul F. Gorman is a retired United States Army General whose active duty spanned an enlistment in the United States Navy toward the end of World War II, graduation from West Point in 1950, three years of infantry combat in Korea and Vietnam, and two decades of assignments in the upper echelons of the Pentagon.

Scope and Contents

This interview concentrates on United States and Latin American security relations during the Ronald Reagan administration.

Keywords

United States. Army—Officers

Oral histories

United States. Navy

Gorman, Paul F.

Reagan, Ronald, 1911-2004

William R. Grace interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5653

Unit Date 2005 February 6

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (17 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel William R. Grace was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1981. Upon completion of the Basic School he reported to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, for flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1983. He received his initial AH-1J training with Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 303 at Camp Pendleton, California. During his distinguished career, Grace has served with numerous Marine Corps Helicopter Squadrons, including Marine Helicopter Squadron One, which supports White House missions worldwide. He led presidential detachments on four continents while serving under presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps—Officers—Biography

Air pilots, Military

Oral histories

Grace, William R., 1959-

Chris Gray interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5655

Unit Date 2006 March 3

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Chris Gray graduated from the Naval Academy in 2001. He subsequently reported to Nuclear Power School and then went to Prototype in Charleston, South Carolina. He was first assigned to the USS Tennessee (SSBN-734) in Kings Bay, Georgia. Gray spent three years on board the USS Tennessee and was an instructor with VMI's Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Chris Gray's military education and career through 2006.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Gray, Chris

George F. Hafkemeyer interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5656

Unit Date 2010 March 10

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (28 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:12)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel George F. Hafkemeyer served for 30 years in the United States Army as a an officer in the areas of maintenance, material management, and logistics. In addition to his stateside assignments, he served overseas in Germany, Kuwait, and Sweden.

Keywords

United States. Army—Officers

Oral histories

Hafkemeyer, George F.

Evan T. Hanks interviews

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5660

Unit Date 2005-2007

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 3 items First interview transcript (7 pages); Second interview transcript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:19)

Biographical / Historical

At the time of this interview, Evan T. Hanks, VMI Class of 2007, served with the 192nd Maintenance Squadron, Virginia Air National Guard as an aircraft structural mechanic and corrosion control journeyman.

Scope and Contents

These two interviews cover Evan T. Hanks' experiences working on F-15s and F-16s.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States -- Air National Guard

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 2007

Hanks, Evan T.

Alexis Hart interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5662

Unit Date 2006 February 22

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (15 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Alexis Hart commissioned with the United States Navy in May 1993. From August 1993 to April 1994 she was a student at the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia. From May 1994 to June 1997, she

served as Division Officer on board the USS Essex (LHD 2), and was first woman assigned to an amphibious ship. From July 1997 to June 1999, Hart served as Instructor at the Navy Supply Corps School.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Alexis Hart experiences on board the USS Essex (LHD 2).

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Hart, Alexis

Maurice B. Hill, Jr. interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5664

Unit Date 2006 February 21

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (10 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Rear Admiral Maurice B. Hill, Jr. served in the United States Navy Dental Corps on both active duty and in the reserves.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Hill, Maurice B., Jr.

Alvin N. Hockaday interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4971

Unit Date 2019 July 17

Language English

source Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Creator Gallahan, Maxwell R.

Extent 1 itemsDVD

Biographical / Historical

Sergeant Major Alvin N. Hockaday, United States Marine Corps (Retired), was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia. After completing high school in 1960, he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he was trained as a Marksmanship Instructor and Rifle Team Member. In 1965, Hockaday served his first tour of duty in Vietnam until he was wounded in 1966. From 1966 to 1968 he served as an instructor at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School. He returned to Vietnam in 1968 and was wounded again in 1969.

Hockaday returned to the United States in 1974 and was assigned as the first enlisted Marine Instructor at the VMI. In 1977 he was assigned to The Marine Corps Ceremonial Units at Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. Following his retirement from the Marine Corps in 1990, Hockaday became the first Sergeant Major to the Corps of Cadets at VMI, a position he held until 2003.

Keywords

Oral histories

Virginia Military Institute—History—20th century

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Donald B. Holt interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5665

Unit Date 2008 October 13

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (15 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:26)

Biographical / Historical

Donald B. Holt enlisted in the United States Navy in 1971 and after boot camp trained in electronics and

nuclear power. He served as a reactor operator on the submarine USS Billfish (SSN 676), and subsequently was an instructor in a nuclear power training unit. Holt received his honorable discharge in 1979 after serving almost nine years.

Keywords

United States. Navy
Oral histories
Holt, Donald B.

Vernon C. Honsinger interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5667

Unit Date 2005 February 6

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (12 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Captain Vernon C. Honsinger enlisted in the Navy in 1951 and served for 30 years. Among his many assignments were those of Operations Officer and Chief Engineer on the USS Laffey (DD 724) in the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea, and Weapons Officer and Assistant Engineering Officer on the USS Seadragon (SSN 584), Pacific Ocean.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers
Oral histories
Honsinger, Vernon C.

Rodney A. Hottle interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5669

Unit Date 2007 February 18

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (12 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:13)

Biographical / Historical

Rodney A. Hottle, VMI Class of 1976, served in the United States Air Force from 1977 to 2003. He was a Missile Officer from 1977 to 1996 and subsequently transferred into Services.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1976
Oral histories
United States. Air Force—Officers
Hottle, Rodney A.

Reed Johnson interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5676

Unit Date 2006 August 24

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (21 pages) and audio (duration 01:04:19)

Biographical / Historical

Dr. Reed Johnson graduated from VMI in 1953 with a degree in physics. After completing post-graduate work at the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology (ORSORT), he was employed by Electric Boat and was involved in testing and designing radiation shields for the earliest nuclear submarines, including the Nautilus (SSN 571) and the Seawolf. He subsequently worked in many other nuclear projects during the 1950s, including the United States Army Package Power Reactor.

Keywords

Nuclear submarines
Oral histories
Johnson, Reed

Kristopher G. Kowalczyk interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5686

Unit Date 2007 March 1

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (7 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:39)

Biographical / Historical

Kristopher G. Kowalczyk was born in 1982 and enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 17. He trained as an ammunition specialist and subsequently went to flight school, becoming an Apache helicopter pilot. Among his assignments was a 12 month deployment to Kosovo, Serbia.

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

Air pilots, Military

Peacekeeping forces, American

Kosovo (Republic)

Kowalczyk, Kristopher G., 1982-

Daryl Laninga interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5689

Unit Date 2005 February 16

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (8 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Major Daryl Laninga joined the United States Marine Corps in 1983. He served as an enlisted infantryman (mortar man) for nine and a years, commissioned via the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program in 1992.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Daryl Laninga's service in the United States Marine Corps through 2005.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Marine Corps—Officers

Laninga, Daryl

Jerome Leugers interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5691

Unit Date 2010 October 13

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:13)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Commander (retired) Jerome Leugers commissioned in the United States Navy 1973 and spent his career as a naval aviator, flying the C-1, Saberline, C-9, and A-6. He served on active duty for ten years and subsequently in the reserves, retiring after 20 years.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Air pilots, Military

Leugers, Jerome

Mark G. Martin interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5701

Unit Date 2007 March 9

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (16 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:04)

Biographical / Historical

Commander Mark G. Martin commissioned in the United States Navy in April 1985 and earned his Aviator wings in June 1986.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Mark G. Martin's career through 2006.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Air pilots, Military

Martin, Mark G.

Robert McMasters interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5705

Unit Date 2006 February 23

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Commander Robert McMasters served with the United States Navy on the USS Will Rogers (SSBN 659) as division officer from September 1979 to June 1982. From June 1982 to June 1984 he served as the S1W Prototype leading engineering officer of the watch, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Robert McMasters' naval career.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Cold War

Oral histories

McMasters, Robert

Robert P. McMullen interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5706

Unit Date 2008 October 6

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:51)

Biographical / Historical

Robert P. McMullen enlisted in the United States Marines in December 2000 and served for four years. He was assigned to the Legal Services Support Section (LSSS) and the unit was deployed to Kuwait from 2002 to 2003.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Oral histories

McMullen, Robert P., 1981-

Thomas B. Moncure interviews

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5711

Unit Date 2005-2007

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsFirst interview transcript (23 pages); Second interview transcript (10 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel Thomas B. Moncure, VMI Class of 1972, commissioned into the United States Air Force in 1972 through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at VMI. He graduated from pilot training in May 1973 and he served as a command pilot with over 3150 flying hours in B-52, T-38, FB-111A, F-111F, and B-1 aircraft. His other assignments included that of Deputy Director of Plans and Programs, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies at Air Force ROTC Det 880, VMI. Moncure retired from the Air Force in 2002.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1972

United States. Air Force—Officers

Oral histories

Air pilots, Military

Moncure, Thomas B., 1950?-

James M. Morgan, Jr. interview transcript

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4683

Unit Date 2006

Language English

Creator Dittrich, James F.

Extent This is a typescript. There is no accompanying audio recording.

Biographical / Historical

James M. Morgan, Jr. (1923-2021) was a member of the VMI Class of 1945. He subsequently received a PhD in civil engineering from Johns Hopkins University. He spend 38 years at VMI as a professor and later head of the Civil Engineering Department. Morgan then served as Dean of the Faculty and retured from VMI in 1984.

Scope and Contents

Transcript of interview with James M. Morgan, Jr., VMI Class of 1945. The interview covers Morgan's years during World War II at VMI and in the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps (ERC), recollections about graduate school work, and his early teaching career at VMI. The bulk of the discussion covers the years 1941 to 1957.

Keywords

Oral histories

Virginia Military Institute—Academics—History—20th century

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1940-1949

Virginia Military Institute—Faculty—Papers

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1945

Morgan, James M., Jr. (James Markus), 1923-2021

Virginia Military Institute. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

John L. Neel interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5717

Unit Date 2005 October 17

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

John L. Neel joined the United States Army in 1976 and was trained as a Parachute Infantryman. His first assignment was with the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg North Carolina. He served over 15 years with the 505th in a variety of positons. He has served three tours with

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Izmir, Turkey as an Operations Sergeant, and s the Senior Enlisted Advisor and Sergeant Major for Joint Command Southeast.

Neel also served for two years on Her Majesty's service as Platoon Sergeant, 8 Platoon, 1st Battalion, British Parachute Regiment. From July 1997 to July 2000 he served as Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Department at VMI.

Neel's deployments include: 1983: Grenada 1992: Joint Task Force 6 along the New Mexico/Mexico border 1995: Operation Harvest Bear in Panama to quell the riots in the Cuban refugee camps September 2000: Kosovo as the Operations Sergeant, J3, Headquarters Kosovo Force (KFOR)-4

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

Neel, John L.

Laura E. Niebel interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5719

Unit Date 2007 February 21

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (14 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:39)

Biographical / Historical

Laura E. Niebel graduated from George Washington University and commissioned in the United States Navy in 1999. At the time of this interview she was a helicopter pilot (SH-60B Seahawk) and had been deployed twice to the Arabian Gulf.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Laura E. Niebel's United States Navy career up to 2007, including details about training and deployments.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Air pilots, Military

Niebel, Laura E.

Eugene Ostlund interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5722

Unit Date 2006 April 6

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (9 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Eugene Ostlund enlisted in the United States Navy in 1940, went through boot camp at Great Lakes, and qualified for a Class A school, attending Aviation Metalsmith School in Pensacola, Florida. He was subsequently sent to Naval Air Station, North Island, where he stayed until 1943, and was then transferred to a carrier aircraft service unit. He later qualified for the Navy V-12 program and enrolled in the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota and the University of Michigan.

In 1947 he was commissioned an ensign in the regular Navy. He served: On board the USS St. Paul (CA 73) On the staff of the Commander Seventh Fleet operating in Korean waters On board the USS Gearing (DD 710), a destroyer which operated in the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean where he was the communication officer and the operations officer Onboard the USS Haas (DE 424) As Commanding Officer of the USS Lansing (DER 328) Upon completion of the tour of duty on the USS Lansing, Ostlund was assigned to the Command and Staff College of the Air Force Air University in Maxwell Field in Montgomery, Alabama. He was then assigned to the Defense Communication Agency in Washington, D.C.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Eugene Ostlund's United States Navy career through 1965.

Keywords

United States. Navy

Oral histories

Ostlund, Eugene

Valerie Overstreet interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5723

Unit Date 2008 October 13

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (16 pages) and audio (duration 00:03:17)

Biographical / Historical

Valerie Overstreet graduated from Virginia Tech in 1991. While at Tech, she was a member of the Corps of Cadets on a United States Navy scholarship. After commissioning and initial flight training, she selected carrier aviation and was assigned to the E-2C. Overstreet has also served as an instructor pilot and studied at the Naval War College. At the time of this interview she was the second female Commanding Officer in the history of United States Navy combat aviation.

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Air pilots, Military

Overstreet, Valerie

Stephen D. Patchin interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5724

Unit Date 2008 October 3

Language English

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (11 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:15)

Biographical / Historical

Stephen D. Patchin grew up in Wisconsin and joined the United States Navy in 1958 at the age of 18. He served until 1979 in the field of aviation maintenance. After his retirement from the Navy, he continued to work in naval aviation mechanics and planning as a civilian contractor.

Keywords

United States. Navy

Oral histories

Patchin, Stephen D., 1940-

Robert C. Peniston interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5726

Unit Date 2005 January 12

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (96 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Captain Robert C. Peniston served 10 sea tours on nine ships. He commanded the USS Savage, USS Tattnell, and USS Albany. He was navigator of the Presidential yacht Williamsburg from 1951 to 1952 and served seven shore tours, officer distribution (two tours), Bureau of Naval Personnel (two tours) and was Director of Naval Education Development Staff of Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET).

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Robert C. Peniston's time aboard the USS Savage, USS Tattnell, USS New Jersey, USS Albany, and the Presidential yacht Williamsburg.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Navy—Officers

Peniston, Robert C.

Mark D. Pistochini interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5730

Unit Date 2005 October 4

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (16 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Commander Mark D. Pistochini served with the United States Navy from June 26, 1968 through September 1, 1996, and retired as a Commander (OS). He served as a Communications Intelligence Evaluator (COMEVAL) with the United States Naval Security Group, Detachment Atsugi, Japan from March 1978 through August 1981. He accrued over 2,000 hours in the VA-1 EP-3 aircraft.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Mark D. Pistochini's experiences in Atsugi, Japan.

Keywords

Japan

Oral histories

United States. Navy—Officers

Pistochini, Mark D.

Russell Rivers interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5744

Unit Date 2008 March 4

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (21 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:22)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Colonel Russell Rivers graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1982 and commissioned in the United States Air Force. He received his Naval Aviator wings in 1984. Rivers has flown several type/model/series aircraft, ranging from turboprop trainers to rotary wing and jet aircraft, accumulating over 3600 hours of flight time as of this interview date.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Air Force

Air pilots, Military

Rivers, Russell

Frederick C. Rody Interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5745

Unit Date 2007 March 5

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 itemsTranscript (5 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:50)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Colonel Frederick C. Rody entered the United States Marine Corps in 1983 and spent 12 years on active duty and 11 years in the Reserves. He trained as a pilot and flew the F-18.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Frederick C. Rody's 23 years of experience in United States Marine Corps aviation.

Keywords

United States. Marine Corps

Oral histories

Air pilots, Military

Rody, Frederick C.

William B. Rutherford interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5749

Unit Date 2008 October 11

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (9 pages) and audio (duration 00:02:06)

Biographical / Historical

William B. Rutherford grew up in Cape May, New Jersey and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1953. After three years in the Marines, he transferred to the United States Navy and attended nuclear power school. Rutherford saw duty on several nuclear powered subs, serving as a chief electrician. He retired after 20 years of military service.

Keywords

United States. Navy

Oral histories

Cold War

Nuclear submarines

United States. Marine Corps

Rutherford, William B. (William Bruce)

Ross Schmoll interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5755

Unit Date 2004 February 13

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (43 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Ross Schmoll commissioned into the United States Air Force in 1959 after graduating from Cornell University, rising to the rank of Colonel before retiring in the late 1980s. Assignments included: B-47 B-58 crew member F-11 crew member (radar navigator bombardier) stationed at Royal Air Force Upper Hayford (England) and subsequently in Thailand Deputy commander for maintenance, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina (four squadrons of F-4Es) Director of maintenance at the United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) Assistant Director of Logistics at USAFE Defense Logistics Agency

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Air Force—Officers

Cold War

Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962

Schmoll , Ross

Anthony Shea interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5757

Unit Date 2005 February 25

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 items Transcript (13 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Major Anthony Shea served in the United States Air Force from 1985 to 1994 as: A security forces specialist An officer with the chief computer support section Wide area network program manager Internet protocol engineer Chief military telephone command and control Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies for Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), Virginia Military Institute

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Anthony Shea's United States Air Force career from 1985 to 2005.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Air Force—Officers

Shea, Anthony

Jared Smith interview

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5759

Unit Date 2008 October 9

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 2 items Transcript (13 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:42)

Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Jared Smith received a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering and commissioned into the United States Navy through Officer Candidate School (OCS). After completing Navy Nuclear Power School and other courses, he was assigned as a submarine officer on the USS Maryland (SSBN 738). He was subsequently assigned to Virginia Military Institute's Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) unit (December 2006 to February 2009).

Keywords

United States. Navy—Officers

Oral histories

Nuclear submarines

Smith, Jared

Dennis Stone interview

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Unit Date 2005 March 2

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Extent 1 items Transcript (10 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Dennis Stone commissioned into the United States Army in June 1970 and was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia for the Infantry Basic Officer Course (IOBC), Airborne Ranger. From June 1971 to May 1973 he served with the 1148IMF as 3rd Armored Division Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Detachment Commander. From May 1973 to December 1974 he served at the Arctic Test Center at Fort Greely, Alaska, where he tested cold weather equipment and commanded troops involved in testing. Other assignments included the New Jersey Army National Guard, the Virginia National Guard, and the 11th Special Forces Group. Stone retired in June 1973 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Dennis Stone's time in Germany and at the Arctic Test Center, Alaska.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army—Officers

Cold War

Stone, Dennis

Robert W. Todd II interview

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Unit Date 2006 February 18

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Extent 1 items Transcript (12 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Robert Walston Todd II, United States Navy, has served on the USS George Washington (CVN-73) as a Reactor Operator, Electronics Technician 2nd Class since September 2004. He attended A-School and Power School in Charleston, South Carolina from January 2003 to 2004 and Nuclear Prototype School in Ballston Spa, New York from February 2004 to August 2004.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers Robert W. Todd II's service on the USS George Washington (CVN 73).

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Navy

Todd, Robert W., II (Robert Walston)

James O. Tubbs interview

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Extent 1 itemsTranscript (18 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Colonel James O. Tubbs commissioned into the United States Air Force in 1980 and has served as the following: 1983-1986: Standardization and Evaluation Pilot at the 23rd Tactical Air Support Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina 1987-1989: Flight Commander and Instructor Pilot, 496th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Hahn Air Base, Germany 1989-1993: Instructor Pilot and Assistant Operations Officer, 314th Fighter Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona 1995-1997: Operations Officer and Chief of Strategy Division, 32nd Air Operations Squadron 1997-1999: Squadron Operations Officer and Special Assistant to the Operations Group Commander, 31st Fighter Wing 1999-2001: Air Staff Action Officer and Deputy Chief of Joint Issues Division for Air Force Quadrennial Defense Review 2002-2004: Senior Military Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Resources and Plans, acting as advisor for all Air Force program, budget and acquisition issues Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy at the Pentagon, Washington D.C.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Air Force—Officers

Tubbs, James O.

Colin S. Turnnidge II interview

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Unit Date 2010 February 25

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Extent 2 itemsTranscript (14 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:58)

Biographical / Historical

Major Colin S. Turnnidge II enlisted in the United States Army in May 1980 and trained as a Special Forces combat medic. He served on active duty for three years with the 7th Special Forces Group, deploying to Central America. He subsequently served 10 months in the Special Forces Reserves (11th Group) before leaving the service. He reenlisted in 1991 and served with the 3rd Group, attending Physicians Assistant School, and receiving a direct commission in 1995. Turnnidge served as a physician assistant until his retirement in 2006.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Army—Officers

Turnnidge, Colin S., II, 1961-

Darrell G. Van Ness interview

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Unit Date 2004 June 7

Creator Virginia Military Institute. Adams Center for Military History

Extent 1 itemsTranscript (18 pages)

Biographical / Historical

Darrell G. Van Ness began his service as a United States Army private in 1978, completing his basic training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) in Armor School at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He went on to Ft. Bliss, Texas to 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) and was assigned to 3rd ACR F Troop. From 1980 to 1981 Van Ness was stationed in Garlstedt, Germany, in the AD4, and from 1981 to 1984 he served with the 3rd and 7th Cavalry B Troop.

Keywords

United States. Army

Oral histories

Van Ness , Darrell G.

Clifford L. J. Wade interview

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Extent 2 items Transcript (19 pages) and audio (duration 00:01:35)

Biographical / Historical

Commander Clifford L. J. Wade grew up in Ohio and graduated from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio). He commissioned into the United States Navy and became a Naval Flight Officer, spending 21 years of his 27 year career outside of the continental United States (Hawaii, Bermuda, Japan, Spain, and England). His last duty station was at the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NROTC) unit at Virginia Military Institute.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Navy—Officers

Wade, Clifford L. J., 1954-

R. Kurt Zeppenfeld interview

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Extent 1 items Transcript (5 pages)

Biographical / Historical

R. Kurt Zeppenfeld served with the United States Marine Corps from 1977 to 1981 and with the United States Naval Reserve.

Scope and Contents

This interview covers R. Kurt Zeppenfeld's experiences in Pusan, Korea.

Keywords

Oral histories

United States. Marine Corps

United States. Navy

Zeppenfeld, R. Kurt