



HONORING OUR VETERANS

As we continue to celebrate milestones in the history of our armed services, it has become obvious to some that the time is right to make a conscious effort to honor our local veterans. While we try to accomplish this, we invite you to complete the attached questionnaire. It will help us to create a permanent record of the service to our country by local residents. Please help us to preserve this important piece of history.

Respectfully,

Mary E. Snodgrass

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To the Veterans and/or to the relatives of deceased Veterans who currently live or have lived in Elkridge, Hanover, Jessup, Relay and Ilchester, Maryland:

The Viaduct, Elkridge's community newspaper, has initiated a program to honor Veterans of all wars, or those who contributed to the war effort in a significant manner, by preserving individual military experiences.

The project will involve collecting Veterans' histories, to be included in a binder which will be permanently exhibited in the Elk Ridge Heritage Society. It is our hope that generations to come will read these memoirs, thereby instilling in them a deep appreciation of the sacrifices which the Veterans have made for our country.

We ask the Veterans or their families to complete the attached form and mail it to Project Chairman Mary Snodgrass, 5705 Landing Road, Elkridge, Maryland 21075 or to Don Drabek, Commander, VFW Post #8097, 7209 Montevideo Road, Jessup, Md. 20794. We would like to have your completed forms in hand by September 15 in order to prepare a presentation to be given at the Elk Ridge Heritage Society on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2000.

From November 11 to December 31, the Society will display memorabilia relating to our residents' military careers, including photos, citations, telegrams and other items of interest. They will be in a display case in a secured building and will be returned to the owners at the end of the display. The actual dates and times of the display will be listed in the October/November issue of **The Viaduct**.

The Elk Ridge Heritage Society is located in the "Brumbaugh House" 5825 Main Street, Elkridge, Maryland, phone 410-796-3282. Call the Brumbaugh House for the display schedule.



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NAME _____

PHONE _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS AT TIME OF SERVICE _____

IN WHAT BRANCH DID YOU SERVE? _____

VETERAN OF _____ WAR(S)

WERE YOU DRAFTED OR ENLISTED? _____

WHEN DID YOU ENTER THE SERVICE? _____

HOW OLD WERE YOU? _____

WHERE DID YOU TAKE YOUR BASIC TRAINING? _____

DID YOU SERVE OVERSEAS? _____ WHERE? _____

IF YOU WENT BY SHIP, WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE SHIP? _____

IN WHAT THEATER DID YOU PARTICIPATE? _____

DID YOU SEE ACTIVE SERVICE? _____

DID YOU RECEIVE ANY MEDALS OR CITATIONS? _____

HOW HAS BEING IN THE SERVICE CHANGED YOUR LIFE? _____

DO YOU BELONG TO ANY VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS? _____

DO YOU KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR OUTFIT? _____

HOW WERE YOU RECEIVED BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WHEN YOU CAME HOME? _____

ON THE ENCLOSED SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE WRITE ABOUT ANY MEMORABLE OR HUMOROUS OR TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE(S) YOU HAD DURING YOUR MILITARY SERVICE.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PUT DOWN ANYTHING THAT YOU FEEL MAY HELP FUTURE GENERATIONS APPRECIATE THE SACRIFICES YOU MADE FOR OUR COUNTRY.

ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT, WE THANK YOU.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND YOU!

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To any Veteran or relative of a Veteran, living or deceased:

In the year 2000, Mary Snodgrass initiated a project that will be ongoing in Elkridge, whereby we are collecting the histories of Veterans from all branches of the service, who served in times of war or peace. Thus far we have collected several hundred histories of men and women who served, from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. These histories are being preserved in the Elk Ridge Heritage Society, formerly Dr. Brumbaugh's house at 5825 Main Street, in Elkridge.

If you would like to participate, we have a form that you can complete, which will allow future generations to read about your experiences be they serious or humorous. Be assured that these histories are not on any mailing lists or used for any purpose other than to Honor Our Veterans.

During this project we learned that a fire destroyed the major portion of records of Army military personnel for the period 1912 through 1959, and records of Air Force Personnel with surnames Hubbard through Z for the period 1947 through 1963.

Whether your records were saved or not, we would like to have your military history for our own area, to show our gratitude for the sacrifices you made for our nation. We also welcome copies of any other papers pertaining to your time in the service, which will be kept with your history. Please contact me by phone, fax or email if more forms are needed. Thank you very much for your cooperation. With deep appreciation for your service to our country,

Respectfully,

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