

UCF COMMUNITY

VETERANS



HISTORY

PROJECT



**Department
of History**

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



OUTLINE OF TOPICS

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COLLECT. PRESERVE. HONOR.

The UCF Community Veterans History Project is collecting, preserving, and making accessible to the public the experiences of Central Florida's veterans so that future generations will better understand the realities of conflict.



**COLLECT.
PRESERVE.
HONOR.**

Honoring
Central Florida's Veterans
by recording their
experiences and stories.

Project Background

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

- National initiative and congressional mandate
- American Folklife Center Preservation Effort
- Personal Narratives
- Correspondence
- Visual Materials

NATIONAL PARTNERS

- VHP Contributors



VHP AT UCF

PROJECT GOALS



COLLECT

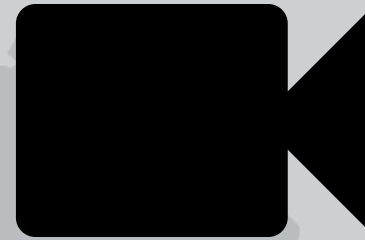
- Help future generations better understand the experiences and realities of conflict shared by American veterans
- Record diverse stories of Central Florida's veterans

PRESERVE

- Digitally archive interviews
- Make interviews accessible and available
- Provide interviews to veterans and family members

HONOR

- Listen to veteran stories and experiences
- Integrate returning veterans into community
- Create and support veteran programs
- Serve as a campus and community veteran resource



EVERY STORY IS IMPORTANT

All Branches of Service
Variety of Job Experiences
War/Conflict and Peace Time
Connection to Central Florida

The Interview Process



PRE-INTERVIEW

- Registration/ Biodata form
- Research/Preparation
- Question development
- Connect with Veteran
- Determine location

INTERVIEW

- On-site location
- Permission forms
- Focus on Veteran
- Challenge Coin

POST INTERVIEW

- Video formatting
- Veteran copy
- Prep for digital archives
- Audio/Video Log
- Abstract
- Transcript
- Interview submission



DIGITAL PRESERVATION

RICHES MOSAIC INTERFACE

Free public searchable database,
interactive digital collection of Florida history.

UCF SPECIAL DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

UCF Library special collections provides access to important
source materials for research and scholarship from partners
within or outside of the state university system

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

American Folklife Center digital collection

INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHT

Oral History interview of
Doris McClendon, U.S. Navy

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INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHT

Oral History interview of
Jose Belen, U.S. Army

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INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHT

Oral History interview of
Sallie Amato, U.S. Marine Corps.

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INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHT

Oral History interview of
Johnny Chastsin, U.S. Air Force

UCF SPECIAL DIGITAL COLLECTIONS



IT TAKES A TEAM

- UCF Students, Alumni, Volunteers
- History Majors
- Military History Interest
- Student Veterans
- Family Members of Veterans





COMMUNITY & CAMPUS PARTNERS

Veterans Advisory Groups

VA Medical Center

DOD Contractors

Senior Communities

Veterans Associations

UCF Veterans Academic Resource Center



PROJECT COMPONENTS



ORAL HISTORY &
MILITARY 101
TRAINING



PEER TO PEER
PROGRAM



VETERANS STORY
DAY

VETERANS MONTH: A MONTH OF HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

UCF salutes our nation's veterans with several programs, events and engagement opportunities each November.

Veterans Month 2017
A Month of Honor and Remembrance
Veterans Speaker Series Presents

A Book Talk

With **Dr. Barbara Gannon**

Monday, November 13
Teaching Academy, Room 117
Talk Starts at 4:00 pm

Americans Remember Their Civil War

Dr. Barbara Gannon, author of *The Wire Grass: Blood and White Camaraderie in the Grand Army of the Republic*, will discuss her new book. This book describes the different ways in which Americans have publicly remembered their Civil War, from the massive government era to the early 21st century. Dr. Gannon's talk will be followed by Q and A.

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UCF Department of History
2017 Research Colloquium
"A Series of Presentations and Conversations featuring Faculty and Student Research"

**Exploring Military Archives:
New Perspectives on Old Texts**

Presented by
Tyler Campbell, Kayla Carranza, and Mike Burke

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
Colburn Hall, 146
4:00 – 5:00PM

Deep in the stacks of the archives, Gene MA Candidates discovered new insights in their respective fields of study. They will discuss both the process of identifying documents and how it has influenced their research. Tyler Campbell studies Civil War prisoners from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. to explore why men enlisted in the First Texas Cavalry (1861), an all-white Texas regiment from Florida. Kayla Carranza explores Lincoln's Impaired War Veterans at home and their personal papers at the University of Texas to examine their search for justice. Mike Burke uses his expertise to study the well-known Official Record of the Union and Confederate Armies (ORCA) to assess Civil War Memory and the Lost Cause Myth in the West. Together, the presenters will demonstrate how archival materials are obtained and interpreted.

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The Veterans Speaker Series Presents

**Breaking Contact:
Soldier to Civilian, a Success Story**

By **Dr. Bryce Carpenter**
Educational Outreach Programs Officer
National Cemetery Administration

Join us for lunch and hear a first-hand account of the transition from a soldier to civilian. Dr. Bryce Carpenter is the Educational Outreach Programs Officer with the National Cemetery Administration, within the Veterans Administration and the Army website. He will share his experiences and insights as a veteran in a civilian career. Following the lecture, a Career Services representative will offer information on the resources available through UCF Career Services.

Lunch provided by the Veterans Academic Resource Center

November 2, 2017
12:00 - 1:30PM CSEL 121

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Veterans Speaker Series Presents

Military 101

An Introduction to the American Armed Forces

Army Veteran Dr. Barbara Gannon and Marine Corps Veteran John Grande will host this workshop which focuses on the history, structure, and current issues of the United States Military branches.

Dr. Barbara Gannon is an Associate Professor in the History Department at UCF. An Army veteran herself, Gannon has published several critically acclaimed books focused on military history, veterans, and the American Civil War.

John Grande is the Present Manager of the University of Central Florida Community Veterans History Project, a project focused on collecting veterans' stories. He is also a four-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

November 16, 2017
4:00PM - 5:30PM ICNH 146





**Veterans Legacy Program
at
UCF**



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PRESERVE
VETERAN
STORIES**



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