



VETERANS - SHARE YOUR STORY

Riverside Metropolitan Museum invites local veterans from all American Wars to share their stories

FORCE of ARMS

Riverside's Participation in American Wars from 1861 - 2011

This exhibition reflects on select wars starting with the Civil War and culminating in current conflicts through letters, photographs, documents, personal effects, and uniforms of Riverside residents and their ancestors. Through the letters of a Civil War Officer, one learns of a soldier's experiences. A World War I wool jacket has the insignia of a baker, who baked bread for the troops. World War II uniforms from the Army, Army Air Corps, and Navy were worn by Riverside men and women who served in the European and Pacific Theaters and on the home front.

In an effort to present what war is like from a soldier's perspective, the Riverside Metropolitan Museum invites local veterans from all American Wars to tell their stories and share their photos as a part of its current exhibition, "Force of Arms: Riverside's Participation in American Wars 1861-2011". We are particularly interested in hearing from soldiers who are currently serving or who recently served in Iraq and/or Afghanistan. We also welcome veterans from any American conflict, who would like to have their story and/or photographs on display as part of a community story.

We would like your opinion of war in general, what it's like to be currently serving (or what it was like to have served), how Americans perceive the wars and your service and any other stories you'd like to share with the public. The exhibit "Force of Arms" displays uniforms, weapons, and other artifacts from American Wars. It starts with the Civil War and in its final phase, will culminate with the stories from newly returned soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan.



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How to Submit Your Story

- Complete the Exhibit RELEASE FORM giving the museum permission to use your story. (The information is confidential and you will have the opportunity to have your story displayed anonymously).
- Write your STORY on a blank sheet of white paper using a sharpie marker or similar dark marker. If emailing your story, you may choose to scan in your handwritten story or type it.
- Submit your STORY, RELEASE FORM, and PHOTOS by mail, fax, or email:

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Deadline for Submissions:

The Museum will be accepting submissions from the community until **March 30, 2012.**

Due to space restrictions, not all submissions may be selected for display. Selected items and stories will be put on display for the duration of the exhibit and chosen participants will be notified by email.

What to Write

Here are some questions to get you started:

“What does war in general mean to you?”

“Do you think American’s appreciate(d) your service?”

“How would you define the war(s) you participated in as a service member in contrast to other American Wars? Similarities? Differences?”

“How would you describe the public’s perception of the war you served in?”

“What is it like to re-enter society after being away for so long?”

“Do you have any stories, humorous, sad, important or otherwise interesting you’d like to share with the public?”



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