

Donating World War II-Related Objects and Documents

The Chicago History Museum and World War II-Related Collections

The Chicago History Museum does *not* collect material related to Chicagoans' or other Americans' service experiences in World War II. The only exceptions that will be considered for donation are materials related to servicemen and women while they were training or stationed in Chicago.

The Museum *does* collect material that documents the home front experience in Chicago during World War II. If you wish to propose a donation of material please go to the Museum's artifact donation web page:

<http://www.chicagohistory.org/research/artifactdonation>

Other Institutions that Collect World War II Material

We recognize the importance of preserving the memories and experiences of World War II veterans and honoring their contributions. We suggest you visit the National World War II Memorial and Library of Congress Veterans History Project websites to learn how you can preserve these materials.

The National World War II Memorial

National World War II Memorial honors the sixteen million American men and women who served in the armed forces in World War II. For more information see:

<http://www.wwiimemorial.com/>

You can add your family member to the World War II Registry online:

<http://www.wwiimemorial.com/default.asp?page=registry.asp&subpage=intro>

The Library of Congress Veterans History Project

The focus of the Veterans History Project is on first-hand accounts of US veterans who served in World War I (1914–1920), World War II (1939–1946), the Korean War (1950–1955), the Vietnam War (1961–1975), the Persian Gulf War (1990–1995) or the Iraq-Afghanistan conflicts (2001–present). Those US citizen civilians who were actively involved in supporting war efforts (such as war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc.) are also invited to share their stories. The project greatly values and appreciates veterans' stories from additional combat arenas and those received will be processed as resources allow.

For more information on The Veterans History Project see:

<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

Alternative Repositories for World War II-Related Material

For other repositories for World War II-related items please refer to the resources listed below or see:

<http://www.loc.gov/vets/relatedrepositories.html>

The following repositories also collect and preserve oral histories, memoirs, and other materials related to veterans and wartime experiences. This list is not exhaustive; there may be other institutions of interest to you. Please consider these as you decide where to donate your materials. In addition, housing your materials with others of a similar topic makes them more visible to researchers focused on that topic.

Please contact individual institutions to learn more about their collecting policies and the kinds of materials they can or cannot accept *before* sending materials. The Veterans History Project, the American Folklife Center, and the Library of Congress can't speak for the collecting policies of these institutions.

Please note that in order to donate materials to a repository affiliated with a specific branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines) you must have served in that branch or have materials pertinent to that branch. A list of selected members of the Military Museums Consortium is also available for artifact donation inquiries.

Please note: This contact information is subject to change.

US Army Military History Institute

<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/>

Attention: Acquisitions
950 Soldiers Drive
Carlisle Barracks
Carlisle, PA 17013-5008
717.245.3971

Naval Historical Center

<http://www.history.navy.mil/>

Washington Navy Yard
805 Kidder Breese Street SE
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5060
202.433.3224

Marine Corps History Division

http://www.tecom.usmc.mil/HD/Home_Page.htm

3079 Moreell Avenue
Quantico, VI 22134
703.432.4877

Air Force Historical Research Agency

<http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/afhra/>

600 Chennault Circle
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6424
334.953.2241

National Museum of the Marine Corps

<http://www.usmcmuseum.org/>

18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
Triangle, VA 22172
800.397.7585

Air Mobility Command Museum

<http://amcmuseum.org/>

1301 Heritage Road
Dover Air Force Base
Dover, DE 19902-5938
302.677.5938

The Cold War Museum

<http://www.coldwar.org/>

PO Box 178
Fairfax, VA 22030
703.273.2381

Note: The Cold War Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate Museum.

Cold War International History Project

http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?topic_id=1409&fuseaction=topics.home

Woodrow Wilson Center
One Woodrow Wilson Plaza
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004-3027
202.691.4110

Artifact Donation Reference List (from Military Museums Consortium)

Because the Veterans History Project cannot collect three-dimensional artifacts, such as medals, canteens, dog tags, helmets, uniforms, etc., you are encouraged to consider contacting the following repositories if you have artifacts to donate. This list is not exhaustive; you may wish to consider historical societies or museums in your local area.

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George C. Marshall Research Library/Archives

http://www.marshallfoundation.org/marshall_library_archives.html

VMI Parade

Lexington, VA 24450

540.463.7103 extension 230

Focus: Materials dating from 1900 to 1960

Fort Bliss Museums and Study Center

https://www.bliss.army.mil/Museum/fort_bliss_museum.htm

Building 1735, Marshall Road

ATZC-GC-M,

Fort Bliss, TX 79916-3802

915.568.3390 DSN 978-3390

First Division Museum

<http://www.firstdivisionmuseum.org/>

1s151 Winfield Road

Wheaton, IL 60187-6097

630.260.8149

Focus: US Army First Division and Chicago-area soldiers

General Douglas MacArthur Memorial

<http://www.macarthurmemorial.org/>

MacArthur Square

Norfolk, VA 23510

757.441.2965

Illinois State Military Museum

<http://www.il.ngb.army.mil/Museum/default.htm>

Camp Lincoln

1301 North MacArthur Boulevard

Springfield, IL 62702-2399

217.761.3910

Iowa Gold Star Museum

<http://www.iowanationalguard.com/Museum/Museum.htm>

7105 Northwest 70th Avenue
Johnston, IA 50131-1824
515.252.4531

Mighty 8th Air Force Heritage Museum

<http://www.mightyeighth.org/word/index.php>

175 Bourne Avenue
Pooler, GA 31322
912.748.8888

National D-Day Memorial Foundation

<http://www.dday.org/>

PO Box 79
Bedford, VA 24523
800.586.3329
Focus: D-Day and World War II

The National WWII Museum

<http://www.nationalww2museum.org/home.html>

945 Magazine Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
504.527.6012

National Museum of the Pacific War

<http://www.nimitz-museum.org/>

340 East Main Street
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830.997.4379 ext. 224
Focus: World War II and the Pacific Theater

Winston Churchill Memorial & Library

<http://www.churchillmemorial.org/>

501 Westminster Avenue
Fulton, MO 65251-1299
573.592.5369

Wisconsin Veterans Museum

<http://www.wvmfoundation.com/>

30 West Mifflin Street, Suite 200
Madison, WI 53703
608.267.1799
Focus: Limited to items from Wisconsin veterans only