

VETERANS * NEIGHBORS * LANDLORDS

RECORD AND PRESERVE YOUR STORY TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IN KING COUNTY! STORYCORPS MILITARY VOICE INITIATIVE



WHEN: AUGUST 9TH AND 10TH, 2015 (RESERVATION REQUIRED)
WHERE: SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, 901 12TH AVE (ROOM TBD)
SEATTLE, WA 98122

In support of [Operation: WelcomeOneHome](#), the community call to action to end veteran homelessness in King County, the [StoryCorps' Military Voices Initiative](#) is partnering with the [Seattle Stand Down](#) and [Seattle University](#) to record stories of Veterans, Neighbors, and Landlords that believe every veteran in King County deserves a home with dignity and love by December 31, 2015.

On **August 9th or 10th, 2015**, we invite you to have a privately recorded conversation with a family member, friend, neighbor, or landlord. You will have 40 minutes of uninterrupted time to talk to each other **about anything that is meaningful to you**. StoryCorps will record your conversation on a personal CD, and with your permission, archive a second copy at the Library of Congress. **A list of possible conversation starters is listed on the back of this flyer.**

The Seattle Stand Down will be happy to assist with reasonable transportation arrangements to and from the recording the session. Recording sessions are scheduled. This is not a walk-in event. To reserve a recording session please fill out the registration online at <http://www.theseattlestanddown.org/storycorps.html>. There are 10 recording sessions. There will be six sessions on Sunday, August 9th (10am – 5pm) and four sessions on August 10th (1pm – 5pm). Once all recording sessions are reserved registration will be closed.

We believe all prior service members belong to one military family, regardless of discharge status, combat experience, or any other issue they have endured or are currently facing. We value your sacrifice and story.

If you would like to participate in this project, refer another veteran, or receive additional information, please indicate so by emailing Community@theseattlestanddown.org, or by calling (206) 518-2756.

Great Questions for Any Interview Pair

- What are some of the happiest moments in your life? What are some of the saddest?
- Who are some of the most important people in your life? Can you tell me about them?
- What are some important lessons you have learned? What makes you most proud?
- Is there anything you've never told me but want to tell me now?
- What do believe is unique about your experience as a veteran before and after service?
- What challenges have you have to overcome to adjust to military life or civilian life?

Enlistment/Commission

- When did you join? What do you remember about that day?
- Were there any people/events that shaped your decision to enlist?
- How did joining the service affect your family/friends?

Military Life

- What was your branch of service? What was your job/assignment?
- Tell me about your early days in the military?
- How was military life different than civilian life? How was it different than what you expected? Was there anything you had trouble adjusting to?

Deployment

- Were you deployed? If yes, how did you tell your loved ones you were being deployed?
- Tell me about a time it was hard to be away from home. What helped you through?
- Who were you closest to in your unit? Can you tell me about him/her?
- Did you see multiple deployments? If yes, what changed from your first deployment to the others? How did you change from your first deployment to the others?

Life After Service

- What has your transition from military life been like?
- Was there anyone (or anything) that helped you readjust to civilian life?
- What advice do you have for others transitioning out of the military?
- What has been your experience with social service organizations and government agencies that provide assistance to veterans been like? What more can they do?

Marriage, Partnerships, and Families

- How did you meet your significant other?
- What were some of the best times?
- What were some of the most difficult times?
- What advice do you have for military couples?
- If you have children, what do you want them to know about your military service?

Remembering the Fallen

- Did you lose anyone important to you? Can you tell about them?
- Do you have any traditions to honor them?
- Do you have any funny stories about them? Any favorite jokes he/she used to tell?