

# Veterans History Project

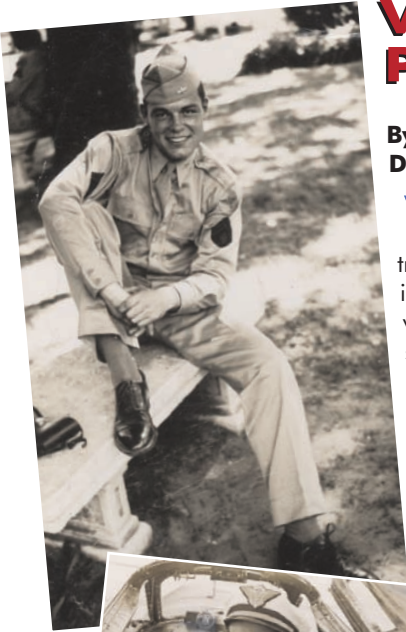
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Veterans of the United States military have demonstrated tremendous courage and heroism and made untold sacrifices in the service of our country to preserve freedom. Each veteran has a story that is unique, riveting and of historical significance. The legacy of these men and women must be preserved. Their stories must be told.

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000 to collect and archive the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans, as a way of honoring their service and sharing their stories with current and future generations. The project also collects stories from civilians who worked on the home front in support of our armed forces.

WSRE invites interested veterans, family members, teachers, students, historians and citizens to participate in a Veterans History Project workshop at WSRE on Saturday, November 3 from 2–5 p.m. A representative from the Library of Congress will conduct the workshop, helping participants

learn how to conduct interviews and collect historical documents for submission to the Library of Congress. By participating in the Veterans History Project, citizens will be contributing to the permanent collections of the Library of Congress, helping to preserve history and honor the legacy of veterans who have served our country.



Donated collections take the form of war veterans' first-hand oral histories, memoirs, photographs, letters, diaries, official separation documents such as DD-214 and other historical documents from World War I through current conflicts. On behalf of a deceased war veteran, historical documents may be submitted, such as the veteran's collection of photographs, letters, diaries and memoirs.

Seating for this workshop is limited to 50 participants, who will each receive a field guide for conducting and preserving interviews. Reserve a seat today by calling WSRE's Educational Services at (850) 484-1253, by sending an email to [education@wsre.org](mailto:education@wsre.org), or by visiting the WSRE Web site at [wsre.org](http://wsre.org).

Search the Veterans database at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) to see the thousands of archived stories, including that of Pensacola resident Glen Wallace, a Navy fighter pilot who participated in many harrowing missions over Japan in the final months of WWII. Glen Wallace will be one of the featured veterans in Part II of *Gulf Coast War Memories*, which will air on WSRE Veteran's Day, November 11 at 7 p.m.



**Description of Observer**  
(To be filled in by Chief Observer)

White	Light
Eye	Complexion
5' 10"	120
Height	Weight
12. Brown	Blue
Hair	Other Eyes
Blue	

Signature of Chief Observer: *William A. [unclear]*

This card may be retained at any time by the Chief Observer or any authorized representative of the First Interceptor Command.

**Kriegsgefangenenlager** Datum: SEPT. 22 1944

DEAREST MOTHER, I AM WRITING THIS FROM PRISON CAMP PO. I AM ALRIGHT PO. AND AM IN GOOD HEALTH. PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME SEND ME A PARCEL CONTAINING POWDERED MILK, CANDY, CANNED MEAT AND OTHER FOODS THAT WILL NOT SPOIL. I MISS YOU VERY MUCH PO. AND AM LIVING FOR THE DAY WHEN I WILL BE HOME. I LOVE YOU AND ME YOUR LOVING SON, RON.

**Kriegsgefangenenpost**  
Mit Luftpostkarte  
Post Avion

Gebühren: 0.14  
Abmarkung: 0.02

Von und an: *1st Lt. James A. Wallace*  
Gefangenennummer: 722  
Lager-Bezeichnung: *384 Detachment*  
11154

Empfänger: *384 Detachment*  
Straße: *Panama*  
Land: *USA*

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WSRE is proud to engage our community in researching and preserving the stories of our nation's veterans to ensure that they become a part of our country's collective and permanent history.

