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Quick Facts

- Dacus Library has been named a Founding Partner in the Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center.
- The library has contributed more than 100 interviews with war veterans and civilian workers.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The **Veterans History Project** of the **American Folklife Center** has named Winthrop's **Dacus Library** a **Founding Partner**, a distinction given to groups, organizations and institutions that have made significant contributions to the country's largest oral history program.

The ongoing, volunteer-based **Veterans History Project (VHP)**, created by the United States Congress, collects and preserves videotaped interviews with American war veterans – including those who served in World War I, World War II, the Cold War, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War and the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts – and civilian workers who supported war efforts. The Library of Congress' **American Folklife Center** archives the first-hand accounts and memories for research purposes.

Since September 2003, the library's **Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections** has contributed more than 100 interviews with veterans, civilian workers and homefront war effort supporters across York County, the state and outside South Carolina. Interviewers have included students in Department of Mass Communication Associate Professor Larry Timbs' feature writing class as well as additional student and faculty/staff volunteers.

Director of Archives Gina Price White, in charge of the library's interview efforts, said the project is an important one because it captures the experiences of average soldiers.

"There are so many veterans in this area whose stories are going untold, and that's the whole point of this project: to find out the experiences of these men and women, to tell the average, everyday soldier's story," White said.

Volunteers interested in conducting interviews or people who have suggestions for future interviews may contact White at 803/323-2334. For more information about the **VHP**, visit the **VHP website**.

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