

PLEASE READ: The purpose of this questionnaire is to help prepare for the interview. It is our expectation that by reading these questions, your memory of events will improve by giving these issues some thought. In addition, your brief, even single-sentence responses will help us prepare for the interview so we can ask you questions more relevant to your specific experiences. Some of these questions might not pertain to your personal experiences. Please ignore them. If you do not feel comfortable answering any particular question, please feel free to ignore it as well. It is not required that you answer every question on this questionnaire in order to participate in the AMAW Oral History Project. We will only discuss those events and issues with which you are comfortable. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the AMAW Oral History Project at 806-834-5971. When complete, please attach this file to an email message and send it to the AMAW Oral History Project at amaw@ttu.edu or print and mail it to the following address:

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Attention: Oral History Project**

Thank you!

The AMAW Oral History Project

Wartime Civilian Questionnaire

1. Name:

2. Street Address:

3. City, State. Zip:

4. Phone:

5. Email:

6. Date of birth:

7. Place of birth:

8. Please outline your education including high schools, colleges and dates of attendance, as well as any degrees completed and your areas of study.

Civilian Activist

9. When and where did you become active in peace, political, or anti-war activities?

10. Reasons you became active (e.g. friends, political views, family connections, etc.)

11. Did you join any organizations related to your activism or attend any meetings? Please provide locations or dates if possible.

12. Were you working, studying or involved in other pursuits during your most active periods? If so, explain.

13. Please describe some of your observations about changes or developments among activists during your most active periods.

14. Did you have any special skills that you brought to your activism? If so, explain.

15. Did you ever serve in a military or civilian capacity either in country or on assignment elsewhere? Please include circumstances, units, dates, and places.

16. Events/marches/demonstrations/campaigns in which you were involved, and any details you can share about your experiences or observations.

17. Did you maintain your activist work or interests after the conclusion of US military involvement in country?

18. Are there any particular memories or incidents that we should be sure to include in the interview?

19. In what ways did your activist experiences affect your later life (career choices, political involvements, friendships, etc)?

20. Do you have any documentary evidence related to your activism such as photographs, personal records, letters, diaries, clothing, newspapers, or other memorabilia? If so, would you be willing to donate any of these materials to the AMAW? If you agree, these materials could also become part of the Virtual AMAW (<https://search.amaw.ttu.edu/>) where they would be available online as historical resources for researchers all over the world.

Family Experience Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions, to the best of your ability, as they relate to your spouse/family member who served in country.

1. Name of spouse/family member:

2. Relationship to you:

3. Branch of service:

4. Dates of Service:

5. Reasons for enlistment/commission (e.g. benefits, family tradition, etc.):

6. Job Description:

7. Equipment/weapons delivery systems used/worked on:

8. Units of assignment throughout military experience (please include dates and places if possible):

9. Position(s) held during their military experience:

10. Major events/engagements/campaigns in which he/she was involved:

11. How many missions did he/she conduct in country? Types of missions?

12. Awards and citations received for service:

13. Was your spouse/family member wounded or killed? Do you know the circumstances? Was he/she retired or discharged? Type of discharge?

14. Rank at discharge/retirement?

15. Please describe your living conditions and experiences while your spouse/family member was overseas, and give us any details on how his/her military experience has affected your later life. Answer this question in as little or as much detail as you desire.

16. Do you have any documentary evidence related to his/her military service (e.g. photographs, letters, DD214, orders)? If so, would you be willing to donate these materials and have them added to your collection at the AMAW?

25. What veterans' organizations were you or your spouse/family member involved in? Please name the organizations, give the dates of membership, and provide details on any positions held or important activities connected with veterans' affairs.

Civilian In Country Service Questionnaire

- 1. For which civilian agency/agencies/corporation(s) did you work in country?**
- 2. How did you gain employment with them?**
- 3. What kind of training did you receive upon being hired?**
- 4. If you were a pilot before your employment, when and where did you receive your training?**
- 5. If you also received training in the military, in what branch did you serve?**
- 6. Did you volunteer to go in country? Why?**

- 7. What did you think and how did you feel when you learned you were going in country? What did members of your family think?**

- 8. List the units you served with and the locations where you served while in country.**

- 9. Was your job related to combat or combat support?**

- 10. List the operations, battles, engagements, and campaigns in which you participated. Provide dates, units, locations, and positions held during each.**

- 11. Did you ever encounter enemy forces while serving in country?**

- 12. Describe the bravest action (friendly or enemy) that you witnessed while serving in country.**

- 13. Were you wounded in country? If so, how, when, and why? Did you require MEDEVAC/DUSTOFF? If so, where did they take you? How long did you have to wait for initial pickup? Did you require treatment at a medical facility in country or were you evacuated to another location? How long was your recovery?**

- 14. Please evaluate the medical treatment you received at all levels of treatment.**

- 15. What is your evaluation of the fighting units and the military and civilian leaders in the country/countries where you served?**

- 16. What is your evaluation of American leadership and of your immediate supervisors in the field?**

- 17. What is your evaluation of the American strategy employed during the war?**

- 18. If you were a leader, please describe the most difficult challenges you faced while serving in that capacity in country.**

- 19. Did the leadership training you received prior to going in country adequately prepare you for the leadership challenges you faced in country? Please explain.**

- 20. Did you or your team ever engage in any kind of civic action in country? For example, did you or your team help with civilian construction projects, irrigation projects, village and market protection, medical assistance to civilians, food distribution, etc...?**

- 21. Did you engage in any kind of volunteer work while serving in country? If so, what?**

- 22. Why do you think the US was involved in the country?**

- 23. During the war, do you think you were accurately aware of the “bigger picture” in the US and in country concerning politics, diplomacy, strategy and where you and your team/organization fit into it? Please explain.**
- 24. Upon arriving in country, what did you think of the indigenous population? How much contact did you have with them? Did your opinion change over time? If so, how?**
- 25. Did you learn to speak any languages while serving in country? If so, what language(s) did you learn and to what level of proficiency (i.e. pigeon, basic, intermediate, or conversational)?**
- 26. Briefly describe your daily routine while in country.**
- 27. Describe your first impressions of the country.**
- 28. What did you do for recreation?**
- 29. Describe your living conditions (housing, food, etc.)**
- 30. Describe the most memorable experience from daily life in country.**
- 31. Describe the most humorous experience from daily life in country.**

- 32. Do you remember any type of discrimination or racial tension among personnel in your organization? If yes, please provide some examples.**
- 33. Did members of your team use alcohol and/or drugs? If so, what was most prevalent?**
- 34. Name the song/music that most reminds you of the country. Did you ever see or participate in a USO show(s)? If so, where and when and who hosted and participated in the show(s)?**
- 35. Did you ever make use of R&R facilities? If so, where, when, and for how long?**
- 36. Did you ever make use of general service facilities (e.g. clubs, libraries, etc...)? If so, what facilities and what did you think of those services?**
- 37. Did you correspond with relatives and friends back in the US? If so, how often did you write? Did they write in return? Did you or they keep any of the letters?**
- 38. Did you keep a diary or journal? If so, do you still have them?**
- 39. What awards, citations, or commendations did you receive for your service in country?**

40. What did you think and feel about your experiences in country upon leaving?

41. Have those feelings changed since you left? If so, how and why?

42. How were you received upon your return to the United States?

43. Have you ever been involved in an anti-war demonstration? When, where, and why?

44. Have you ever visited a memorial honoring those who fell in the conflict in which you participated? If so, which ones and under what circumstances? What effects did visiting the memorials have on you?

45. What do you think and feel about US participation in the war(s) you experienced?

46. Do you think the goals and aims of the US in the country justified the costs of the war?

47. What do you think about American postwar policy toward the country?

- 48. What do you think about US military intervention in other countries?**
- 49. Should US forces today be used in operations and policies similar to the war you experienced?**
- 50. Do you believe that you or your children have suffered from any wartime related illnesses?**
- 51. Did you bring back any souvenirs or pictures from the country of conflict?**
- 52. Have you been back to the country of conflict since the war ended?**
- 53. Would you like to go back?**
- 54. What are the most important things you learned while serving in the country of conflict?**
- 55. Did your service in the country of conflict affect your religious beliefs? If so, how?**
- 56. Do you suffer any disabilities as a result of your service in the country of conflict?**
- 57. Do you believe that the US government took care of its personnel in the country of conflict?**

- 58. Do you think the US government takes care of its veterans today?**
- 59. Was it difficult for you to adjust to life in the US upon your return home?**
- 60. How has the war most affected your life?**
- 61. What was your marital status when you went to the country of conflict?**
- 62. What is your marital status now? Do you feel that service in the country of conflict affected your marriage? If so, how?**
- 63. Have you ever been diagnosed or treated for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)?**
- 64. If you had your experiences in the country of conflict to do over again, what, if anything, would you change?**
- 65. Is there anything else about which you would like to comment?**

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. We will be in touch with you as soon as we can to schedule the interview session(s).