Recent Publications



"History does indeed come alive for Legacy students. They have been partners in an

extremely worthwhile project. Many of them will be life-long learners; for those who interview veterans, they will be "legacy carriers." They will retain not only an appreciation for the study of American history and the preservation of our veterans' stories and family stories, but they are also proud to be preserving history in a meaningful way

Next Publication



Alma De Luce, wife of an AP correspondent, Daniel, travels across Europe 1939-1940, one step ahead of the German invasions in Poland, Hungary and Greece. Her witty letters describe WW2 from a woman's perspective . . .

Book Publishing Activities

Six Anthologies: Words of War Series: From...

- The Civil War Through the Gulf War
- The American Revolution Through the Iraq
 War
- America & Abroad
- Oral Histories WW2
- Four Points on the Compass
- North & South of the Mason-Dixon Line

Three Biographies

- Major John G. Emery in World War I & Early Leader of The American Legion
- US Submarine Chaser 38 in World War I: Gunner's Mate First Class Raymond Featherstone, Sr.
- "Dear Stellie" A Field Surgeon's World War
 II Letters Maj. Pierce W. Powers 4th Auxiliary Surgical Group

Four Travel Journals include items from our Legacy Collection

Awards & Recognition:

- ♦ American Legion State of Indiana
- ◆ Caleb Mills Award / Indiana Historical Society
- ♦ DAR Caroline Scott Chapter
- ♦ Indianapolis WW2 Round Table—Ernie Pyle Chapter

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Park Tudor Legacy Initiative Project





"Hands on History"



Our Mission

The Legacy Initiative Project's mission is to save wartime stories (oral and written) from around the world while providing hands-on-history learning and research experiences for motivated students.

Activities of the Legacy Initiative Project complement skills developed in Upper School history and English courses. Legacy volunteers have the opportunity to develop advanced research & methodology skills, such as how to decipher and transcribe hand-written letters, how to organize a project, and how to write well-organized and properly cited documents.

Project manuscripts provide the means for students to develop their editing, proofing, and design skills—while saving history.

Activities:

- Promote & recruit members for the Legacy Initiative Project
- Develop research, editing, writing and proofing skills for a potential publishing project. Two are in the works!
- Digitize Earlier Oral History Files:
- In 2002, Sen. Lugar (R-Ind) invited the Legacy Initiative to partner with VHP. More than 700 interviews were completed and transcribed. Of these, more than 350 interviews were put online at the IUPUI-Park Tudor School Oral History Project website.
- Learn how to document, digitize & preserve artifacts

Plans for 2022-23 . . .

- Digitize veterans' papers and transcripts for upload to Legacy website
- Digitize wartime letter collections (US Civil War, WWI, WWII, etc.) and put online on Legacy website
- Digitize Legacy artifacts and put on line on Legacy website
- Create & present a program for an US assembly based on recent projects
- Identify future projects



Travel Opportunities: Depending on the focus of a project, travel may be necessary to the National Archives in Washington, DC. If there is interest in a large WW2 European project which requires research, this can also be considered. Plans are developing now for a Summer 2023 WW2 European trip. (In 2019 two students who

assisted with the Powers WW2 project traveled to England, France and Germany with a Vonnegut Study Grant.



Local Activities:

Legacy students

are invited to attend the monthly WW2 Round Table in Indianapolis to hear speakers on various wartime topics. Students may also visit the Indiana War Memorial on the Mall downtown, or the USS Indianapolis Memorial on the Canal, or they may assist with the occasional oral history interview with a veteran or civilian with wartime experiences.



Meets 6:00 pm 4th Monday of each month at the Northside Social on 71st Street, Indpls. RSVP to Mrs. Lerch by the Thursday prior week.

See website: for program information: https://www.wwiiroundtable.com/