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How did the war affect you? What life lessons did you learn?

Those are just two of the questions included when United States military veterans are interviewed for the City of Burleson's Operation Remember program. Those interviews, which range from less than 10 minutes to as much as 80 minutes, are then uploaded to the City of Burleson website. A clip of each video is also included on the Operation Remember kiosk at Burleson Veterans Memorial Park.

With the expertise of community volunteers Dale Dexheimer, Milton Gibson and Gary Burton, the City has been compiling video interviews with military veterans since the spring of 2010. The veterans are from all branches – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard – and several conflicts - Vietnam, World War II, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Operation Remember follows closely with the guidelines of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. The veteran is interviewed, then he/she submits pictures (one from their time in service and a current picture) to the City. The interviews are uploaded to the City website (click on the Operation Remember button on the homepage at [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com)). The video, pictures and all paperwork are submitted to the Library of Congress to be included in the Veteran's History Project.

If the veteran has a brick at Veterans Memorial Park, family and friends can type in the name of the veteran on the Operation Remember kiosk keyboard. In return they receive the location of that veteran's brick as well as the veteran's name, branch of service, conflict (World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and more), years of service and birthplace. If an interview has been submitted to the City, a brief clip of the interview plays.

The local Veterans History Project was started in 2003 by members of the Burleson Heritage Foundation. J.W. Arnold and up to half a dozen members of the foundation interviewed local veterans.

To be included in Operation Remember, call the city secretary's office, 817-426-9661, and request an interview.