*An Archival Project to Honor Veterans of the Vietnam War*

The Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) has developed this survey in an effort to honor the service and valor of Tennessee's Vietnam War veterans and to preserve a more complete historical record of the men and women who served in theater during the war. The survey results will be maintained at TSLA for research and educational purposes.

Your contribution to this survey is extremely valuable and greatly appreciated. TSLA seeks participation from Vietnam War veterans who were living in Tennessee at the time of the war or veterans who currently reside in Tennessee. Should the veterans be unable to participate in the survey, a designee can complete the form for them, or they may contact TSLA for assistance.

We realize that at 56 questions the survey is lengthy and may take some time to complete (45 minutes to an hour). Since the information is being collected for historical purposes, however, we carefully selected the questions to give a thorough record of veterans’ experiences. If you prefer, you can complete part of the survey, save your answers, and come back to the survey later.

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**General Information - Biographical**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Race/ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parents’ names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current place of residence (county and state): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Education prior to and after service: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation prior to and after service: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age at time of induction: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Enlisted or were you drafted into service: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of induction: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Branch of service: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Specific unit designation(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Location(s) of training: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dates of overseas service: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List of theater(s) of operations in which you served: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List your military occupations and duties: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Highest rank achieved while in service: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List any awards and/or decorations received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When and where were you discharged from service: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Military living**

Were you in the military in World War II or Korean War? Did you remain in the military following the Vietnam War?

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If you served more than one tour, please describe any differences between your tours.

What is your opinion of the draft system?

What information did the military give you about what service would be like, and how did it differ from your experiences?

What were your first few days in-theater like?

How did environmental conditions affect living in Vietnam and military operations?

How well did your training prepare you for your experiences?

How did you receive information from the outside world?

What were common recreational activities? How did you spend your leave time?

What was troop morale like within your unit? What factors may have impacted morale?

What did you think of military leadership during the war?

What did you think about political leadership during the war?

What was a typical day like in theater?

**Support Personnel**

Did you serve in a non-combat or support role in-theater?

When inducted did you expect to serve in a combat capacity?

Were you ever asked to serve in a combat capacity?

How frequently and in what ways did you interact with combat troops?

**Combat**

Please share any combat engagements or incidents in which you participated:

What is your opinion of your unit’s performance and effectiveness? What factors most impacted your unit’s performance and effectiveness?

What did you think of the equipment and weapons that you were given?

Did you ever operate with allies? If yes, which ones and describe your interactions. What was your opinion of them?

How would you rate the combat effectiveness of The North Vietnamese Army (NVA)?

How would you rate the combat effectiveness of the Viet Cong? What is your opinion of their tactics?

Were you wounded? What were the circumstances of the event, and how was the injury treated?

Were you a prisoner of war? If so, describe your experiences.

How would you rate combat support provided to you (for example: air support, artillery support, and medical support, etc.)?

**Social**

Did you have any interactions with the indigenous civilian population? If yes, please describe the relationships you had with them.

What is your opinion of the media coverage during and after the war?

Did you witness any substance abuse, criminal activity, or military insubordination?

Did the racial tensions of the period affect your unit? Did you experience or witness any acts of racial discrimination?

**Post-War**

How did you feel about the Paris Peace talks and the way the war ended?

How did you react to the subsequent collapse of South Vietnam?

How were you received when you returned home?

What is/was your opinion of the anti-war sentiment and/or protests?

Did you suffer any physical or psychological effects from your service?

Did you join any veterans’ groups or maintain contact with other veterans?

Is there anything else about your military experience you would like to add?

Please Return Survey to:

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**Additional Answer Pages (if needed)**

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