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### **BISHOP URGES PARTICIPATION IN VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT**

*Program Preserves Vets' Stories in Nation's Permanent Historical Record*

**Coram**—Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) today announced a special initiative for Long Islanders to participate in the Veterans History Project. Anyone in the community can participate by conducting an interview with at least one American war veteran, or a civilian who served in support of the war effort, and delivering it to Bishop's District Office, who will forward it to the Library of Congress.

“With Memorial Day approaching, there is no better way to give thanks to our war veterans than to have their personal stories preserved as part of the permanent historical record of the nation,” Bishop said. “The Veterans History Project offers a tremendous opportunity to experience history firsthand and learn about the heroes who live amongst us.”

The Library of Congress, through its American Folklife Center, is inviting veterans' organizations, community groups, and schools to participate in the Veterans History Project. The project will collect and preserve both audio and video recorded oral histories from America's war veterans and those who served in support of them, along with other first-hand materials, such as photographs, diaries, and letters.

Bishop also announced the presentation of the Veterans History Project's new online National Registry of Service, which lists the names of all individuals from whom the Veterans History Project has received oral histories, spanning wars from World War I to the first Gulf War.

“I encourage everyone to be involved in this project,” Bishop said. “Grandchildren should interview their grandparents, students should interview community members, and veterans should interview each other. The important thing is that we preserve as much of our history as possible.”

Information about the project and the registry are available online at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets). For additional information, people can call toll-free (888) 371-5848. Please send any materials to be forwarded to the Library of Congress to:

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