**Cobalt Remembers**

**Possible Questions**

1. Why did you join the service? What branch? Rank in service? Job Unit? Theater of Operation?
2. What was your background at the time of service? What education had you completed?
3. Did you volunteer for military service or were you drafted? If you enlisted, what were your motivations behind enlisting? Why did you pick the branch you were in?
4. What do you recall of your first days in the service? What did it feel like to be in the service?
5. What was boot camp like? What training did you receive and where? What were your MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) duties and responsibilities? Did you do anything special to get through training?
6. What are some of your more memorable experiences? Can you share any humorous or unusual events?
7. Were you involved in any combat? Where? How were you involved in the engagement?
8. Were you a POW? What were those experiences like?
9. Were you awarded any medals, citations, commendations or promotions? If so, how did you get these?
10. Were you able to stay in touch with your family? If so, how frequently?
11. How did you deal with pressure or stress?
12. Did you carry or do anything special for good luck?
13. Did you have any pre-combat rituals?
14. What did you do for entertainment?
15. What did you do on leave?
16. Where did you travel during the service?
17. Were there pranks on you or other servicemen?
18. Did you form many close friendships and do you still stay in touch? If so, please elaborate.
19. Did you see or experience any discrimination in the service?
20. Where there many casualties in your unit?
21. Who were some of the memorable people with which you served? What characteristics/actions made them memorable?
22. When the war ended, did you stay in the service? If yes, how were you involved following the years? If no, what did you choose to do?
23. Do you recall the day your service ended? If so, please elaborate.
24. In general, what was the response of the population upon your return from war?
25. What did you do after your time in service? Did you go back to school, work or retire?
26. Was your education supported by the G.I. Bill? If so, please describe those opportunities.
27. Are you a member of a veterans’ organization? Chapter? Post? Legion? If so, what kind of activities did your Post have?
28. Do you attend reunions? If so, how often and where?
29. What was the single most important factor in your determination to overcome adversity?
30. How did the service affect your life? What was personally beneficial to you? What did you lean about yourself?
31. In retrospect, how do you feel about your service in the military? Was it valuable? What lessons can be learned from your time in service and war in general?
32. What are some of the similarities/differences between your service and those who served in other conflicts? What about those who are serving in the military today?
33. Do you see your military services as a positive or negative experience? Why?
34. What about you? Did the United States, and/or the world changed after your time in service? What about other wars?
35. Did your military experience influence views on today’s military and war? If so, how