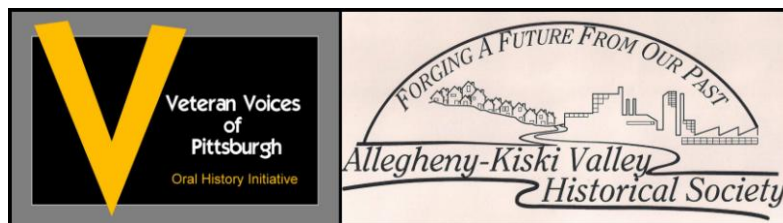


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VETERAN VOICES OF PITTSBURGH PARTNERS WITH ALLE-KISKI VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PITTSBURGH, PA – The Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative announces a new oral history recording partnership with the Alle-Kiski Valley Historical Society (AKVHS) to preserve the stories of veterans of the lower Allegheny Valley region.

Throughout 2016, the two organizations are collaborating to offer local veterans of all eras and branches of service a chance to share their stories—in their own words. The AKVHS/Heritage Museum in Tarentum, Pennsylvania will serve as the location for the oral history recordings conducted on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

“We are very excited to return to the Alle-Kiski area to record and preserve veterans’ stories,” said Kevin Farkas, executive producer of Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh. “We last recorded veterans at the AKVHS museum in 2014, and the experience was very rewarding. Board president Dolly Mistrick and museum curator Jamie Stoner warmly welcomed us then, as now, and we are eager to meet with more veterans from the area—especially WWII veterans.”

“Local history comes in many different facets,” said AKVHS curator Jamie Stoner. “One that cannot be forgotten is the service of local veterans throughout the United States and the world. We are very thrilled to continue our mission in conjunction with Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh to preserve veterans’ stories.”

The veterans’ oral history recordings will be made available to the public through programming at the AKVHS, as well as the Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative’s online digital archive. The interviews will also be made available to the Senator John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution.

Requests for oral history interviews at AKVHS can be made by contacting the museum at (724) 224-7666). Request can also be made through Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh by calling (412) 423-8034 or by using an online interview request form: <http://veteranvoicesofpittsburgh.com>. There is no cost to veterans.

The Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to capture, preserve, and share the voices, images, and experiences of veterans with a Western Pennsylvania connection. Since 2012, VVoP and its partner nonprofit, the Veterans Breakfast Club, have collaboratively preserved over 800 stories of local veterans. Through its web-based digital archive, the partnership offers over 180 hours of online stories by local veterans gathered from Veterans Breakfast Club storytelling events and oral history recording sessions held at the Heinz History Center, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, and nearly fifty other locations throughout Western Pennsylvania.

The Allegheny-Kiski Valley Historical Society is a non-profit, permanent institution whose primary mission is interpreting, preserving, and celebrating local cultural, industrial, and ethnic heritage of the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas river valleys in southwestern Pennsylvania, a region embracing the surrounding areas from Harmar Township north to Freeport, and east to Apollo

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