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CHAFEE CALLS UPON VETERANS TO SHARE THEIR STORIES

Veterans History Project Continues through Veterans Day

PROVIDENCE, RI -- In honor of Veterans Day, November 11th, U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today encouraged all Rhode Island veterans to participate in the Veterans History Project. The goal of this national initiative is to collect and preserve 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.

"This Veterans' Day, as we remember the events that took place at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, there's no better way to give thanks to our war veterans than to have their personal stories preserved forever as part of a permanent historical record of our nation," stated Senator Chafee. "I invite all interested veterans to be part of the Veterans History Project. We all benefit if we learn from the past so that we can imagine a better future."

The U.S. Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000 and it calls upon the American Folk Life Center of the Library of Congress to collect and preserve oral histories from America's war veterans from World War I, World War II, Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars.

The Rhode Island Historical Society has graciously agreed to assist with the interviews and then store the tapes and collectibles so that the materials will be available for all Rhode Islanders to see and hear.

"The combined stories of our war veterans and the civilians who supported them tell the story of our nation's perseverance and how the values of free people prevail," Chafee concluded.

To learn more about this special project or to schedule an interview, call Senator Chafee's Providence Office at 401 453-5294. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Bernard Fishman, executive director of the Rhode Island Historical Society at (401) 331-8575 or www.rihs.org.

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