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## VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT INTERVIEWS, 2002–2003

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

12 Servicemen and Women were interviewed in this collection who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

**John R. Basch** (1921–2007) was born in Indianapolis and served in the U. S. Army Air Corps as a 1st lieutenant during World War II and was stationed in England. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery.

**James P. Bishop** (1916–2011) was born in Teges, Kentucky. From 1939–1941 he served in the National Guard before joining the regular Army in 1941. Bishop was a major in the 526th Armored Infantry Battalion during World War II serving in England, France, Germany, and Luxembourg. He was part of the Security Service at General Omar Bradley's headquarters during the Battle of the Bulge. Bishop continued to serve in the reserves until 1968.

**Terry W. Hooper** (b.1951) was born in Nashville, Tennessee and served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War as a Lance Corporal. Hooper served from February, 1971–November, 1972.

**Orville Jinks** (1923–2013) was from Dewitt, Illinois from April, 1940–December, 1943 he served in the Navy in the South Pacific. Jinks was a Signalman 3rd Class and a signalman. The crews he served with received a Presidential Unit Citation and Seven Battle Stars.

**Paul I. Kennedy** (1920–2007) was born in Indianapolis and served in the Navy from 1938–1945 in both the South Pacific and the North Atlantic. He rose to the rank of Signalman 1st Class.

**Harold "Fred" Keepes** (1933–2010) was from Knox County, Indiana. He served from March, 1951–March, 1954 in the several regiments of the Army's 1st Cavalry Division during the Korean War. Keepes later served in the Navy from 1958–1976 including Vietnam from 1966–1967.

**John Poston** (b. 1945) was born in Richmond, Indiana. He enlisted in the Navy in 1966 and served in the Vietnam War. Poston achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer and remained in the Navy until 1980.

**Dana Lynn Randall** (b. 1947) was born in Beech Grove, Indiana. He served in the Army from 1966–1968 and was stationed in Korea. Randall was a Specialist 4th Class and received a Purple Heart.

**Anna Marie (Pugliese) Rutallie** (b. 1948) was born in Hazelton, Pennsylvania. She served in the Army Nurse Corps from 1968–1972 and was stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Vietnam, and Ft. Devens, Massachusetts.

**Robert Stahlhut** (b.1921) was from Indianapolis and served in the Army Air Corps/Air Force from 1942–1950 attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. Stahlhut was shot down and served in a POW camp in Germany for one year and eight months.

**Loren Edwin Sturgeon** (1927–2008) was born in Connersville, Indiana and served in the Army from June, 1945–November, 1946 serving in the occupation army in Germany. Sturgeon was recalled to active during the Korean War and served with 8th Army in Korea.

**Taylor N. White** (1929–?) was from Woodburn, Kentucky. He served in Army on two occasions. His from period of service was from October, 1946–March, 1948 and stationed in Japan as part of the occupation army. He was recalled to active service during the Korean War and served in that conflict as a member of the 23rd Infantry Regiment from October, 1950–September, 1951 and received the Purple Heart.

Sources:

Information in Collection.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of twelve VHS format video tapes of interviews of veterans conducted at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis from 2002–2003 for the Veteran's History Project. Interviewers were Marianne Hughes of Greensboro, Indiana, Gerald Burrus of Carthage, Indiana, and Terry W. Hooper of Indianapolis. Diana L. Baxter of Indianapolis served as the camera operator.

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