

Veterans Project Interview To Library of Congress

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1. Name/Address of interviewer: Ann Smith
2. Interviewee Birthday: 7-20-1926
3. Recording Format: 16bit 48 khz WAV, Data file(s) submitted on an optical disc
4. Duration of Recording: 54 min
5. Place of Interview: Gainesville, FL

Audio Recording Log

Minute Mark Hour:Min:Sec	Topic/Theme/paraphrase of conversation
00:00:00	
00:00:34	Born in Elmar, New York.
00:01:06	Discusses history of name, family.
00:03:24	School, tried out by football, made a lifelong friend.
00:03:47	After high school, he and a friend decided to join the Marines.
00:04:33	Had to go talk to a Navy Recruiter. And take tests.
00:05:35	Describes difficulties trying to join at 17.
00:06:41	Had cousin help him with paperwork.
00:07:45	His father knew he signed up.
00:09:40	Had to go to Buffalo.
00:10:40	A buddy of his, their sub was reported missing.
00:10:50	Boot camp at Sampson New York.
00:11:20	Discusses boot camp.
00:11:53	Became friends with Willy Pap, a boxer.
00:12:40	Assigned to Gunners base school
00:13:53	Met a friend of his cousins.
00:14:30	Went Gunnery school, describes time.
00:16:00	When Circulli became Chief, he was put on an examination board.

00:16:56	Was not allowed to go to submarine school.
00:18:23	Caught up with guys from his early military days.
00:18:53	Made chief and went to New York.
00:19:44	Father and mother was proud of him making Chief.
00:20:40	Was raised in a Catholic Church.
00:21:20	Was assigned to the general man, didn't like it.
00:21:34	Got transferred to a Coast Guard ship in 1944.
00:22:25	Discusses the places he went during that time.
00:23:00	He was in charge of "the office."
00:23:30	Rarely in danger.
00:24:00	On <i>USS Pickney</i> .
00:24:58	Went alongside a ship that MacArthur was on.
00:25:50	Talks about his dislike for MacArthur.
00:26:30	Always afraid when guns went off.
00:27:56	Circulli was in the Pacific when peace was signed. Got caught in a typhoon.
00:28:37	Went back home from leave.
00:29:30	When he went home people thought he was dead.
00:30:23	A relative of his grandfather had the same name as him, and he died. It wasn't him!
00:31:08	After war was over he decided to re-enlist.
00:31:56	Went to adding school, it went on strike.
00:32:20	Went to Buffalo to re-enlist.
00:32:56	His commanding officer was Richard P.C. for Navy Reserves.
00:33:22	Got transferred to Buffalo.
00:34:32	Navy moved out and the Air Corps was moving in to Buffalo.
00:35:33	Got transferred with a buddy.
00:36:53	Reunited with a buddy.
00:37:07	Reenlisted in 1947.
00:37:30	Stationed in Buffalo for five years as Chief of Administration.
00:38:02	Met wife while on leave in cousins' beauty shop.
00:38:44	Married for 66 years.
00:39:12	Got married in 1949.
00:39:40	Retired in Buffalo, had seven children.
00:40:20	Discusses children's occupations.
00:41:00	Talks about their travels.
00:41:34	Enlisted during Korean War but didn't have anything to do with it.
00:42:27	Made promise to friend Frank, to give him his uniforms.
00:43:12	Discusses pictures he has in his home.
00:43:45	Wife told him she was pregnant after retirement ceremony.
00:44:23	Tries to remember children's age ranges.
00:44:49	Went to work with the Post Office.
00:45:22	Talks about meeting with Mr. Shepherdson.
00:46:14	Quit job working for the city to work for post office.
00:46:48	Came to Gainesville in 1986, his son Joe wanted him in Gainesville.
00:47:48	Has a close family, they meet all the time.

00:48:10	Wife has a sister, they discuss her birthday
00:48:38	Circulli's family went to Washington to see the monuments.
00:49:57	Discusses photographs they were looking at.
00:50:40	Returns to boxing subject.
00:52:54	Talks more about pictures.
00:54:12	[End of interview]