Lakewood invites you to be part of the Veterans History Project

Many of Lakewood’s original residents were veterans and their families. The city’s appreciation for military duty in service to our country was strong then, and has continued to be strong in every generation since.

When the city renovated and expanded its Veterans Memorial Plaza in 2015, commemorative bricks were laid around the memorial so that veterans with a connection to Lakewood could be remembered and honored.

Now, to accompany the bricks and the memorial, the city has launched an online Veterans History Project to tell the stories of those veterans and active-duty military service members whose names appear on the commemorative bricks, or who otherwise have a Lakewood connection (see sample at left).

If you would like to share your story or that of a Lakewood-connected veteran or active-duty service member close to you, here’s how:

- Review the questions on the back of this flyer, gather the information and select a photo of the veteran (see reverse for guidelines).
- Call to arrange an appointment with a volunteer who will meet with you, scan the photo, and submit your story.
- Or, if you want to submit your story online, go to www.lakewoodveterans.org.

To schedule an appointment with a volunteer who will help you submit your story, please contact:

Community Relations
City of Lakewood
562-866-9771, extension 2123
CommunityRelations@lakewoodcity.org
Veterans History Project Worksheet

Use this sheet to prepare for your appointment with a volunteer.

**STEP ONE:** Assemble this information and select a photo of the veteran to bring.

**What is the veteran's connection to Lakewood (born/raised/live/work here, etc)?**
_____________________________________________________________________

**Veteran's name and final rank:**
_____________________________________________________________________

**Branch of service:**
- Army
- Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Coast Guard
- Navy (including merchant mariners who served in WWII)

**Dates of service:**
______________________________________________________

**Location of service and/or conflicts:**
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

**Medals earned:**
______________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

Has a brick been purchased or installed for this veteran in the Lakewood Veterans Memorial?
- Yes – brick location number, if known: _______________ (if not, we'll look it up)
- No
- I don't know

**Photo:** Bring a color or black/white photo to be scanned and returned to you. Photo should be a clear image of the veteran alone, such as in a portrait shot.

**Reflections on this veteran's military service (maximum of 400 words).** On a separate sheet of paper, write a few paragraphs on any reflections or comments about the veteran's military service and what it meant to them and their family. Include some details so the reader can get to know a little more about the veteran. The volunteer can help you put this together if you jot down some notes in advance.

**STEP TWO:** Call Community Relations at 562-866-9771, extension 3123 to find out about available dates and times to make an appointment at the Weingart Senior Center. **Bring the information requested above and a photo of the veteran with you to your appointment.**

(To submit the story online, go to [www.lakewoodveterans.org](http://www.lakewoodveterans.org) and click the "Submit a Story" button. Scan and save the photo as a .jpg in advance. You'll answer the questions above and upload the photo.)