

# Young Marines seek vets' stories

**INTERVIEWS:** The youth organization's activity helps kids learn about military service.

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Local war veterans are being asked to recount their military experience, some for the first time after the war they served in.

The Temecula Valley Young Marines is hoping to collect 200 veterans' stories from each Inland Valley unit as part of the nationwide Veterans History Project.

Children and teens involved with the organization are interviewing the veterans to gain knowledge of what it was like to serve in a war.

"Veterans are very grateful to share their stories," said Stephanie Guiles, adjutant for the Temecula Valley Young Marines. "They'll never be forgotten. We're losing our vets very quickly."

The stories of the veterans are being chronicled by The Temecula Valley Young Marines which plans to deliver the memoirs to the Washington D.C. Library of Congress on Veteran's Day in November. The Temecula organization is the only chapter scheduled to

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The Temecula Valley Young Marines are looking for veterans to share their stories to be preserved at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

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attend, and all members are eligible, pending their grades in school.

Veterans are being asked to share their stories Aug. 13 to 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Murrieta Community Center, 41810 Juniper Street.

Young Marines will interview veterans about their length of service, their involvement in the military and how war has affected their lives.

"It helps veterans always live on through spirit and their stories," Battalion Commander and retired Marine Staff Sgt. Michael Guiles said. "Kids are amazed these people went through this. There's a pride for their country there, and it's real."

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by video, audio and written transcripts and be part of the library's display of veterans history.

Joshua and Nicholas Guiles are active in the project and plan to go on the D.C. trip.

"It feels good learning the

history of what they went through and what they did for our country," Joshua Guiles, 13, said.

"They told us stuff no one else had ever heard about," Nicholas Guiles, 11, said.

David Arthur, an 83-year-old World War II veteran working with the VFW in Wildomar, commends the Young Marines.

"I'm glad they're learning what

the world has gone through and that there's no end to it," Arthur said. "The best we can do is teach them that freedom isn't free and we have to sacrifice for it."

The Young Marines project was established in 1958 and promotes education and self-discipline, Michael Guiles said.

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