Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White established the Illinois Veterans’ History Project after the United States Congress passed a law in 2000 authorizing the Library of Congress to collect and preserve the histories of American veterans and civilians who served in wars from World War I to the present.

★ The Office of the Illinois Secretary of State is a founding partner of the Veterans’ History Project.

★ Nearly 6,000 digitized Illinois Patriot Forms can be accessed in State Library’s Illinois Digital Archives.

★ The Illinois Court Reporters Association partners with the Illinois Veterans’ History Project to provide interview transcriptions.

★ Approximately 300 streamed interviews are available on the Illinois Veterans’ History Project YouTube channel. In addition, links to the individual interviews are contained within the State Library’s Illinois Digital Archives.

★ The State Library provides training for Illinois library employees to help them reach out to their area communities and conduct interviews with local veterans.

Information about the Project is available at: