**How to do a My Life, My Story Interview**

1. Pick a veteran to participate (anyone who say ‘YES” is perfect!)
2. Does the veteran already have a My Story?
3. Look in POSTINGS tab (top right of home screen); it will appear there
4. Ask the veteran (use script)
   1. If veteran says, “I’m so boring! You want one of those WWII veterans!” You can say, everyone has a story to tell and I’d love to hear yours.
   2. If Veteran says ‘I’ve done a lot of naughty things you don’t want to hear about.’ You say You don’t have to talk about anything you don’t want, and you have a chance to make any changes you want.
   3. If veteran says-‘Ooooh my story is so long, it would take a life time to get it down” you can say ‘You’re right! It would be impossible to get the whole story. But I hope we can get the essence with this.
   4. If veteran says –No thanks, not for me; you can say ‘thank you for considering it’
5. Veteran says Yes!
6. Explain that since we have many learners/students we sometimes ask if OK with Veteran to share story to help our learners learn about veterans experience, etiher within VA or outside VA and would that be ok. Consent-check boxes for Education: presentation, conference, training.
7. Begin!!! Start with : Where did you grow up? What was it like?” Often those will be the only questions you ask.
8. Take scribbling notes as Veteran talks. You will write your story from these notes and your memory. Taking good notes makes the writing faster/easier
9. The interview is over…now your write it up. Target is 1000 words. Write in WORD
10. Offer to read back to the veteran (some don’t’ want to hear it back, but we always offer) for any edits and final approval before putting in chart.
11. Ask them if they’d like any copies for themselves or their family; email Susan Nathan who can deliver or mail to them (we print on beautiful template; not ugly CPRS notes)
12. They say OK; put in chart. Note template title My Story
13. Thank you!