

Sample Veteran Research Project Interview Questions

Basic Background Information

1. Please state and spell your first and last name.
2. Where did you grow up?
3. Where do you live now?
4. What branch of the military were you/are you in?
5. Did you get drafted into the military or did you enlist?
6. Why did you decide to go into the military (if they weren't drafted)?
7. How old were you when you first went into the military? What year was it?

Training and Preparation

8. What was your experience like in basic training?
9. How long did you serve in the military?
10. What was your role or specialty in the military?
11. What training did you receive for this role?

Experiences and Challenges

12. Where were you stationed during your time in the military? What was it like?
13. Describe some of your experiences during your time in the military.
14. Were you injured during your time in the military?
15. If you were away during your time in the military, what did you miss about home?
16. When were you discharged from military service?
17. What was the biggest challenge you faced while you were in the military?
18. What was the biggest opportunity you had while you were in the military?
19. What lessons did you learn during your time in the military?
20. What is your favorite memory from your time in the military?

Relationships

21. Can you talk about the bonds or friendships you formed among your fellow service members?
22. Do you still keep in touch with any of your friends from your time in the military?

Impact and Transition

23. What was the transition like from military to civilian life? Were there any challenges or difficulties?
24. Was it hard adjusting back to civilian life after your time in the military? If so, can you explain why?
25. How does your time in the military impact your life today?
26. What are you most proud of about your time in the military?

Advice and Insights

- 27. What advice would you give to young people considering joining the military?
- 28. What do you think civilians should understand or appreciate about the experiences of veterans?

Legacy and Remembrance

- 29. Are there any issues or challenges facing veterans today that you think need more attention or support?
- 30. Are there any stories or experiences from your service that we didn't cover that you would like to share with us?