

WWI and WWII Archival Collections Research Assistants - Soldier Stories



Project Title	WWI and WWII Archival Collections Research Assistants - Soldier Stories
Project Summary	The American Battle Monuments Commission commemorates the service, achievements, and sacrifice of U.S. armed forces. ABMC is responsible for caring for the graves and memorials of 100,000+ American war dead overseas - each with a unique story. Researchers are needed to help ABMC tell these stories.
Country	France
Agency	American Battle Monuments Commission
DoS Office	N/A
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	10

Project Description

Established by Congress in 1923, the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) commemorates the service, achievements, and sacrifice of U.S. armed forces where they have served overseas. There is a wealth of information online about those who are interred in ABMC managed cemeteries, but it is not cohesive or easily accessible for use by ABMC.

The virtual interns will each have a list of names from which to work and will research online collections and archival sources such as the National Archives and Records Administration, newspapers, genealogy websites, military records, veterans sites, etc. to find as much information possible to document the individual stories.

The final products will be a folder/portfolio (template provided) for each soldier, reviewed by ABMC, for inclusion in ABMC's collection used to inform ABMC management decisions and to develop exhibits, tours, social media, publications, etc. to bring the stories to the public.

Desired Skills Interests

Skill

MS Office

Research

Storytelling

Communication Skills

Ability to determine veracity of information and trustworthiness of source

Self Motivated

Detail Oriented

Additional Information

An interest and knowledge of WWI and WWII will be helpful. An interest in genealogy may also be valuable, but is not required.

This project is an initiative of the Collections & Preservation Directorate of the Overseas Operations Office of the American Battle Monuments Commission. For more information about ABMC, please visit: www.abmc.gov.

Language Requirements

None