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### WWII Capture Living History Project Reaches Milestone

The Communication and Customer Relations Department's interviewed its 100<sup>th</sup> participant for the *WWII Capture Living History* project Friday, Feb. 10.

Charles W. Morse joined the Air Force in 1942 at the age of 19 to become a pilot. After graduating from boot camp and pilot school, he flew B-17s in the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 305<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, 366<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, and completed 32 missions over Europe during WWII.

The goal of this oral history project is to capture the memories of these veterans and share with the community personal stories that reflect the tremendous sacrifices this generation made so that Americans could continue to live in a free nation.

To date, 83 completed interviews have been sent to the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress for permanent archival purposes. In addition to the interviews, the department developed a Web site that contains photos and biographical information of the participants and can be accessed by logging onto [www.colliergov.net/communications](http://www.colliergov.net/communications).

The WWII Capture Living History project received its first award in December 2005 from the Florida Government Communicators Association. The project earned first place in the Community Relations Category, which required a project to demonstrate that it has improved communication with the community. Additionally, the project received the FGCA Judges' Award, given to an outstanding entry that achieves maximum results while using a minimum amount of money.

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