

Call Number	Interviewee	Biography	Summary	Interviewer	Date of Interview
OH 9906	WILLIAM DOYLE & SAMUEL KRAUSS Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009	WWII veterans of the Army's 29th Division. Both served in the D-Day invasion.	One in a series of interviews with Marylanders who served in armed services during WWII or worked in defense production on the home front. The interview principally focuses on their experiences preparing for and participating in the D-Day invasion, their perspectives of military life, and their transition to civilian life after the war.	Shaine Hill, Anshrea Covington	2009
OH 9906.1	WE HAD A JOB TO DO: MARYLANDERS AT HOME AND ABROAD DURING WORLD WAR II - PROJECT BOOKLET Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009	n/a	Companion booklet for the project containing 14 student research papers examining Maryland's role during World War II from various aspects. Topics include: Maryland's prisoner of war camps, the Glenn L. Martin Company, Aberdeen Proving Ground, civil rights activism in wartime Baltimore, and more. The booklet also contains an introduction to the project, photographs, and short biographies of the student interviewers.	n/a	n/a
OH 9907	DR. CYRIL O. BYRON Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009	Tuskegee Airmen. Dr. Cyril O. Byron is a WWII veteran of the Army Air Corps and a Tuskegee Airman. He lived much of his life in Baltimore and is a graduate of Morgan State University. He taught for 26 years at Coppin State University.	One in a series of interviews with Marylanders who served in armed services during WWII or worked in defense production on the home front. Dr. Byron discusses discrimination and segregation in pre and post-war Baltimore; discrimination in the Army; discrimination in wartime Europe; relations with white soldiers and officers; training at Tuskegee Airbase; advocacy of African American newspapers, civil rights activists, and Eleanor Roosevelt for Tuskegee Airmen; successes and accolades of the Tuskegee Airmen; GI Bill; transition to civilian life; receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor; attending the inauguration of President Obama.	Raven Coleman, Antwan Branch	2009
OH 9908	RAYMOND V. HAYSBERT (1920-2010) Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2009	Tuskegee Airman. Mr. Haysbert is a WWII veteran of the Army Air Corps and a Tuskegee Airman. He settled in Baltimore after the war and worked for the Parks Sausage Company, eventually becoming the CEO. Haysbert was active in the African American community, particularly in regard to civil rights and Black businesses.	One in a series of interviews with Marylanders who served in armed services during WWII or worked in defense production on the home front. Haysbert discusses: perspectives on military life; discrimination in the Army; training at Tuskegee Airbase; Colonel Davis; military operations in Europe; performance against German fighter plans; Tuskegee Airmen's exceptional record; leisure time in Italy; GI Bill and postwar education and career; accolades of Tuskegee Airmen; Congressional Medal of Honor; postwar camaraderie of Tuskegee Airmen	Raven Coleman, Antwan Branch	2009

OH 9909	EDMUND NELSON (1920-) Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009	Mr. Nelson is a native of Maryland and a WWII veteran. He first enlisted in the Army Air Corps before transferring to the Navy. He has a long relationship with MdHS, serving as a member of the maritime committee and a volunteer.	Mr. Nelson discusses: bombing of Pearl Harbor; decision to enlist in the Navy; decision to transfer to Marine Corps; challenges of pilot training; women Marines; non-combat flight missions; most memorable flight while in service; VE Day and VJ Day; flying over ruins of Nagasaki and Hiroshima; transition to civilian life	Mariah Williams	2009
OH 9910	STEVEN MELNIKOFF (1919-) Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009	WWII veteran of the Army's 29th Division. Mr. Melnikoff was born in Woonsocket, RI. He was drafted into the Army in July 1943 and was a member of 29th Division. He is a veteran of D-Day and many of the principal battles of the Allied offensive in Europe. He worked as an engineer for 31 years with Bethlehem Steel.	Mr. Melnikoff discusses: transition to Army life; boot camp; training in England; USO events; crossing the English Channel for D-Day invasion; D-Day landing; American offensive in Europe; casualties; hedgerow fighting; Battle of the Bulge; transition to civilian life; GI Bill	Manuel Barbour, Anshrea Covington	2009
OH 9911	DON MCKEE Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009	WWII veteran of the Army's 29th Division. Mr. McKee was an Army medic in the 29th Division during WWII. He participated in the D-Day invasion and the American offensive in Europe. He is an active member of the 29th Division Association.	Mr. McKee discusses: decision to give up college draft deferment; basic training; Queen Mary and the voyage across the Atlantic; training in England; Victory mail (V mail); voyage across the English Channel for Normandy invasion; D-Day landing; serving as a medic during American offensive; St. Lô; injury sustained and rehabilitation; hedgerow fighting in Normandy; redeployment to Manila; transition to civilian life; involvement in 29th Division Association	Kiana James	2009
OH 9912	CARLOS RALON (1927-) Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009	Merchant Mariner, Project Liberty Ship. Mr. Ralon was born on Solomon's Island and is a lifelong Marylander. After WWII began, he enlisted in the Merchant Marine and served onboard liberty ships for several cruises. He is a volunteer with Project Liberty Ship of Baltimore and therefore a crewmember of the SS John W. Brown. He is a graduate of Washington Bible College.	Mr. Ralon discusses: decision to join Merchant Marine; training at Sheepshead Bay; life onboard a Liberty Ship; German attack on his convoy in English Channel; navigating a minefield in the Mediterranean Sea; experiences in Karachi, India; V-J Day celebration in Bombay; experiences in Lorenzo Marques; transporting troops across the Mediterranean Sea; lack of recognition for the contributions of the Merchant Marine; volunteering with Project Liberty Ship	Raven Coleman	2009

OH 9913	<p>CHARLES BLOCKSTON We Had a Job to Do: Doris M. Johnson Project: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009</p>	<p>Merchant Mariner, Project Liberty Ship. Charles Blockston was a member of the Merchant Marine and served during WWII. In 1942, Germans sunk his ship, the <i>Carlton</i>, while en route for Murmansk. After 19 days adrift at sea, two Norwegian fishermen rescued the crew and brought them to Tufjord, Norway. Soon after, Germans captured the crew and imprisoned them in a German POW camp, Milag Nord Mirag, near Hamburg. In 1945, after 32 months in captivity, the Germans released Blockston. He continued to serve in the Merchant Marine until 1982. Upon retirement, he joined Project Liberty Ship in the restoration of the SS John W. Brown.</p>	<p>Blockston discusses: prewar years in the Merchant Marine; life at sea onboard a merchant ship; the German attacks on the <i>Carlton</i>; being captured in Norway by German forces; time in a German POW camp; repatriation.</p>	Raven Coleman	2009
OH 9914	<p>AMERICAN ROSIE THE RIVETER ASSOCIATION: ELSIE ARNOLD, SUSAN TAYLOR KING, VIOLET JOHNSON, & ROSE YINGLING Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009</p>	<p>Elsie Arnold, Susan Taylor King, Valerie Johnson, and Rose Yingling worked in the aircraft industry at Glenn L. Martin and Eastern Aircraft in Baltimore during World War II. Like many women who worked in the defense industry during WWII, this was their first job working in an industrial capacity. The American Rosie the Riveter Association's mission is "To recognize and preserve the history and legacy of working women, including volunteer women, during World War II; to promote cooperation and fellowship among such members and their descendants; and to further the advancement of patriotic ideals, excellence in the work place, and loyalty to the United States of America."</p>	<p>The group discusses their individual experiences on the home front during WWII with an emphasis on their employment with Glenn L. Martin Aviation and Eastern Aircraft factories in Baltimore. Topics include: training courses; working conditions; relations with other workers, including men; job responsibilities; race relations; daily life on the home front; rationing; entertainment; V-J Day; being laid off; life after WWII; membership in the ARRA.</p>	Raven Coleman	2009
OH 9915	<p>VICTOR HARVEY HODGIN SR. Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009</p>	<p>Mr. Hodgin began working Glenn L. Martin Aviation shortly before the U.S. entered WWII. He continued working for the company for many decades and, as of 2009, was still active in supporting the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum.</p>	<p>Mr. Hodgin discusses his life during the Great Depression, before coming to work for Glenn L. Martin in Middle River. He spends considerable time discussing the Glenn L. Martin plant during WWII. Relevant topics include the influx of workers to Baltimore from the South and Appalachia, the company's town, workplace culture, Glenn L. Martin's treatment of the workforce, and President Roosevelt's visit to the plant.</p>	Raven Coleman, Dustin Meeker	2009

OH 9916	<p>HOWARD ZINN (1922-2010) Doris M. Johnson Project: We Had a Job to Do: Marylanders at Home and Abroad during WWII, 2008-2009</p>	<p>Historian, author, activist, and Army Air Force WWII veteran</p>	<p>Mr. Zinn was interviewed about both his WWII experiences and his anti-war activities during the Vietnam War. The interview is also part of the Doris M. Johnson Project: Vietnam War Series. Mr. Zinn discusses: the Vietnam anti war movement; the impact of Zinn's book, <i>The Logic of Withdrawal</i>, on the anti war movement; involvement in the civil rights movement; the role and impact of the Baltimore Four and Catonsville Nine; experiences speaking at rallies in Baltimore during their trials; Viva House; Norman Morrison, Baltimore Quaker who set himself on fire in front of the Pentagon in protest of the Vietnam war; Daniel and Phillip Berrigan; Trip to Hanoi in 1968 with Daniel Berrigan; Jonah House, Liz McAlister; Joining the Air force in WWII; training; experiences as a bombardier in European Theater; Influence of WWII experiences on his anti war beliefs; Impact of John Hersey's book, <i>Hiroshima</i>, on his anti war beliefs; African Americans experience during the war; Segregation in army during WWII; post-war activities after returning home.</p>	<p>Raven Coleman, Mike Douglass</p>	<p>2008</p>
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