Veteran Interview Questions/Format

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A. General Information
- Birthdate:
- Birthplace:
- Occupation Prior to Enlistment:
- Date of Enlistment:
- Branch of Service:
- Why did you select this Branch of Service?
- Bootcamp:
- Outfit:
- Departure Date:
- Transportation:
- Serial Number:
- Theatre of Combat:
- Geographic Location:
- Action prior to Capture:
- High-point/Low-point:
- Contact with Red Cross Representatives:
- Receipt and or initiation of mail to home:

B. Capture
- Location:
- Unit:
- Enemy Unit:
- Back Luck/Incompetence of outfit Commanders:
- Circumstances:
- First encounter with enemy:
- Feelings:

C. Interment
- Food:
- Treatment in general:
- Physical care:
- Torture/Physical Mental:
- Loss of Companions, i.e. fellow prisoners:
- Comradeship:
- Inner or Intra information flow:
- Attempts to escape:
- Inner personal relations developed with the enemy:
- Inner structured of captured command:
- Outlook
- Housing
- Personal Hygiene:

D. Liberation
- First thoughts upon being liberated:
- Date of Liberation:
- Feelings:
- Do you remember the soldiers faces who liberated you:
- What units liberated you:
- In what nationalities:
- What immediate treatment did you receive—medical and/or physiological:
- Feelings toward former prison guards and captors:
- Mental frame of mind:
- First meal:
- Have you been back to the location of incarceration:

E. Flashbacks
- Are you there?
- Are you proud that you served?
- Are you understood as a former P.O.W.:
- Do you feel the sacrifice was worth it:

F. Miscellaneous
- Did it strengthen your faith in a supreme being:
- Did it strengthen or have a significant impact on your family life on your return to the States: