

**March 18, 2011**

(Pittsburgh, PA) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04), Mohawk High School in New Castle, PA and Quaker Valley High School in Leetsdale, PA are inviting local veterans to share their stories of service to our country as part of the Veterans History Project. Students will tape on-camera interviews with local veterans about their military service at Quaker Valley High School in April and at Mohawk High School in May. Each interview will be submitted to the Library of Congress and will become a part of its permanent collection.

**"Western Pennsylvania is home to tens of thousands of veterans, each of whom have a unique story to tell," Altmire said. "Through the Veterans History Project, these American heroes can record and preserve their stories for future generations. I encourage any veteran who is interested in participating in the Veterans History Project to contact my office."**

Veterans who want to be interviewed should contact Beth Newman in Congressman Altmire's office by calling 724-226-1304 or emailing [beth.newman@mail.house.gov](mailto:beth.newman@mail.house.gov) as soon as possible to reserve an appointment.

The Veterans History Project is the largest oral history program in United States history and collects first-person accounts of military service in World War I; World War II; the wars in Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf; the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq; and during peacetime.

Congressman Altmire is a strong advocate for America's veterans. To date, seven different legislative initiatives Altmire introduced to help veterans and military families have been signed into law. Altmire's laws will guarantee that wounded warriors receive their full enlistment bonuses, help veterans successfully start and run small businesses, improve education benefits for National Guardsmen, and more.

