Bringing War Home is Back on the Road

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(Video credit: Taylor Emerson, USU Digital Journalist)

Utah State University’s Bringing War Home project recently held a roadshow at the USU Moab Center on Oct. 22. The event resulted in the chance to archive an additional 49 objects and five oral histories.

Bringing War Home is a National Endowment for the Humanities funded project under the direction of CHaSS faculty, Molly Cannon, assistant professor of anthropology and director of the Mountain West Center for Regional Studies; and Susan Grayzel, professor of history. Hosting roadshows throughout the state of Utah, the Bringing War Home project invites military and civilian community members to share wartime objects and personal stories.

“We might have a family memento that originated in France or Laos, but no way of placing this object in context,” says project Co-Director Grayzel. “Through our project, we aim to provide students, veterans, military family members, and the general public with an opportunity to gain access to the tools to contextualize, preserve, and analyze these objects and the stories that surround them.”

Utah Public Radio is partnering with the project to record stories from military veterans and their families, which will be housed in a digital archive with USU Libraries for the benefit of future generations.

USU alumni and community members are invited to share their personal stories and war-related artifacts at the upcoming roadshow in Wendover. This event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Historic Wendover Airfield Museum.

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