

REQUIRED

Biographical Data Form

To ensure inclusion in the Veterans History Project, this form must accompany each submission. Please use reverse or additional sheet if service was in more than one war or conflict.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Veteran ☒ Civilian ☐ Joseph Germano
Address 405 Claflin Avenue first middle last maiden name
City Mamaroneck State NY ZIP 10543 3907
Telephone (914) - 698-1450 Email _____
Place of Birth Mamaroneck, NY Birth Date 6/19/1925 month/day/year
Race/Ethnicity (optional) _____ Male ☒ Female ☐

Branch of Service or Wartime Activity U.S. Marine Corps
Commissioned ☐ Enlisted ☒ Drafted ☐ Service dates 8/20/1943 to 2/1/1946
Highest Rank Corporal
Unit, Division, Battalion, Group, Ship, etc. (Do not abbreviate.) USS Eldorado, Amphibious
Group Command-II
War, operation, or conflict served in World War II
Locations of military or civilian service United States, Pacific Ocean

Battles/campaigns (please name) Battle of Iwo Jima, Battle of Okinawa

Medals or special service awards. If so, please list (be as specific as possible): Honorable Service
Lapel Button

Special duties/highlights/achievements _____

Was the veteran a prisoner of war? Yes ☐ No ☒

Did the veteran or civilian sustain combat or service-related injuries? Yes ☐ No ☒

Interviewer (if applicable) Jesse Kling

(Please use reverse for any additional biographical information.)

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Audio and Video Recording Log

1. Name and address of collector or interviewer.

Name of Donor/Interviewer Jesse Kling
 Address 7 Concord Avenue
 City Larchmont State NY ZIP 10538 - 3105
 Telephone (914) - 833-2355 Email jdotkling@verizon.net
 Partner organization affiliation (if any) Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund [Mamaroneck H.S.]

2. Name and birth date of the veteran or civilian being interviewed as it appears on the Biographical Data Form.

Name of Veteran/Civilian Joseph Germano Birth Date 6/19/1925
 month/day/year

3. Recording format (please check)

VIDEO type: Betacam ☐ VHS ☐ 8mm ☐ High-8 ☐ DVD ☐ Other ☐ _____ (identify)
 AUDIO type: Cassette ☐ CD ☒ Digital (DAT) ☐

4. Estimated length of recording (in minutes) 71 Date of Recording 5/29/2013

5. Location of recording Home of Joseph Germano, Mamaroneck, NY

6. Please log the topics discussed in the interview in sequence.

For example:

1:45 enlisted with best friend 22:30 on board troop ship to Europe
 2:50 chose Signal Corps and reasons why 26:30 part of 2nd wave at Omaha Beach on D-Day

Minute Mark	Topics presented in order of discussion on recording
<u>00:00</u>	<u>Opening</u>
<u>00:26</u>	<u>Biographical information</u>
<u>08:20</u>	<u>High school during the war</u>
<u>12:37</u>	<u>December 7, 1941</u>
<u>13:33</u>	<u>Enlistment with friend</u>
<u>16:10</u>	<u>Training and going to radio operator school</u>
<u>17:23</u>	<u>The Pacific</u>

(Continue on back or on additional sheets as needed.)

Minute Mark

18:05
19:40
20:17
23:39
24:49
25:18
26:49
30:04
30:23
31:00
31:09
31:49
32:39
33:20
39:23
41:35
46:16
49:38
50:16
51:68
52:29
53:53
54:39
62:10
63:45
65:13
68:15
70:34
71:23

Topics presented in order of discussion on recording

Iwo Jima
Okinawa
Manila Bay
Reasons for enlisting
Thoughts on joining the Marine Corps
Thoughts on participating in radio command
Brooklyn Navy Yard and friends made there
USS Eldorado
San Diego (amphibious training)
Back on the USS Eldorado
Hawaii
Clarifications on involvement with the Marine Corps
Guam
Iwo Jima
Kamikazes at Okinawa
Friendships formed
Qualification for radio command
Correspondence with family
Role pictured within the entire war
The end of the war
Philadelphia Navy Yard
Reception by family and community
Readjustment to civilian life and life after the war
Use of the G.I. Bill
How involvement in the war affected life
Meeting his wife
Reasons for demolishing the house on Center Avenue
Explanation on working with code
End of recording.