


- Students of all ages and their families benefit from having an easily accessible “virtual yearbook” to share and serve as a keepsake for each of their school years and the clubs and teams in which they participate.
- Businesses and professional service providers must expand expand traffic and look for affordable, effective, and appropriate ways.
- The nation needs a vehicle to help appreciate and reinforce the commonalities that unite, rather than divide, the American people. Legacy stories also contribute to the telling of our nation’s history. Our goal is to reinforce the notion that differences make us human, but respect for one another—a key to getting past stereotypes or politics—is the glue that makes communities work. Storytelling can help reinforce the commonalities that unite, rather than divide, the American people.

Our storytelling tool

- All schools, nonprofits and community members receive a free lifetime membership in Americans All, which enables them to publish stories on our Heritage Honor Roll. In addition, members also receive a three-month free trial subscription in our Social Legacy Network), which makes them eligible to get discounts on goods and services from our program’s business partners.
- After their free trials expires (students keep their membership until their class graduates), individuals can continue to receive discounts on goods and services from our business partners via a subscription fee of \$4 per month; 77 percent of the fee goes to a school of their choice.
- Members can create two stories in English and as many as they desire in multiple languages. Stories can be autobiographical or written about individuals, groups, or issues/contain up to 2,000 words of text (1,000 can be password protected), augmented with images, logos, hyperlinks, photographs and audio-video media.
- Businesses and professional service providers pay a membership fee of \$49 every six months to create a marketing-based landing page, and 77 percent of the membership fee goes to a school of their choice. These landing pages can also host the stories of their employees, clients or customers to give these stories greater exposure and to create or expand an affinity group. They can also create stories for the Heritage Honor Roll.
- Research confirms that life stories are central to people’s sense of self and the social world they inhabit. Life stories also are associated with positive mental health and a sense of wholeness, well-being and belonging. In today’s polarized, socially segregated and increasingly diverse America, investments in belonging are more urgent than ever. When people belong, they feel emotionally connected and welcomed.

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On January 28, 1863, Secretary of War Edwin M. S Albion Andrew to create volunteer companies of all elsewhere, and such corps of infantry for the volunteers to be enlisted for three years unless soon reorganized into separate corps.”


On February 2, the Governor sent a letter to Francis Pickens, help in convincing Shaw’s son, Captain Robert Gould Shaw, Volunteer Infantry. It would become the first regular North. Captain Shaw, a commissioned officer in the Boston on October 10, 1837, and admitted to Harvard in the third year to join the army. He entered the 7th as second lieutenant in the 2nd Massachusetts Inf his appointment to command the 54th Massachusetts

Once his appointment was confirmed, Shaw began (below) and the reg the fighting qualie sk. Throughout his it as well as any whi support of Mayor Gov organized a comm atesman Frederick contacts help increase the enlistments of black men for the Massachusetts cause. On March 2, 1863, Douglass to Arms,” and urgently requested that this enlistment opportunity be accepted. On June 26, 1863, Mayor Ste progressing handsomely, and black men begin to understand they gain nothing by standing off, but if they we hands of the government, they must rally at its call.”


The other persons nominated to command the regiment were carefully selected by Governor Andrew: fourte six had been previously commissioned. Several were Harvard men, and others were descendants of soldiers War of 1812. The motives of these white soldiers in joining this experiment were significant since the country men in the Army, because they would not make good soldiers. It required courage for those white men to act

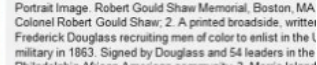
One of Shaw’s first military actions was participating in the raid on Darien, Georgia. The senior officer in ch

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Portrait image, Robert Gould Shaw Memorial, Boston, MA





Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, 2. A printed broadside, written Frederick Douglass recruiting men of color to enlist in the military in 1863. Signed by Douglass and 54 leaders in the

Military Personnel and Organizations [Legacy Partner Page]



The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard are the armed forces of the United States. The Army National Guard and the Air National Guard are reserve components of their services and operate in part under state authority. From its inception during the American Revolutionary War, the U.S. Armed Forces has played a decisive role in the history of the United States. It helped forge a sense of national unity and identity through its victories in the First Barbary War and the Second Barbary War. It played a critical role in the American Civil War, keeping the Confederacy from seceding from the republic. The National Security Act of 1947, adopted following World War II, created the modern U.S. military framework.

The act established the National Military Establishment, headed by the secretary of defense, and created the U.S. Air Force and the National Security Council. It was amended in 1949, renaming the National Military Establishment the Department of Defense, and merged the cabinet-level Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, and Department of the Air Force into the Department of Defense. The U.S. Space Force (USSF) is a new branch of the Armed Forces. It was established December 20, 2019, within the Department of the Air Force, meaning the Secretary of the Air Force has overall responsibility for the USSF, under the guidance and direction of the Secretary of Defense.

Legacy Stories from the Americans All Heritage Honor Roll

We are pleased to host and share these legacy stories created by honorees' family, friends and associates. They, like us, appreciate that heritage and culture are an integral part of our nation's social fabric and want to help students participate effectively in our nation's economy, workforce and democracy.

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Civil War: Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 54th Massachusetts (*March 13, 1863 - August 4, 1865*) Carney, Glory, Hallowell, Medal of Honor, Military, Shaw, Fort Wagner
On January 26, 1863, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton authorized Massachusetts Governor John Albion Andrew to create volunteer companies of artillery "for duty in the forts of Massachusetts . . . [Read more](#)

Lucian Adams Texas (*October 26, 1922 - March 31, 2003*) Medal of Honor Recipient, World War II, Veteran, Hispanic
Lucian Adams, Medal of Honor recipient and son of Lucian Adams, Sr., and Rosa (Ramírez) Adams, was born in Port Arthur, Texas, on October 26, 1922. The Adams family consisted of nine . . . [Read more](#)

Commodore John Barry Pennsylvania (*March 25, 1745 - September 12, 1803*) Irish, Ireland, U.S. Navy First Flag Officer, Politician, Continental Congress
September 13th is Commodore John Barry Day. It is not a new commemorative day, for it has been commemorated on the American national calendar more than once. There were even . . . [Read more](#)

Brendan Fitzgerald Maryland (*March 16, 1967 - ?*) Management and Program Analyst, Veteran, Service Dog, PTSD
Marine Corps veteran Brendan Fitzgerald and his dog Russell offer hope and courage to veterans, their families, and others struggling to overcome trauma. Russell became the first service dog. . . [Read more](#)

Sam Houston Texas (*March 2, 1793 - July 26, 1863*) Irish, Ireland, Catholic, Houston, Veteran, Politician
Sam Houston was born on March 2, 1793, the fifth child of Samuel and Elizabeth (Paxton) Houston, Rockbridge County, Virginia. He was of Scots-Irish ancestry and reared Presbyterian. His father died when he was thirteen, and in the spring of 1807, he emigrated with his mother, five brothers, . . . [Read more](#)

Honorable John Fitzgerald "Jack" Kennedy Massachusetts (*May 29, 1917 - November 22, 1963*) Irish, Catholic, Ireland, Politician, Author, War Hero, President of the U.S.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was named in honor of his mother Rose's father, John Francis Fitzgerald, the Boston Mayor popularly known as Honey Fitz. Before long, family and friends called this . . . [Read more](#)

Robert S. McNamara District of Columbia (*June 9, 1916 - July 6, 2009*) Irish, Ireland, Businessman, U.S. Secretary of Defense

Defense issues, including the missile gap, played a prominent role in the campaign of 1960. President-elect John F. Kennedy, very much concerned with defense matters although lacking former . . . [Read more](#)

Lt. Gen. Harold Gregory "Hal" Moore Colorado (*February 13, 1922 - February 10, 2017*) Veteran, Vietnam War, Author

Born in Bardstown, Kentucky, Lt. Gen. Harold Gregory "Hal" Moore moved to Washington, DC, where he completed his high school education. He attended The George Washington University . . . [Read more](#)

Honorable Richard Edmund "Richie" Neal Massachusetts (*February 14, 1949 - ?*) Irish, Ireland, Catholic, AOH, Politician, US Congressman

On November 7, 1960, Mary Garvey Neal, who had roots in Ventry, County Kerry [Ireland], took her son to the Springfield, Massachusetts, town hall. It was very late and Richie Neal, then 10 . . . [Read more](#)

Admiral Chester William Nimitz Sr. Texas (*February 24, 1885 - February 20, 1966*) German, Veteran, Navy Fleet Admiral, Fredericksburg

Chester William Nimitz, who guided Allied forces to victory in the Pacific in World War II, was born in Fredericksburg, Texas, on February 24, 1885, the son of Chester Bernard and Anna . . . [Read more](#)

Zebulon Montgomery Pike New Jersey (*January 5, 1779 - April 27, 1813*) Army Veteran, Western Explorer

Zebulon Montgomery Pike, United States Army officer and Western explorer, was born on January 5, 1779, at Lambertton, now a part of Trenton, New Jersey, the son of Isabella (Brown) and Zebulon . . . [Read more](#)

Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan: Life Before Politics California (*February 6, 1911 - June 5, 2004*) Irish Catholic, Ireland, Scotland, Veteran, Actor, Politician, Governor of California, President of the U.S.

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Jack Roosevelt "Jackie" Robinson New York (*January 31, 1919 - October 24, 1972*) African-American, Baseball Player, Baseball Hall of Fame, Businessman, Color Line

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." This, more than his on-the-field statistics, can be viewed as his enduring legacy. He was born in Cairo, Georgia, to a family of share . . . [Read more](#)

Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo California (*c.1808 - January 18, 1890*) Hispanic, Mexican-American, Veteran, Politician, Rancher

Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo (c.1808–January 18, 1890) was a leader in the struggle for statehood for California. During his lifetime, he witnessed three nations rule California. Born to a . . . [Read more](#)