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Good afternoon,

Thank you, again, for your interest in the Military Voices Initiative we are partnering on with StoryCorps. On June 1st I sent you an email introducing the project and detailing the plan for recording veteran and military family stories in Green Bay and La Crosse in late August. In light of the current COVID-19 situation in Wisconsin, WPR and StoryCorps have made the decision to make the recording sessions virtual.

This opens up the opportunity for more veterans, active duty and all military families in Wisconsin to participate. The recording sessions will take place between August 24-September 4. While all veterans and families are welcome, WPR is especially interested in recording the experiences of veterans and service members from underrepresented and marginalized populations in our state. These include women, African American, Latinx, Native American, Hmong/Lao and LGBTQ veterans among others. Reservations to record can now be made by calling StoryCorps' 24-hour, toll-free reservation line at 800.850.4406 or visiting [StoryCorps-Wisconsin](#).

In addition, WPR will host a free public, virtual listening event on July 23 at 7 p.m. to introduce StoryCorps to the community and to share stories recorded with veterans and their families. This event is open to anyone interested in StoryCorps regardless of veteran status. Event and reservation details are available at wpr.org/presents.

Thank you!

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For more than a decade, 2.4 million men and women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan while millions of families have stood behind them at home. The military community knows well the challenges of multiple deployments, combat-injuries, and long-awaited homecomings. Yet few civilians truly understand the complex realities of our troops' service and sacrifice.

Late this summer Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) is partnering with the StoryCorps' [Military Voices Initiative](#) (MVI) to provide a platform for Wisconsin veterans, service members, and military families to share their stories. These recorded stories will be archived in the Library of Congress for future generations to learn from. Typically, recording sessions are between two people who know each other. Participants are free to talk about anything they'd like, military service or not. After the 40-minute recording session, participants can choose to share the interview with WPR.

StoryCorps MVI will be recording in Green Bay from August 24-28 at the Neville Public Museum and in La Crosse from August 31-September 4 at the main branch of the La Crosse Public Library. To schedule a session, please sign up at [Green Bay MVI](#) or [La Crosse MVI](#). Space is limited, so reserve your spot today. You can also call 800-850-4406. Note that in the event of public safety concerns, the interviews may be conducted virtually instead of in person.