

My name is Henry. I am 13 years old and live in the United States. I go to Cherokee Heights Middle School in Madison, WI. I am in 7th grade. Last year, I started a cool project. I call it "My WWII autograph collection." What I've been doing is writing and reaching out to WWII Veterans and asking for their autographs. I am collecting these autographs in a binder. I love collecting autographs. It is a piece of history, one that is alive forever. I am very interested in WWII and Autograph collecting, so when I found out you could get these veteran's autographs, I immediately started this project. I also know that we are losing WWII Veterans fast, which makes it important to try to capture something about them and their experience. I feel that these veterans, through their memories and their legacy, will live on through this collection. It is such an honor to get to know WWII veterans, have their signatures, and being able to thank them. In my collection I have many autographs, ranging from D-Day Veterans, Battle of the Bulge veterans, Pearl Harbor Survivors, and so much more. I have about 100 autographs now, but when you are reading this, I will probably have acquired many more. I hope to show my collection to many people along the way, and eventually even publish something about this unique piece of history. I want to thank all former Allied Service members, those who are here with us today, and those who are not, for being my heroes.

