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Re: "Listen Up" Program Spotlights Local Veterans

This fall, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) collected over a dozen audio interviews from area veterans as part of its ongoing oral history program, "Listen Up: Stories from the Northwest Corner." In honor of Veterans Day, NOLS will share those stories from 11am to 6pm on Thursday, November 10 in the Raymond Carver Room of the Port Angeles Main Library. The audio-only interviews will be played in their entirety, and visitors are welcome to stop-in and listen for as long as they like! Light refreshments will be provided, and veterans-related library materials will be on display in the Living Room and available for checkout.

A "Listen Up" iPad listening station will also reside in the Port Angeles Main Library, where visitors may select the oral histories they'd like to hear. The listening station will visit the Sequim and West End branches in 2017.

### **About "Listen Up"**

The "Listen Up: Stories from the Northwest Corner" oral history program offers local residents ongoing opportunities to help tell and preserve the story of Clallam County for generations to come. The program is inspired by StoryCorps, an organization focused on the collecting, sharing, and preserving of oral histories. Interviews are conducted between the participant and an interview partner, and later archived and made available for listening on the Washington Rural Heritage website.

Earlier this spring, NOLS partnered with Olympic National Park to help celebrate the National Park Service's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The "Listen Up" team collected 16 interviews about personal experiences in national parks by residents across Clallam County.

The veterans and park-inspired stories are archived and available for listening on the Washington Rural Heritage website, [www.washingtonruralheritage.org](http://www.washingtonruralheritage.org). A video compilation of some favorite stories can also be found on the Library website, at [www.nols.org/events/listenup.html](http://www.nols.org/events/listenup.html).

### **More information**

"Listen Up" has been generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. To learn more about the program, including how to participate and share your story, send an email to [listenup@nols.org](mailto:listenup@nols.org), or ask your friendly library staff for assistance. For additional information about this and other upcoming programs at your Library, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and select "Events," or contact your nearby NOLS branch location.



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