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by [Joe Escobar](#) – Saturday, May 7, 2016, 7:28 PM

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Internet to document

by [Mathew Bohman](#) – Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 12:28 AM

How can we still be arguing about soldiers getting spit on in 2016? We can't. It happened. Some people refuse to believe. You can't change stupid. People still believe the Holocaust didn't happen and we never landed on the moon. In 2016 how can either of these still be things people don't believe. I don't think either story needs to be in the Patriot book. The first video shows edited responses to questions that were asked but we don't know what the questions were. The first video has no place in the Patriot book. The second video specifically his story of the plane and the woman could be in the Patriot book. That being said, Bulls-Hit uploaded his video in 2012 and the other video was uploaded in 2009. Given when these stories were brought to light, the internet can reach more people, more quickly. I think the medium in which they presented their information is better than a book. If they had been trying to get the information out 15 maybe 20 years ago the book would be appropriate. With the generation of today that will sit next to each other and text or twitter as opposed to actual conversation the internet is how you reach them. This is how you preserve the historical record. Once on the internet it never disappears.

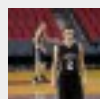
On a side note I read the description of the Bulls-Hit video. He does a much better job writing out what happened on the plane than telling it in the video.

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Re: Internet to document

by [Bryce Tilton](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 11:13 PM

People should absolutely believe that veterans got spat on occasionally. There is now reason to question that it happened. Some people in this world are just those type of people. Vets would not just make up that radical of stories. Some people just refuse to listen to other sides of things, or look at other information than what they think they know, and those people are the people who disrespect veterans that fought for our country by scolding at them or even spitting on them. I agree that these two stories should not be in Patriots.

The internet is that best place for those stories as less and less people read books nowadays. I know that I'm browsing on my phone for at least a couple hours a day, and don't typically read books at all except for school textbooks with assigned readings. I know that most people in the united states, and the world are the same way, so what's the point in putting that information in a book that not many people read as opposed to on the internet where millions are browsing every second of the day.

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Sift and Decide
by [Mathew Bohman](#) – Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 12:27 AM

The question; how do we correct historical information that comes to us from various media sources? I think it has been stated previously, but we take in all the information. We compare it against the other sources. We try to reference and cross reference what we can in an attempt to get the most unbiased information we can about the history we are looking at. History is only going to be as accurate at those who record it. If there is an agenda the recorder is trying to push then the information will be biased. That is why we look at the information presented and do our best to remove the bias from fact and get the truth about history.

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Different Experiences After Returning
by [Mikayla Cervantes](#) – Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 12:28 AM

Question 1 of testimonies: I think that the people in the first video, “Vietnam vets never expected this” should have been in Appys book because they seemed to have clear knowledge on what occurred during the war and most likely had a story of their own that they would have liked to share. The second video could have been in the book as well I suppose but it mainly was used to inform people that not everyone had to deal with the spitting or the problems that others did during the war. As to the incidents of spitting, everyone that was able to return home had a difference experience once they got home. Some received warm welcomes from their family and hometown while others were degraded for their active military duties. Once all the veterans have passed away, everyone will resort to believing what has been written by other people because they will have the lack of personal knowledge from a veteran, and how one veteran was treated during their return was most likely different than how another veterans was treated because not every person hated the war, and not everyone chose to show their hatred for the war towards a veteran. Everyone that returned home during that war all had different experiences with civilians, some were worse than others.

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Re: Different Experiences After Returning
by [Amelia Hansen](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 5:57 PM

I agree, I found the "Vietnam vets never expected this" video to not only be very poignant, but to be a prominent source of information that would have had significant value in Christian G. Appy's book "Patriots" to support claims that some Vietnam veterans were indeed mistreated upon their return to the states (as well as after the return).

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Re: Different Experiences After Returning
by [Delynne Frank](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 7:21 PM

Mikayla–

I agree with you that the vets in the "Vietnam vets never expected this" video could be in the Appy book. However, for them to be put in the book I think that it would be important for the author to dive deeper into their stories.

I do have to disagree with you regarding the vet in the second video being part of the Appy book. I felt that the second video was more of a "ranting session" than anything. In reference to younger people studying the

Vietnam war, he makes the comment, "I guarantee you whatever you heard about it is a bunch of crap." I found this comment to be off-putting. He may have served in the war, but I don't think it's fair for him to say that what we've heard about the war is crap. He has his memories and experiences, but other vets may have seen things differently and it's quite alright for them to have their own perspectives. Also, he refers to the stories of vets being spat upon as an "urban legend." Then in a way he contradicts that statement when telling a story of getting on a plane and being spat upon by a woman. That being said, I just didn't find him to be necessarily credible. I don't understand why he would make the stories of vets being spat upon sound untrue and then tell a story of himself being spat upon. Maybe he doesn't believe that other vets were spat upon because he didn't witness it? Even though he was spat on himself.

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How to rectify sources?
by Mikayla Cervantes – Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 12:38 AM

Question 2 of Testimonies: In my opinion, there is almost no possible way to rectify information that has been given because even if a person knew a veteran because their story could be different from another veteran's story. It seems that any source that is found to rectify the sources given could turn out to be false, or not have all the correct information needed to understand the war in depth. Everyone who was in the war had different points of views and have different experiences and therefore it is difficult to correct a view on the war.

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Compare and Contrast
by Timothy Eckley – Saturday, May 14, 2016, 10:56 PM

Although we may not be able to fully rectify the conflicting information provided to us, we can certainly do our best by comparing the various sources in order to better determine what is or isn't correct. It's true that different veterans will have different experiences and perspectives but that doesn't mean we are incapable of drawing accurate conclusions from their stories. Having access to a diverse set of tools allows us to more efficiently think critically about the war. It's also very possible to differentiate the point of view portions of a story with the objectively factual things. I wouldn't agree that there is no possible way to rectify the information provided to us by these various sources; more difficult than average but far from impossible.

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Historical Curtains
by Timothy Eckley – Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 1:10 PM

It seems like commonplace for the United States to cover up a large majority of our historical mishaps by distorting the history of our country from a perspective that is very far from what actually happened. Without going too deep in examples where we've misconstrued our historical record for the purpose of maintaining patriotism, the stories of the treatment of veterans as they came home should have absolutely been included. It's important that we gain perspective from as many individuals that participated in The Vietnam War as possible. These individuals sacrificed an immense amount, up to even their lives, in order to do what they were under the impression was right at the time.

If the Vietnam story is being told, we have a right to hear from them if they are willing to speak. Individuals being mistreated when they come home to the country they were only trying to protect, is unacceptable. If there are arguments that this stuff never occurred, are we to believe that our veterans are simply lying to get more attention? My first instinct, is to trust someone when they open up about their experiences in their lives. People, in general, are resistant to change; whether it's change in their lives or their beliefs. This is ubiquitous throughout history and is a big part of why there would still be discussion as to whether someone happened in our history or not.

Without the perspective of the people that were there, the idea of the war would just seem to be a fantasy. The more testimonies I hear about the war, the more real it becomes to me. It's not just an historical event that happened outside of my lifetime and has no effect on me, it becomes personal and allows me to relate to people

that I know, that are still living to this day, that participated in the war. It amplifies my ability to empathize with those individuals and possibly more that I may meet in the future. It's a shame that one-third of homeless males are veterans, commonly of the Vietnam War, and are still mistreated to this day. When these people pass away, their story is lost, their voice is lost. There shouldn't be a check on whose story gets told and whose doesn't.

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Re: Historical Curtains

by [Mathew Bohman](#) - Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 6:57 PM

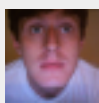
As usual your responses are very well thought out and articulated. I agree with almost everything you said.

My only disagreement, and it's not really a disagreement, would be the statement you made about soldiers doing what they felt was right at the time. I disagree with this because I believe that the soldiers were simply doing their civil duty, as many of them were drafted. Of course, I may simply be interpreting your statement incorrectly. From everything I have read, and all of the stories I have been told by my father, a lot of soldiers were simply following orders. Whether or not they felt it was right or wrong, they were what they were told to do.

I am also glad to read that this has opened your eyes to the way some veterans were treated. I also like the statement you made about having the right to hear the stories if they wish to speak. I think that is key, "if they wish to speak", unfortunately a lot of veterans have a hard time opening up about the war and their part in it.

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Some volunteered

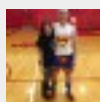
by [Timothy Eckley](#) - Thursday, May 12, 2016, 4:08 PM

I shouldn't have made a blanket statement like, they all felt like they were doing what was right. However, I know two veterans of this war that volunteered to go; likely due to the propaganda that was floating around. They volunteered because they thought it was the best way to make sure that they could protect their families. One of them even dispersed agent orange on the ground and is considered to be 180% disabled due to the detrimental effects of this chemical.

It's important that individuals that want to make their voice heard are given the opportunity. Unfortunately, the media has strayed far from being a soap box for the everyday American to voice their opinion. Capitalism has been devastating towards free speech, in my opinion, because it's so expensive in order to have your voice heard nowadays. Even if you want it to be heard, sometimes it costs big money or isn't in the best interest of the individuals who are publishing stories in a particular medium.

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Take it how you wish...

by [Aaron Ashenfelter](#) - Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 10:43 PM

I feel like there are parts of both clips that could render some more views if added the Patriots. I feel like the views of the veterans in the first clip could be easily something that could have been added and includes a very different light to the documentary and the book because it shows the veterans much less polished up in some of the clips and shows them more as the people we would see in our everyday lives rather than the dressed up people we see in the documentary now. Now, as to the incidents of spitting, we need to all realize that not everyone's perspective is the same and not every has the EXACT same experience. While some people may claim that they never heard of this happening to others and never had it happen to themselves does not mean that it NEVER happened. There were defiantly some people who did experience this happen and we need to accept that and be understanding. If we wait and keep arguing, one day the vets will all pass on and we will never have the ability to say that we as a society honored them and accepted that some were treated poorly for things that they may not have even done.

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Re: Take it how you wish...
by [Bryce Tilton](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 1:38 PM

The spitting incident seems to be a hot topic for this discussion, and for good cause. It was very disrespectful, but it shows how some people really felt towards the veterans from the war in Vietnam. I love your last statement in how they don't live forever and many of them have already passed. People do need to realize that they put their lives on the line for our country, and they deserve to be honored and respected for their service. The video where a big group of people came together in that fort and honored our vets was really cool, and you could tell that the vets really really appreciated the kind words and thanks from everybody there. We need more of that throughout the country.

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Freedom isn't free
by [Timothy Eckley](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 6:33 PM

The sad thing is, a very large portion of them, much too large in my opinion, simply aren't honored. It's no surprise that this kind of stuff happened in the past and I wouldn't be surprised to see it happen in the future. I have never and will never (hopefully) serve in the military. However, I recognize that these individuals actually deserve a tremendous amount of respect. It's unacceptable for someone to get spit on or shunned when coming home from a war. The cliché might get overused, but it really is because of people like them that we have the rights and freedoms we have today.

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What did happen in Vietnam
by [Bryce Tilton](#) – Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 11:30 PM

Question 3:

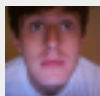
I don't think that those stories should be included in the Patriots book, because although they were very touching and interesting stories they don't really tell much about what happened in the war which is what the book is based on as of now. I think we are still debating on whether or not the "spitting" actually occurred because in our society now, we are for the most part very respectful, and thankful to all veterans so it is hard to believe that Americans would disrespect veterans back in the day. Also according to video #2, there are many imposter Vietnam vets around the United States, so it's hard to know what actually happened when half of the guys telling the stories aren't even veterans. As more and more veterans pass away the true truth tends to pass away with them, or in other words the truth gets bent and becomes something completely different.

Question 4:

It is very hard to decipher what information is the truth, and what is not quite the truth. The way I try to figure out what is true and false is I look for it in multiple sources. If it is in more one decent source, than I view it as more likely the truth. I also try to relate information to similar situations that occurred in the war. Another thing that I keep in mind is that there were a lot of things in the Vietnam War that could have been viewed in different ways. For example there were many battles where both sides did good things that could have been viewed as a victory. It is very hard to distinguish the truth from our sources, and just in general the war in Vietnam.

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Stolen Valor
by [Timothy Eckley](#) – Thursday, May 12, 2016, 4:18 PM

There are actually a lot of individuals that pretend to be veterans and I find it very disturbing. Maybe it's because I would have a difficult time trying to take credit for something that I was never a part of. Fortunately, these individuals are commonly picked out of the public very quickly as it's easy for a veteran (generally speaking) to spot out an impostor. Either by the way they conduct themselves or wear the uniform and its accessories.

I disagree that individuals are generally thankful for the service of our veterans. You will commonly see a

person give thanks and maybe shake the hand of a veteran, but even to this day, veterans come home to poverty and without easily accessible jobs. This often ends up with them struggling, and while it's nice to say thank you, this is about where the appreciation stops. A widespread outlook on homelessness, for example, is that these individuals are where they are because they choose it. Overlooking the fact that a huge portion of them are actually veterans.

A man came up to me while I was drinking and offered me a dollar for a beer. I said he didn't have to buy one and just gave it to him, he looked like he might have been homeless. He said, that he was a veteran and wanted to pay for the beer, that he didn't want anything for free in life. So I made a deal and sold him a few of them for one dollar while another individual was behind me; scolding the homeless man for being a dredge on society and saying very hurtful things. This is one isolated incident, but I feel like this is much more commonplace than we realize.

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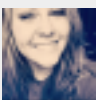
Re: Stolen Valor

by [Bryce Tilton](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 12:51 PM

Hmm that is a very interesting, and pretty disturbing when it comes to the man that was behind you saying bad things about the veteran. I don't have any experience with meeting struggling veterans so I don't have much incite on the way they are treated. I would love to hear more stories that are fairly recent like yours. I guess people don't realize all that those veterans did for our country. Many of them didn't want to be there either, but they still gave all they had for our country. If more people did some research on event in the war in Vietnam I think they would have more respect for our veterans. Thank you for that story. That was really interesting.

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History

by [Amelia Hansen](#) – Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 11:56 PM

I think that one of the reasons why America is still arguing over whether certain events (such as the spitting on U.S. soldiers) actually occurred or not is because there are still many Vietnam War era survivors in this country. For those who fought, protested, or supported the Vietnam War, many still have strong feelings and opinions regarding that time and are still defending their stance during that event (whether a protester or supporter). Bulls–Hit brought up a valid point in his video (0:30 seconds) regarding that many Vietnam veterans have passed away, and that as time continues to pass, there will be less and less of those who have experienced first–hand the Vietnam War, which in my opinion, will result in a constant changing historical record.

I believe that the best way to rectify historical information is to conduct a thorough research on the matter, which includes stories, testimonies, and letters from individuals who have experienced the historical event and era (in this case, the Vietnam War). By doing so, you will retrieve opposing information (such as we have discovered with PBS, AIM, The Herring book, and the Patriots book), but it enables you to choose what is true and not simply be told what is true by a history textbook.

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Re: History

by [Mathew Bohman](#) – Friday, May 13, 2016, 9:38 PM

I think people are arguing over this because people like to argue, especially if it is about war or politics. I think there is enough evidence to support the fact that vets did get spit on and that civilians treated the soldiers horribly.

I agree with your thought on collecting information now and documenting as many first hand accounts as we can. According to www.nationalvietnamveteransfoundation.org, "Of the 2,709,918 Americans who served in Vietnam, less than 850,000 are estimated to be alive today, with the youngest American Vietnam Veteran's age approximated to be 54 years old."

So yes, we need to get statements, written, videotaped, letters, copies of letters from the war, basically as much documentation as possible to ensure that as many soliders' stories are told as possible so that the historical record of this war is not constantly changing.

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Re: History
by [Bryce Tilton](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 10:11 PM

I strongly agree that we need to record stories, and letters to preserve to the best knowledge what happened in the war of Vietnam. The war ended forty years ago, and it seems that what actually happened throughout the war has been changing ever since, and will continue to change if we don't get all the information we can from the Veterans while they are still alive. I think that will provide us with the most reliable insight on what happened in the war. I however believe that we will never come to a true conclusion in what happened in the war, because there are never clear conclusions in what happened in any war that has occurred. But I believe hat doing that will provide the best insight on what happened in the war in that eyes of Vietnam veterans.

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Deciding the Truth
by [Titus Young](#) – Thursday, May 12, 2016, 5:40 PM

With all of the different sources that are available to us on the Vietnam war, it can be very hard to decide which sources are right. I think that the most reliable sources are those of personal testimonies of vets. You could say that they were lying, but what could they gain from lying? I am not sure how this "spitting" topic can still be an issue because from what I have seen so far there are too many personal stories of people spitting on vets returning home from Vietnam. With all the testimonies it seems unrealistic to keep believing that people didn't. One thing that I realised was that each source, regardless of where it comes from, still might have some historically accurate information. Take for example the PBS documentary, as the AIM video pointed out some of the information was flawed, but not all of it is. Each source has the opportunity to give us valuable information, as long as we can accurately sort out the accurate information, which is no simple task, especially with the internet today.

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All stories help lead to the truth
by [Timothy Eckley](#) – Friday, May 13, 2016, 4:38 PM

It is very difficult to distinguish fact from fiction when dealing wtih historical events while relying on personal testimonies. I think the fact that people are still arguing over whether or not the spitting incidents occurred is due to the stubbornness of individual beliefs. Generally, if someone gets an idea in their head that they believe, it's very difficult to change their mine; even with evidence. However, the argument about some people lying could be valid. The gains from lying don't have to be positive or monetary, just the attention attained from having a compelling story could be motivation enough.

I tend to believe people, for the most part, until they give me a reason to do otherwise. So if a veteran told me s/he was mistreated when coming home, I'd be inclined to believe him or her. With that said, it's very possible that some individuals may fabricate or exaggerate experiences in their life. Still, it's very important that people have their voices heard and are given an outlet to do so. Every veteran that passes away is the loss of another story, another perspective, that could've been told. I would attempt to tell all of the stories about Vietnam that I heard if I were publishing a book such as the Appy book.

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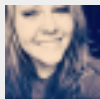
Re: All stories help lead to the truth

by [Amelia Hansen](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 6:22 PM

I agree with you, I find myself much more apt to believe a statement, story, or testimony from someone (such as a veteran) with personal experience than I am with someone with no experience at all to help reinforce their story. I think that it is so crucial to listen carefully to veterans when they speak about their experiences, whether you believe the to be right, wrong, or indifferent, for as you said, "all stories help lead to the truth".

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Re: Deciding the Truth

by [Amelia Hansen](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 9:19 PM

Well said! I personally find testimonies from veterans to be the most reliable as well. After examining the letters from Vietnam veterans in the Register-Guard, watching the interviews from the veterans in both the "Vietnam vets never expected this" and "[American Soldiers Speak](#)" videos, I can agree with you that there are much too many testimonies of the mistreatment of Vietnam soldiers to be able to dismiss it as false. However, I do believe that to some extent, everyone's story holds an aspect of truth, which depends predominantly on his or her personal experience during the time of the event. While I believe that some areas in the U.S. treated Vietnam veterans with respect and dignity, I also believe that there were areas (such as San Francisco and Oakland as mentioned in two of the Register-Guard letters and 6:45 minutes into the "[American Soldiers Speak](#)" video) that did not.

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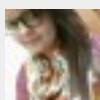
Testimonies

by [Titus Young](#) – Saturday, May 14, 2016, 3:31 PM

The testimonies of others. Will you believe them? Or will you question them? It can be hard to distinguish between fact and fiction, especially when you are dealing with people. People are interesting, as our fellow classmate Timothy Eckley pointed out to me that once someone decides something, it isn't easy to change their mind. Each individual has their own beliefs and bias', that affect their beliefs. Testimonies on the internet I have grown very sceptical of. When you read something on the internet, it is important to take into consideration who is saying this and what are their credentials. Check the facts, check the source, then make a decision of whether or not you believe it.

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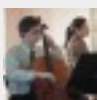
Can a person tell the truth?

by [Mikayla Cervantes](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 12:00 AM

In all honesty, rectifying information that a person speaks should always be questioned. It seems to be human nature to tell the truth that they witness, not what really happened. Everyone's perspective is different, and if you think about it, we all tell ourselves what we want to believe rather than what is true. When you quoted Eckley, I have to honestly agree because everyone is stubborn in their own personal way and even in an argument it is difficult to change a persons mind, belief, or perspective. We just have to find multiple resources for the one issue and decide among ourselves what truly occurred during the war because not every person dealt with the same thing.

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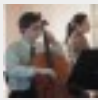
by [Titus Young](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 7:52 AM

I totally agree, but you pointed out that "It seems to be human nature to tell the truth that they witness, not what really happened.", and that is really a statement that we all need to realise. We think we know the truth based on what we saw, but we might not have seen the whole picture. It can be a tricky thing to

make a desition about something that we did not experience, but it still can be tricky to figure out "What just happened?" even if we were there. So I completely agree, not everyone is going to experience the same thing, whether someone is in contact with different people, or just completely oblivious to what is happening around them they will have very different stories.

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Testimonies (Continued)

by [Titus Young](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 7:42 AM

Each new source our teacher gives us adds a new perspective or perspectives. The "Vietnam vets never expected this..." video and the "Bull's hit" video are very different. The "Vietnam vets" gives us the perspective of multiple veterans telling their story of returning from Vietnam. The last part of the video is the U.S. military "correcting the wrong", and giving them the welcome home that they deserved. However, there are more vets there then there were that told their story. This leads me to believe that either they cut out certain people's stories, or some of the veterans didn't wish to tell their story. In either case, some information has been omitted. On the other hand, the "Bull's hit" video, rather than sharing the testimonies of multiple veterans, was one veteran's rant-like story. Once again, the main problem here is that these are people's stories, and may not be true, you have to decide. I will say, though, when multiple sources, or people, say nearly the same thing I start to find it more and more reliable. If you think of all the sources we have for just this forum, i.e. two youtube videos, two more videos our teacher posted, and eight letters to the editor of our local newspaper, I start to see if I can find any common ground that the sources have, and there is some. Almost all of the sources, that deal with the issue of spitting, agree that Vietnam veterans were spat on. So, even if you are skeptical of one individual person's story there are other people's testimonies that might support, or disagree that person's story.

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Rectifying Historical Information:

by [Delynne Frank](#) – Saturday, May 14, 2016, 9:31 PM

When it comes to rectifying historical information I think there are several things that we can do to determine the accuracy of the information being presented. Starting with basic things like, checking resources and questioning the information. Also, looking at what evidence an author gives to support their claims. As well as, what evidence (if any) that you're able to find elsewhere that refutes the claims being made.

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Still Debating & The Fate of the Historical Record

by [Delynne Frank](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 8:30 PM

Whether people are talking about the Vietnam war or any other historical event- there will always be debate. And whether it's 1970 or 2016, people are going to have their own opinions and perspectives. Different perspectives on incidents related to the war can come from what a person chooses to believe and whether or not they actually saw the incident occur or experienced it themselves.

As the years go on, obviously veterans of the Vietnam war will pass away and eventually there will be nobody left to give us first hand accounts of the war. The passing of vetearns means that we wont have the opportunity in the future to interviev vets of the vietnam war. However, their passing doesnt have much effect on the historical records of the war because so many interviews have already been documented and published. We have access to several books, publications, videos and documentaries about the Vietnam war era.

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Re: Still Debating & The Fate of the Historical Record

by [Bryce Tilton](#) – Sunday, May 15, 2016, 10:40 PM

I agree that the perspective on the war will always vary from person to person no matter what information, and how much information is out. I do think that we should still continue to get information, and stories out of our veterans while they still live. For one, its another source that should be fairly reliable, and second, it good for the veterans themselves to talk about their experience, because I think it gives them a little relief in releasing their feelings about the war. I think it makes them feel like others care about them, and what they went through when getting interviewed. I also believe that they will gain the respect that they deserve when people hear what they went through for our country. It is mutually beneficial to get as many interviews, stories, and information from our vets in Vietnam.

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