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apologize to the members of the USS *Anchorage* for inadvertently calling their ship the USS *Alaska* in the winter issue Table of Contents. Also, we chose to illustrate the article with the cap we found online. Official cap here. ❖

Veterans History Project comes alive

The Veterans History Project (VHP) of the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center collects and preserves the firsthand narratives of US military veterans from World War I through more recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions. In addition to audio- and video-recorded oral history interviews, VHP accepts unpublished memoirs and collections of original photographs, letters, diaries/journals, 2-D art-



work and other historical documents from those who served in the US armed services. The Project makes accessible the materials that comprise this important national archive, which contains submissions from every state and US territories. VHP relies on volunteers, both individuals and organizations, throughout the nation to contribute veterans' collections. VHP also collects oral histories by Gold Star Family members, defined by legislation as a parent, spouse, sibling, or child of "members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war." Contact Veterans History Project. ❖

Military Buddy Finder

Join the more than 2.5 million veterans who have enrolled in VetFriends, a military buddy finder. Their 25 million records guarantee you'll find a match. Their public records in the US ensure you can find Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard buddies. Some of the benefits of VetFriends members include the Public Records Name-Matching tool, access to 1 billion public US records, and the abil-



ity to search thousands of military units. Premium Members receive free military gifts when they sign up and get up to 25% off all catalog sale prices, including **veteran apparel**. Premium members also get forms to request member's military records, medals, and separation papers, create a personal online profile and uninterrupted access to thousands of military photos, jokes, cadences, lingo, and stories. ❖

