

## An Important Time in Our Nation's History

# Wanted: World War II Veterans For Historical Interviews



**Jeannette R. Tabacco, veteran and volunteer researcher for California State Parks, asks your help.**

Your help is needed to document an important time in our country's history if you are a World War II veteran of the desert training program that was conducted in Southern California, west of the Salton Sea.

A treatise entitled "In the Shadow of Their Wings" is being prepared to capture the facts about this important time in our history, and you can play a key role.

Toward that end, I am conducting oral interviews, and I hope to receive maps or any information that will help identify targets, gunnery ranges, access roads, ordnance, indentations, runways or landing strips, and leftovers from that time period. Portions of the training area have already passed into the California State Park System, which wishes to preserve the historical record for all Californians and visiting veterans.

The physical evidence is all there, now begins the arduous task of gathering the documents and stories of how and why those physical indicators of the training program came to be where they are and what they mean.

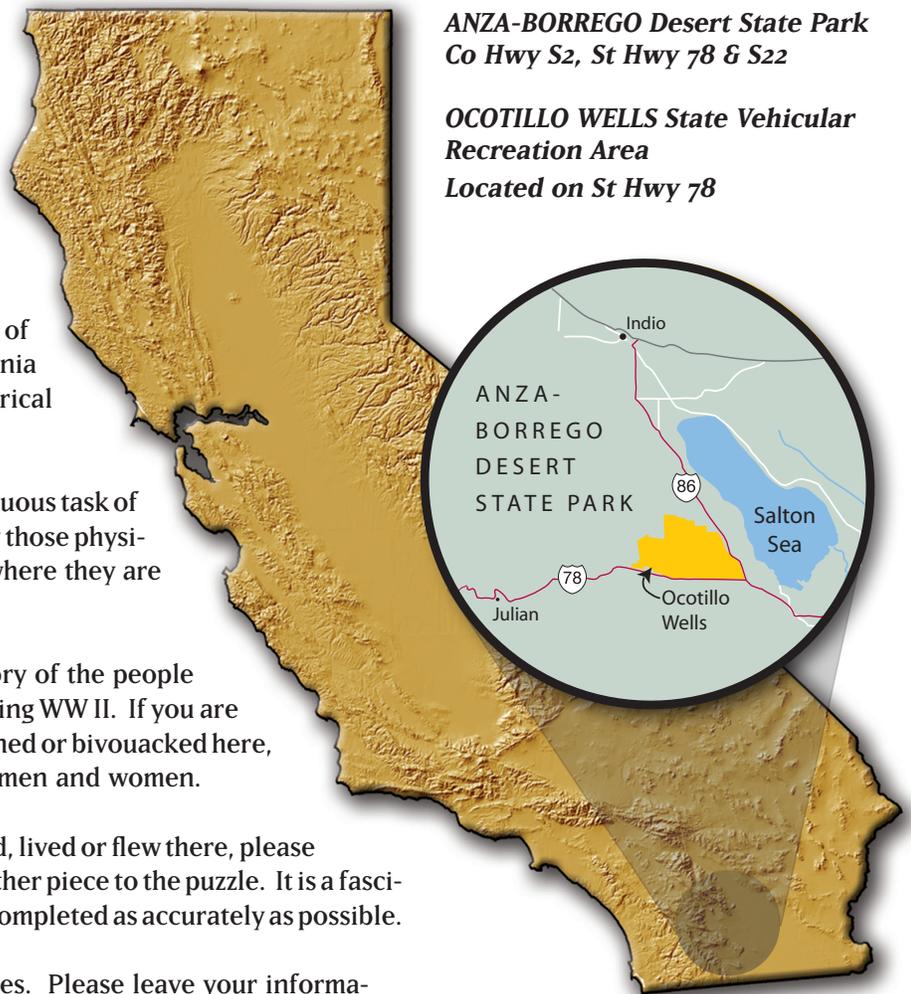
It's important that future generations know the story of the people who built, used, trained or were stationed there during WW II. If you are aware of a veteran who was hurt or died while stationed or bivouacked here, we would like to acknowledge those fallen servicemen and women.

If you are a veteran, or know of a veteran who trained, lived or flew there, please contact me. Any information you have provides another piece to the puzzle. It is a fascinating and compelling story and one that should be completed as accurately as possible.

I am available to speak to groups, or listen to stories. Please leave your information with Bruce Lund or Alicia Perez at the following:

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Recreation Area**  
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