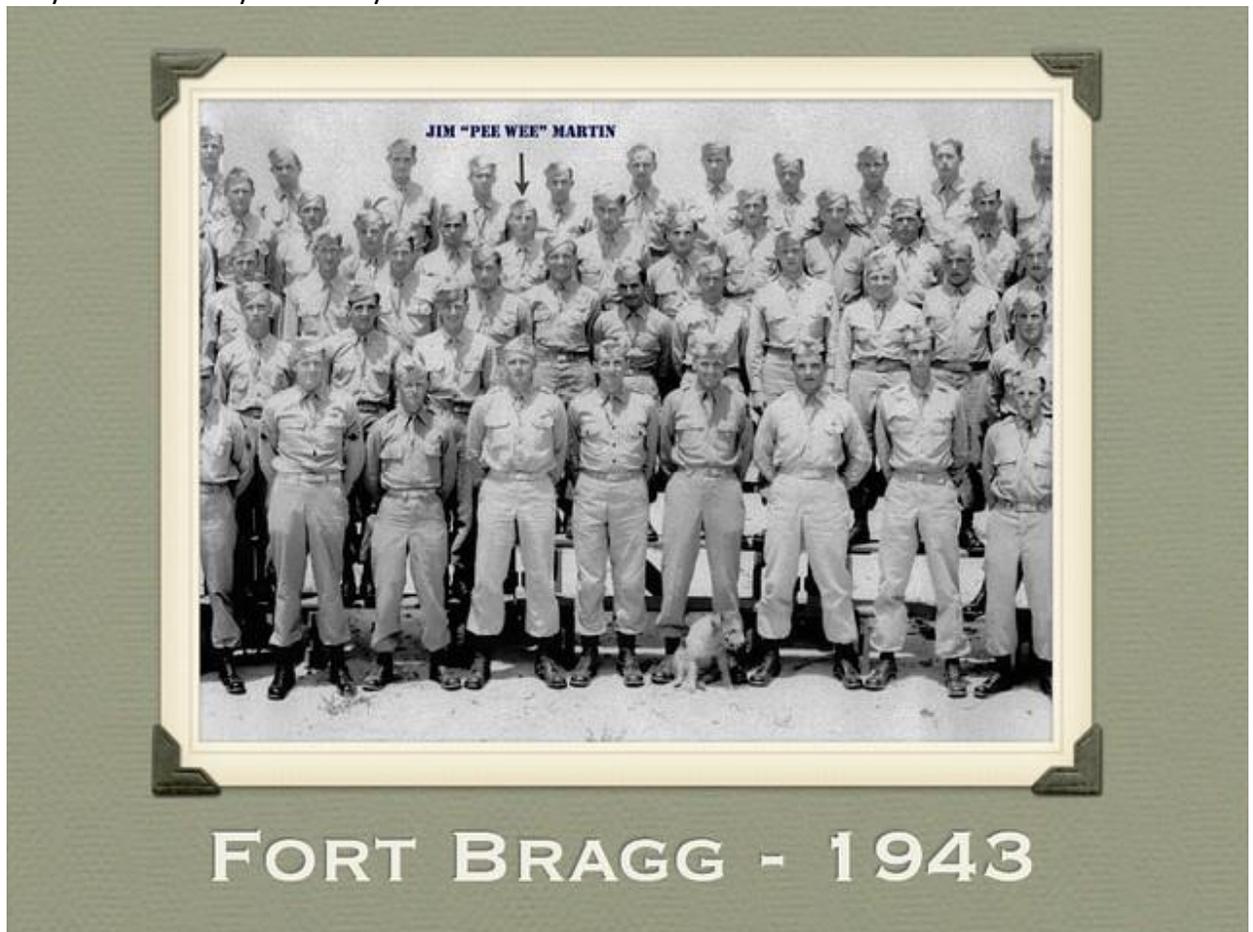


Press Release for WRAL news station:

The Journal of a Plague Year archive is a crowd-sourced online archive. It is an archive entirely open to the public and includes materials from all around the world concerning the Covid-19 Pandemic. The archive is meant to display a snapshot of this historical time to be used for future generations to access and understand what it was like to live during the Covid-19 pandemic. The JOPY archive has been created to allow any individual to become a part of history. You can submit any form of media to the archive and remain anonymous either temporarily or indefinitely if that is your wish.



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The archive stemmed from Arizona State History professors conceptualizing the idea via email and from there the archive was launched. Quickly many other professors became involved and soon student interns were brought in to help expand and work on the archive. It has quickly blossomed into an extensive collection of pictures, videos, and writings concerning various aspects of the pandemic. The site has also been relaunched to a new user-friendly format and is incredibly easy to follow or explore now. Currently there are many colleges

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contributing to the archive such as Northeastern University, Fordham University, and Rochester Institute of Technology. There are also international groups contributing and helping with the JOPY archive including Australia, China, and Peru. In the future we hope to grow these collaborations to create the most diversified archive possible. There are various collections within the archive covering a wide range of topics. There is a call page within the archive that allows you to view the compiled collections. These collections range from government shutdowns to the current racially stemmed protests occurring globally to even include funny cat memes about the pandemic. The Journal of a Plague Year Archive is not limited to these collections however and any information you feel like sharing to the archive would be beneficial.

Within the archive there is also a Military collection focused on the experiences of military members and their families during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The purpose of this collection is to represent both the official stance of the military during this time and how these decisions affected everyday military members. In addition to this the reality of the pandemic for military members and their families is a silence within the archive that needs to be rectified. Your stories matter and the military perspective needs to be represented for future generations. By adding to the archive, you will be a part of history. We are calling military members to display their resilience during this difficult time as well as their struggles. We want your pictures, videos and stories from this historical moment. In order to use the archive you only need to log onto <https://covid-19archive.org/s/archive/page/welcome> and can access the archives admission or submit yourself by clicking on the share your story tab. If you have any questions, please contact me

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