**Building a Collection Plan**

* Mission:
	+ Describes how the collection plan builds on the mission of the #JOTPY archive
* My collection is going to be based on the military perspective during the pandemic. This is to avoid a silence in the JOTPY archive due to many military members generally being against public admissions of their operations or orders due to a fear of reprisal by their superiors. Also, Military personnel often do not think their perspective is important which is leading to a lack of them being represented.
* Collection Scope:
	+ Provides a description of the proposed collection: its purpose, aims, and goals.
	+ My proposed collection is based on the military experience during the pandemic. Its purpose is to show how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected military members and their families. The goal would be to display both the official correspondence put out by the department of defense and government as well as the less visibly seen actions of individual units and people involved in the military.
	+ Identifies key themes/subjects the collection hopes to build.
* I hope to show the dichotomy of what is officially said versus what actually occurred during the pandemic and to humanize the military and their families.I hope to touch on themes of resilience in the military sector as well as how ubiquitous the pandemic has been on our society.
	+ What is the long-term goal for this collection? What will future generations learn from this collection if they return to it?
* The long-term goal is to give future generations a glimpse into military life during this time. We often talk about official government memos and troop movements but the day to day life of a soldiers is underrepresented as well as the effect on their families.
* Acquisitions:
	+ Provides an action plan for how items/materials will be gathered.
	+ I plan to use my contacts with the military community to reach out to them for examples of their experience. This will be done via social media as well as direct messaging and conversation when applicable.
	+ Identifies what kinds of materials may support the growth of this collection.
	+ Personal writings from soldiers or dependence would be best but examples of memos or media discussing the pandemic in relation to the military would be acceptable also in addition to items of humor, photographs or videos.
* Evaluation:
	+ Identifies how this collection compares to other collections in the archive.
* This is a relatively broad collection with multiple levels being evaluated. It covers personal life as well as official directives from the government.
	+ Does this collection fill a silence in the archive? If so, how?
	+ Yes, the entire purpose of this collection is to prevent a silence.
	+ Does this collection enhance or add to other collections or subjects that already exist in the archive?
	+ Possibly. Military members are often not stationed anywhere near their hometown so it will include perspectives from people all around the country.