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- Volunteer spotlight on Robert Rosas, an interviewer with the Project.

Volunteer Spotlight

Project website: www.utexas.edu/projects/latinoarchives

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[Interview Coordinator]

Birthplace: San Diego, CA. Born in 1946.

Career: Retired Army veteran (Medical), and anything that involved choreography.

Present occupation:

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Project: The WWII Project

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Leonard Fuentes

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For many years, Joe worked as a radio operator in the United States Army Air Corps. He served in the Pacific with the 395th Bombardment Group. Joe was responsible for keeping records of the squadron. He was also responsible for adjusting the ship and keeping it on course.

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Date of Birth: June 18, 1917
Birthplace: Hebbronville, Texas

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