

Dr. Ron Marcello

A veteran of the US Coast Guard from 1961-1967, Ron earned his Ph.D. in history at Duke University in 1969 after completing studies at UCLA's Oral History Institute the previous year. Now an *Emeritus* Professor of History at the University of North Texas, Ron was the Director of UNT's Oral History Program for 35 years during which time he conducted approximately 1500 oral history interviews with veterans of the Second World War. Ron has co-authored/edited three books on POWs in the Second World War and co-authored/edited *Warriors and Scholars* based on lectures given at the Annual Hurley Military History Seminars. Ron served as the President of the Oral History Association in 1988 and 1989, as well as the Executive Secretary of the Association from 1975 to 1986.

In 2006, Ron was the recipient of the American Heritage and Historic Preservation Award given by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 2003 he received the Thomas L. Charlton Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Oral History. In 1992 he was the deserving recipient of the J. Bailey Carroll Award for Best Article in the *Southwest Historical Quarterly*. Ron has also received Certificates of Recognition by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the Lost Battalion Association.

