




# *From the life of a veteran*

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*Hypothesis: if we study the living conditions of the people during the war years, we can prove that the fate of each person is a reflection of the fate of the country.*

*Purpose of the research work: On the example of the biography Of V. F. Apalin, who fought and experienced all the hardships of the war, to show the courage, heroism, love for the Motherland, and fortitude of the Soviet soldier-defender of the Fatherland! Follow the family history year after year and the role of the war in this history.*

# Tasks

- *to study and systematize the documentary sources about the history of the family;*
- *learn how to search for and collect family information;*
- *get acquainted with the historical past of the family;*
- *attract the attention of peers to the study of the history of the Motherland.*



**Object of research: photo of a veteran,  
biography of the family of V. F. Apalin-a  
participant of the Great Patriotic War**

**Research methods: study and analysis of family  
photo and documentary sources and Internet  
resources, interviewing, systematization and  
generalization of the story of a war veteran**

**Investigation phase:**

Preparatory ( collection of material, analysis and  
systematization of family photos and  
documentary sources, interviews with war  
veterans)

Main (participation in the competition )

*This summer, I ran into the house. My grandmother was in the room, sorting through some old papers and photographs. I saw the photo and asked who that man was. He was her relative, who participated in the war of 1941. She told me about him. He participated in the battle of Stalingrad. Then she offered to congratulate him on the 75th anniversary of the defeat of the fascist troops at Stalingrad. My friend and I went to see him.*




*Vasily Fedorovich Apalin, a participant of the Great Patriotic War, lives in a quiet street. The man is quiet, modest, friendly, with a smile on his face.*

*Vasily Fyodorovich was delighted to see us. He likes to talk to children about his difficult and difficult life .*







*Photos... How much they can tell us! Flipping through the pages of the family album, the veteran relives the events that are captured in the photo. He was born on January 23, 1921 in the village of Asmetovka in the Malo-Serdobinsky district, in the family of a collective farmer. There were 5 children in the family: 3 sisters and 2 brothers. His parents worked on a collective farm. And it was all the work around the house. Education received at school was only 7 classes. He liked to study, but sometimes he was naughty.*

*He joined the Army in 1940 in the TRANS-Baikal military district. He graduated from the regimental school and was sent to guard the Japanese border. Here and overtook the Great Patriotic War. In early 1942, he was sent to the Bryansk front. The unit was surrounded. While leaving the environment, 60 people remained alive, including him. Then they were sent to form in the city of Atkarsk in the Saratov region, and in September the entire part was sent to Stalingrad. The fighting was heavy . Many people were killed. Awards were received in the ranks. They were handed over by the chief of staff or the commander of the unit. Here he received the medal "for the defense of Stalingrad"(43)*












*Vasily Fedorovich fought on the Kursk bulge, liberated Ukraine, Moldova, Poland, and Germany. He reached Berlin and signed on the walls of the Reistag. He was awarded the Order "Red Star" (in Berlin), the Order "Patriotic War 2nd degree", medals "For courage", "For military merit", "For the capture of Warsaw", "For capture of Berlin", "For liberation of Ukraine", etc.*

*After the war he returned home, married. A daughter was born. A war-hardened man with a strong-willed character, energetic, he began working as a foreman of the tractor brigade. The work of the foreman was not easy, but he skillfully organized his work in his brigade. Then 2 years of work as the Chairman of the collective farm "Stakhanovets". And again he was progressing well and succeed..*





*Now Vasily Fedorovich is 99 years old, but he is not discouraged. He goes fishing, does gardening, and reads a lot. After straightening the corners of the photos, we carefully put them in the album. How much the old photo from the family album told us. What a terrible price humanity has paid for our lives, for the lives of our parents, for the lives of our future children! How much blood was spilled, how many lives were lost in the war!*



# Conclusion

*In the course of collecting information, we got acquainted with a war participant, followed the history of the family. We are interested in this topic, we took it for our work. We knew almost nothing about the people who lived next to us, about their fate, about life during the war years. But in the course of working on the study, we learned a lot about the wartime, about people who made an invaluable contribution to the Victory over fascism. Now we need to introduce this information to as many people as possible. This is the practical significance of our work. We believe that this work can be used in the lessons of Courage, class hours dedicated to the Great Patriotic war.*



## ***List of sources and literature used :***

### ***Unpublished sources***

***Personal archive of V. F. Apalin (photos, written memoirs, certificates).***

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