



Guide to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas ROTC Records

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Creator: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Army ROTC |
| Title: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas ROTC Records |
| ID: | UA-00031 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1980 to 1991 |
| Physical Description: | 2.81 Cubic Feet (2 boxes and 1 flat file) |
| Physical Description: | 5.08 Linear Feet |
| Physical Location: | Box 01 in this collection is stored in the Lied Automated Storage and Retrieval Unit (LASR). Advanced notice may be required to access these materials. |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | The University of Nevada, Las Vegas ROTC Records are comprised of administrative files and photographic prints from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) from its inception in 1980 to 1991. The collection includes photographs of cadet activities as well as Army ROTC recruitment materials. |

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) was established on April 1, 1980 as an extension of the University of Nevada, Reno's (UNR) ROTC program. At this time the staff of the UNLV ROTC consisted of one officer, one non-commissioned officer, and a part-time secretary. Eighty cadets were enrolled in the fall semester of 1980 and sixty-eight cadets enrolled in the spring semester of 1981. On May 5, 1981 the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (CSUN) adopted a resolution to permanently add

the ROTC to UNLV. In fall of 1983 the ROTC was accepted as fully functioning department within the College of Education. By the late 1980s the ROTC program experienced a drop in enrollment and initiated a recruitment campaign. In 1990 many personnel and officers left. On May 2, 1991 the UNLV Army ROTC held its closing ceremony. The final closure actions were completed in September 1991.

In 1998, with the help of Senator Harry Reid, the UNLV ROTC program was reinstated. As of January 2020, UNLV has both an Army ROTC program as well as an Air Force ROTC program. The Air Force ROTC program began in the 2015 academic year.

Sources:

Jennifer Knight, "Marching back: ROTC makes a comeback on UNLV campus," *Las Vegas Sun*, February 18, 2002, <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2002/feb/18/marching-back-rotc-makes-a-comeback-on-unlv-campus/>.

"Leaders Welcome ROTC Detachment To UNLV," *News Center*, <https://www.unlv.edu/news/release/leaders-welcome-rotc-detachment-unlv>.

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Scope and Contents Note

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas ROTC Records are comprised of administrative files including: correspondence, training materials, cadet activities, recruitment materials, and newspaper clippings produced by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) from 1980 to 1991. The records also contain photographic prints in a scrapbook that documented UNLV's Army ROTC cadet activities and training. The records document the Army's ROTC inception at UNLV in 1980 to its deactivation in 1991.

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were transferred to the University Archives by the Army ROTC; accession number AC 105.

Processing Note

These records are unprocessed. A rough inventory of the accession was created by Maggie Bukowski in 2017. To prepare the inventory, the described materials were reviewed to create a contents list, estimate dates, and identify material types. In 2020, Joseph Puentes added additional materials to the records and updated the finding aid data.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Student activities
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas -- History
- United States. Army

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Containers |
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| ROTC Ranger Challenge, "History of the Army ROTC at UNLV," training manual, newspaper clippings, patches and insignia design, 1980-1991 | box 01 |
| ROTC class training at Fort Lewis, Washington; scrapbook, photographic prints, and commemorative plaques, 1980-1991 | oversized box 02 |
| University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) ROTC Battalion flag, 1980-1991 | |

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UNLV Rebel Rangers flag, approximately 1980 to 1981

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