



Guide to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Ladies Auxiliary
Contributor:	American War Mothers
Title:	Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Collection
ID:	MS-00339
Date [inclusive]:	1951 to 1977
Physical Description:	4.49 Cubic Feet (7 boxes, 2 oversized boxes)
Physical Description:	9.31 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Collection (1951-1977) contains publicity books, scrapbooks, community service records, newspaper clippings, correspondence, photographs, and newsletters pertaining primarily to the Fred S. Pennington post no. 1753 Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Las Vegas, Nevada and the associated local chapter of the American War Mothers organization. The Ladies Auxiliary and the American War Mothers are non-profit organizations that assist in providing support and services to veterans and active service members. This material was formerly known as the Luanna Mitchell Collection.

Preferred Citation

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Collection, 1951-1977. MS-00339. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Background

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photographs, and newsletters pertaining primarily to the Fred S. Pennington post no. 1753 Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Las Vegas, Nevada and the associated local chapter of the American War Mothers organization.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars formed in 1914 as a way to support veterans and their families. The organization has volunteered at Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers, hospitals, and nursing and veterans' homes. In addition, the organization contributes to youth activities, cancer research, civic patriotism, and other areas of community development. In 2015, the organization extended membership to eligible men and changed its name to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary.

The American War Mothers formed in 1917, with membership limited to mothers whose children served in the Armed Forces between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918. Later, due to U.S. involvement in both World War II and the Korean Conflict, the organization amended its charter to include the mothers of those who served in WWII and Korea, as well as any future wars.

Sources:

Veterans of Foreign Wars. "New VFW Auxiliary Now Welcomes Men." Accessed June 21, 2018. <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2015/8/new-vfw-auxiliary-now-welcomes-men>.

American War Mothers of Maryland. "History." Accessed June 21, 2018. <http://www.americanwarmothersofmd.com/history>.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1994 by Luanna Mitchell; accession number 94-26.

Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Christina Lamoureux rehoused the materials, wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Southern Nevada Chapter of the American War Mothers Organization Records, 1947-1995. MS-00396. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Veterans -- Services for -- United States
- Southern Nevada -- 20th Century
- Women in community development -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- photographs
- Scrapbook

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
American War Mothers (AWM) scrapbook, history, and by-laws; Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars programs, invitations, yearbooks, correspondence, newsletters, and newspaper clippings; and Navy Mothers' Club publicity book, 1951-1977	box 01
Assorted photographs, 1955-1977	box 02
Ladies Auxiliary community service records, 1967-1975	box 03
AWM scrapbooks, 1963-1972	box 04
AWM scrapbooks, 1955-1965	box 05
Ladies Auxiliary press books and assorted photographs, 1960-1977	box 06
AWM scrapbook, 1960-1965	box 07
Ladies Auxiliary scrapbook and Purple Sage Toastmistress club scrapbook, 1958-1962	oversized box 08
Ladies Auxiliary community service records, 1957-1958	oversized box 09