VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
Commissioner’s Office
An Inventory of Its Subject Files

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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS
Series Title: Subject files.
Quantity: 10.3 cu. ft. (11 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Correspondence and subject files of the commissioner's office, regarding all facets of the department, with especially significant files on the operation of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis, transfer of the Hastings State Hospital to the department, and proposed conversion of the Fergus Falls State Hospital into a veterans home.

Other topics covered in the files include budget, chemical dependency, disabled veterans, legislation, State Fair exhibit, federal Veterans Administration hospitals at Fort Snelling and St. Cloud, Veterans Day, veterans' organizations, preference program, Agent Orange, POW/MIA Recognition Day, and World War I, II, and Viet Nam veterans.

The files also document the office's relationship with various private organizations and government agencies, including the state Departments of Administration, Education, and Personnel and the Legislature; American Legion; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Jewish War Veterans of the USA; the offices of governors Perpich and Quie; Legislative Advisory Committee; National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs; the offices of U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale and senators Wendell Anderson and Hubert Humphrey; and the U.S. Veterans Affairs Committee and Veterans Administration.

Commissioners Donald M. Miller and William E. Revier are featured prominently in these files.
ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

In four roughly chronological subseries; files within each subseries are alphabetical.

INDEX TERMS

These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:
Agent Orange.
Civil service—Veterans' preference—Minnesota.
Disabled veterans—Services for—Minnesota.
National POW/MIA Recognition Day.
Soldiers' homes—Minnesota.
Veterans Day.
Veterans—Legal status, laws, etc.—Minnesota.
Veterans—Medical care—Minnesota.
Veterans—Societies, etc.—Minnesota.
Veterans—Substance abuse—Minnesota.
Veterans' hospitals—Minnesota.
World War, 1914-1918—Veterans.
World War, 1939-1945—Veterans.

Persons:
Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978.
Miller, Donald M.
Mondale, Walter F., 1928-.
Revier, William E.

Organizations:
American Legion.
Fergus Falls State Hospital.
Hastings State Hospital.
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.
Minnesota. Dept. of Administration.
Minnesota. Dept. of Education.
Minnesota. Dept. of Personnel.
Minnesota. Legislature. Legislative Advisory Committee.
Minnesota Soldiers Home (Minneapolis, Minn.).
Minnesota State Fair.
Minnesota Veterans Home (Hastings, Minn.).
National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.
United States. 29th General Hospital.
United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
United States. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
United States. Veterans Administration.
Veterans Administration Hospital (Saint Cloud, Minn.).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:
A few files include private personal data; these are so noted on the folder list. Researchers may apply to use these files in accordance with the State Archives access statement.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

SUBJECT FILES, 1940-1981 (bulk 1964-1979)

Correspondence and subject files of the commissioner's office, mainly prior to Commissioner Donald M. Miller, regarding all facets of the department, with especially significant files on the operation of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis and the transfer of the Hastings State Hospital to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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American Legion state conventions, 1976-1978.
National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Inc.
Budgets, 1966-1979. 3 folders.
Cabinet and department head meetings, 1977-1978.

103.C.9.6F | 6
County Veterans Service Officers: Second Conference [proceedings], April 23-25, 1946. 1 volume.

103.C.9.1B | 1
Department head meetings, 1968-1975.
Department of Veterans Affairs [DVA]: General, 1961-1977. 7 folders.
Nos. 200-491; incomplete.

103.C.9.2F | 2
DVA: Deputy Commissioner, 1976.
DVA: Guardianship Division, 1968-1978. RESTRICTED
DVA: Personnel, 1974-1978. RESTRICTED
Discharge reviews, 1975-1978.
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SUBJECT FILES, 1947-1953 (bulk 1949-1951)

Subject files and correspondence Commissioner William E. Revier. The majority deals with the resettlement of World War II veterans.

Correspondence and subject files of Commissioner Donald M. Miller, unless otherwise stated. Especially significant files include the operation of the Veterans Home in Minneapolis and the proposed conversion of Fergus Falls State Hospital into a veterans home.

**Location**  **Box**  
103.C.9.7B 7  Admissions Committee, Veterans Home.  
American Legion.  
American Legion Auxiliary.  
Carter, President.  
Chmielewski, Senator.  **RESTRICTED**  
Claims Division.  **RESTRICTED**  
County Veterans Service Officer correspondence.  
Duluth Air Force Base.  
Department of Veterans Affairs [DVA]: Budget cuts.  
DVA: Duluth Branch.  
DVA: Moorhead Branch.  
Fergus Falls State Hospital, 1975-1980. 2 folders.  
Possibly use as a veterans home.  
Fort Snelling National Cemetery.  
Gregg, William J., Administrator, Minneapolis Veterans Home [MVH], 1977-1980. 2 folders.  
Hammerly, Joyce, Training Coordinator, MVH.  
Human Services Cabinet.  
Legislation.  
Minneapolis Veterans Home (MVH): General. 4 folders.  
**RESTRICTED**  
MVH: Miscellaneous. **RESTRICTED**  
MHV: Nursing Care Facility.  
MVH: Nursing Care Facility dedication.  
MVH: Remodeling.  
National Association of State Directors of Veterans Administrations.  
National Association of State Veterans Homes.  
Quie, Governor. 3 folders.  
Reid, Vicki, Governor's Office.  
Schnitker, Marian.  
Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.  
Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. Task Force on Vietnam Era Veterans.  
State Approving Agency.

Correspondence and subject files of the commissioner's office, mainly following the tenure of Commissioner Donald M. Miller, regarding certain of the department's responsibilities, especially those relating to Agent Orange, the Governor's office, and Vietnam era veterans.

Location Box

103.C.9.8F 8 Tour of Minneapolis and Hastings Homes.
United Veterans Legislative Council.
Veterans Administration.
Veterans Administration Hospital.
Veterans Administration Hospital Liaison Committee.
Veterans Administration Medical Center, St. Cloud.
Veterans Day.
Veterans Farm Agricultural Program.
Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Veterans service organizations.
Vietnam Veterans, American Legion.
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Benefits Section: Veterans Preference, 1979-1985. RESTRICTED
Perpich, Governor. Constituent correspondence, 1983-1985. 4 folders. RESTRICTED

103.C.9.10F 10 Perpich, Governor. Constituent correspondence, 1985-1986. 2 folders. RESTRICTED
Purple Ribbon, 1981.
Quie, Governor. Constituent mail, 1980-1983. 1 expansion folder. RESTRICTED
Veterans Affairs Committee, 1979-1983.
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