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VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner's Office An Inventory of Its Subject Files

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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Department of Veterans Affairs. Commissioner's Office.
Series Title: Subject files.
Dates: 1940-1987 (bulk 1966-1986).
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.
Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975—Veterans.
World War, 1914-1918—Veterans.
World War, 1939-1945—Veterans.

Persons:

Anderson, Wendell Richard, 1933-2016.
Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978.
Miller, Donald M.
Mondale, Walter F., 1928-2021.
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. Governor (1976-1979 : Perpich).
Minnesota. Governor (1979-1983 : Quie).
Minnesota. Governor (1983-1991 : Perpich).
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. House. Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
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.

Location	Box	
103.C.9.1B	1	Administration Department, 1967-1978. 3 folders. Allied Services Legislative Committee, 1965-1969. American Legion, 1973-1978. 4 folders. American Legion Hospital Association, 1965-1975. American Legion Rehabilitation Committee, 1977-1978.

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103.C.9.1B	1	American Legion state conventions, 1976-1978. American Legion Washington, D.C. conference, 1978. National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Inc. Attorney General opinions, 1949-1951. "B," 1972-1975. Bicentennial, 1975-1976. Boundary Waters Conservation Alliance, 1976-1977. Budgets, 1966-1979. 3 folders. Cabinet and department head meetings, 1977-1978. Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Commission, 1972-1973. CETA, 1976-1978. Chemical dependency, 1971-1975. Civil Defense Department, 1970-1976. Civil service, 1965-1970. County Veterans Service Officers Conference, 1976-1978.
103.C.9.6F	6	County Veterans Service Officers: Second Conference [proceedings], April 23-25, 1946. 1 volume.
103.C.9.1B	1	"D," 1964-1974. Department head meetings, 1968-1975. Department of Veterans Affairs [DVA]: General, 1961-1977. 7 folders. DVA: Benefits Division, 1975-1978. DVA: Bonus Division, 1973-1978. DVA: Bulletins, 1950-1958. 3 folders. Nos. 200-491; incomplete. DVA: Claims Division, 1978.
103.C.9.2F	2	DVA: Claims Division, Fort Snelling, 1966-1979. 4 folders. DVA: Deputy Commissioner, 1976. DVA: Duluth Branch, 1961-1977. DVA: Duluth Office closing, 1975. DVA: Employee memos, 1975-1978. DVA: Field Service, 1957-1977. DVA: Guardianship Division, 1968-1978. <u>RESTRICTED</u> DVA: Moorhead Office, 1966-1979. DVA: Personnel, 1974-1978. <u>RESTRICTED</u> DVA: Rules and Regulations, 1964-1978. 2 folders. DVA: Salary information, 1978. Disabled American Veterans, 1966-1976. Discharge reviews, 1975-1978. Education Department, 1967-1979. Education: GI Bill, 1978. Ely fishing trip, 1975-1978.

Location	Box	
103.C.9.2F	2	Employment: Office of Emergency Employment, 1971-1973. Employment: Veterans Employment and Training Council, 1976-1977. Energy crisis, 1977. "F," 1967-1974. Farm management programs, 1978. Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation, 1976-1977. Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 1975-1979. Fraser, Donald, 1970-1976. "G," 1966-1974.
103.C.9.3B	3	Governor's Advisory Committee on Veterans Affairs, 1960-1961. Governor's correspondence, 1971-1978. 3 folders. Governor's constituent letters, 1977-1978. Governor Perpich: Disabled Veterans Outreach Program, 1978. Governor Perpich: Veterans employment, 1977-1978. Green Thumb Program, 1978. "H," 1966-1974. 2 folders. Hastings State Hospital: Transfer to Veterans Affairs, 1975-1978. 22 folders. Human Services Act, 1969-1978. "I," 1966-1971. "J," 1966-1975. Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., 1966-1979. "K," 1966-1974. "L," 1966-1974. Legislative, 1968-1973. 2 folders. Legislative Advisory Committee, 1965-1976. Legislative bills, 1976-1979. 2 folders. Legislature: General correspondence, 1965-1978. Legislature: House of Representatives, 1970-1974. "Mc," 1966-1970. McGonagle Malignant Lymphoma Bill, 1976.
103.C.9.4F	4	"M," 1965-1974. 3 folders. Metrovets, St. Cloud, 1967-1973. Military Affairs Department, 1970-1975. Military Order of the Purple Heart, 1963-1981. Minnesota Marine Veterans Association, 1953-1958. Minnesota Veterans Home, 1966-1978. 18 folders. Miscellaneous papers in reorganization of department, 1940-1945. "N," 1965-1974. National Advisory Committee to Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, 1975-1977.

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103.C.9.4F	4	National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, 1965-1979. 5 folders. National Guard, 1975. Newspaper items, 1975-1977. "O," 1961-1974. Operation MEDEX, 1970-1971.
103.C.9.5B	5	"P," 1966-1975. Pension Reform Bill, 1975-1978. Personnel Department, 1970-1979. 2 folders. Press releases, 1961-1974. "Q," 1966-1973. "R," 1966-1975. Rosenthal, Abraham, 1963-1970. "S," 1971-1975. Spanish American War Veterans, 1977-1978. Staff Meeting Minutes, 1971-1978. 2 folders. State Fair Exhibit: DVA, 1965-1980. State Planning Agency, 1966-1972. "T," 1965-1977. Tax-forfeited Land Sales: Veterans Preference, 1975-1976. "U," 1973-1975. United Spanish War Veterans, 1965-1974. United States Congress: Vice President Mondale, 1965-1968. United States Congress: Senator Anderson, 1977-1978. United States Congress: Senator Humphrey, 1973-1978. United States Congress: General House, 1975-1978. United States Congress: General Senate, 1965-1977. United States Congress: Veterans Affairs Committee, 1968-1978. United Veterans Legislative Council, 1968-1978. 3 folders. "V," 1960-1974. Veterans Administration (U.S.): General, 1962-1977. 2 folders. Veterans Administration (U.S.): Fargo, 1978. Veterans Administration (U.S.): Fort Snelling, 1969-1978. Veterans Administration Hospital: Fort Snelling, 1970-1978. Veterans Administration Hospital: St. Cloud, 1966-1975.
103.C.9.6F	6	Veterans Council, 1961-1963 Veterans Day Committee, 1957-1977. 3 folders. Veterans Education Task Force, 1971-1978. Veterans involved politically, 1977. Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1972-1978. Veterans organizations, 1961-1975. Veterans Outreach Program, 1972-1975. 2 folders.

Location	Box	
103.C.9.6F	6	Veterans Preference, 1966-1979. Veterans Re-employment Rights, 1958-1972. Veterans Service Building, 1968-1978. "W," 1957-1974. 3 folders. World War I Veterans, 1963-1980. "X-Y-Z," 1962-1974. [0.2 cu. ft. empty, letter]

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.

Location	Box	
106.I.13.10F	11	Subject files, 1949-1951. Approved Type Discharge, Certification, [1949]. Bonus inquiries, <i>Minneapolis Tribune</i> , 1949. "Bonus Story," with supplemental information, 1951. Chapter 642, HF No. 1504 Session Laws of Minnesota, 1949. Data of interest to new employees, 1949. Investment Board Report, 1949-1951. Iron Range, 1949. Reports to Legislators, State of Minnesota, 1949. Laws, 1949. Mimeographed data, Re: Bonus, 1949. Miscellaneous, 1949-1950. Personnel memoranda, 1949. Policies, Administrative, 1949. Press releases, local, 1949-1950. Press releases, out of state, 1949-1950. "Professional Soldiers," 1949-1951. Property, Bonus, 1949-1951. Public Health Service, 1951. Revier, Mr. William E., 1949-1950. Secretary of State, 1950. Selective Service by County, Inductions and Enlistments, as of April 1, 1947, 1947-1949. St. Paul and Minneapolis [Postal] Zoning Schedules, 1949. Wilson, Robert E., 1949-1951. Correspondence, [ca. 1949] - 1953. 22 folders. Arranged in alphabetical order by correspondent. [0.2 cu. ft. empty, letter]

SUBJECT FILES, 1973-1980 (bulk 1979-1980).

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. <u>RESTRICTED</u> Claims Division. <u>RESTRICTED</u> 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. Possible 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. Hastings Veterans Home, 1973-1980. 2 folders. Human Services Cabinet. Legislation. Minneapolis Veterans Home (MVH): General. 4 folders. <u>RESTRICTED</u>
103.C.9.8F	8	MVH: Long-term Planning and Operations, 1979. 3 folders. MVH: Miscellaneous. <u>RESTRICTED</u> MVH: Equipment, 1974-1980. 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.

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. [0.2 cu. ft. empty, letter]

SUBJECT FILES, 1978-1987 (bulk 1980-1986).

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.9.9B	9	Agent Orange Division, 1981-1984. 5 folders. American Legion, 1980-1983. Benefits Section: General, 1981-1984. 4 folders. Benefits Section: Veterans Preference, 1979-1985. <u>RESTRICTED</u> National Association of State Directors of Veterans Administrations, 1982-1984. 3 folders. National Association of Directors of Veterans Homes, 1983-1984. 2 folders. Perpich, Governor. Correspondence, 1983-1986. Perpich, Governor. Constituent correspondence, 1983-1985. 4 folders. <u>RESTRICTED</u>
103.C.9.10F	10	Perpich, Governor. Constituent correspondence, 1985-1986. 2 folders. <u>RESTRICTED</u> POW/MIA Recognition Day, 1981-1983. 3 folders. Purple Ribbon, 1981. Quie, Governor. Constituent mail, 1980-1983. 1 expansion folder. <u>RESTRICTED</u> United Veterans Legislative Council, 1981-1983. 3 folders. Veterans Affairs Committee, 1979-1983. Veterans Affairs Task Force, 1982-1985. Veterans Home, Hastings, 1983-1987. Veterans Service Building, 1978-1985. Vietnam Veterans Awareness Council, 1981-1983. 4 folders. [0.1 cu. ft. empty, letter]