The papers of the UAW Veterans' Department were deposited with the Labor History Archives in November of 1967 by the UAW and were opened for research in 1968.

The UAW Veterans' Department was created in 1944 as a part of the War Policy Division. Joseph Velosky was the director from 1944 to 1946. Other members of the Department included Frank Amico, George Buckley, William Marshall, and Forrest Woods. In 1946, the Veterans' Department was separated from the War Policy Division and became a separate department.

Some of the problems with which the Department was concerned were veterans' seniority, reemployment, the creation of regional and local veterans' committees, and state legislation for veterans.

The UAW Veterans' Department Collection covers the period from 1943 to 1947, with the major portion of the material covering the years from 1945 to 1946.

Important subjects are:

Conferences  Apprenticeship
Legislation  Fair practices
Seniority  Disabled veterans
Creation and coordination of UAW regional and local veterans' committees

Among the correspondents are:

George Addes  Harold Near
Frank Amico  Louis Rabaut
Alex Barbour  Victor Reuther
Meyer Bernstein  Irving Richter
Charles Bioletti  August Scholle
George Buckley  Maurice Sugar
E.L. Cushman  R.J. Thomas
George Danfield  Joseph Velosky
Tracy Doll  Frank Winn
Lewis B. Hershey  Forrest Woods
William Marshall  Jack Zeller
Emil Mazey
The Collection is divided into two series. Series I contains material on several conferences. Series II is the major series and contains folders arranged alphabetically according to both subject and sender. Within the folder, material is arranged chronologically. In addition to the correspondence, there is a large amount of mimeographed material.

Folder Inventory

Series I

Box 1
- Regional Veterans Conference (Oct. 8, 1946)
- Michigan State Veterans Conference (Oct. 12, 1946) (3 folders)
- National UAW-CIO Veterans Conference (Jan. 30-31, 1947) (2 folders)
- 79th Congress (1945-1946) (2 folders)
- State CIO Veterans Legislative Conference (Feb. 10, 1946)

Series II

Box 2
- George F. Addes (1944-1946) (2 folders)
- American Legion (1945-1946)
- American Veterans Committee (1946-1947) (2 folders)
- Frank Amico (Jan.-Dec. 1945) (2 folders)
- Amvets (1944-1946)
- Apprenticeship (1944-1945)
- Army Times Letter (1946-1947)
- Charles Bialetti (1946)
- George Buckley (Oct. 1944-Nov. 1945) (2 folders)

Box 3
- George Buckley (Dec. 1945-Oct. 1946)
- CIO National Headquarters (1944-1946)
- CIO War Relief Committee (1945-1946)
- Cases, Miscellaneous (Dec. 1944-Apr. 1946) (3 folders)
- Cases, War Shipping Information (1945-1946)
- Correspondence, General (1943-1946)
- Disabled Veterans (1946-1947)
- Education Department (Jan. 1945-Aug. 1947) (2 folders)
- Fair Practices (1945-1946)
- Housing Department (1945-1946)
- Inter-Office (1944-1946)
Box 4

Legislation -
Alabama
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Legislative Proposals (1943-1946)

Box 5

William Marshall (1944-May 1946) (3 folders)
Minutes, Convention and Committee (1944-Feb.
1946) (2 folders)
National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires (Jan. 1945-Nov. 1946) (3 folders)
Programs
Requests Material (Dec. 1944-Apr. 1946) (3 folders)
Requests Information (1944-1946)

Box 6

Victor Reuther (1944-1946)
Irving Richter (Nov. 1944-Aug. 1947) (2 folders)
Seniority (1944-1945)
Telegrams
U.S. Department of Labor (1946-1947)
Joseph Velosky (Sept. 1944-Nov. 1946) (2 folders)
Veterans Administration Correspondence (1943-
May 1945) (5 folders)

Box 7

Veterans Administration Correspondence (June
1945-May 1946) (7 folders)
War Manpower Commission (June 1944-Sept. 1945)
(2 folders)
Forrest Woods (Nov. 1944-Aug. 1945) (2 folders)
Part 2

UAW Veterans’ Department Collection

3 storage boxes

This addition to the records of the UAW Veterans’ Department documents departmental affairs from 1946 to 1954 under the directorship of Emil Mazey and his assistant, Harold Near.

PLEASE NOTE: Folders are computer-arranged alphabetically in this finding aid, but may actually be dispersed throughout several boxes in the collection. Note carefully the box number for each folder heading.

Additional important subjects in the collection:

Korean War, 1950-1953--Veterans
Radulovich, Milo, 1927?--Trials, litigation, etc.
Veterans--Employment--Michigan
Veterans--Housing--Michigan
Veterans--Services for--Michigan
World War, 1939-1945--Veterans

Additional important correspondents in the collection:

Robert Salyers
Paul Sifton
Paul Strachan

Non-manuscript material:

Bogdan Baynert’s original cartoon artwork for the December, 1946, and October/November, 1947, issues of the Veterans’ Department newsletter, “Veterans’ Bulletin,” has been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection.
Box-Folder  Folder heading

8-5 thru 7  American Federation of the Physically Handicapped, 1949-50, 1952-53
8-1 thru 3  American Veterans Committee, 1949-53
   10-18  AMVETS, 1948-50
   10-5  Apprenticeship/on-the-job training, 1946-49
   10-19  CIO Community Services programs/representatives, 1949
   8-26  CIO FDR Labor Center Camp, 1946-47
   9-12  CIO Veterans Committee, 1945, 1951-54
   10-21  CIO Veterans Committee; Bernstein, Meyer, corres., 1946-49
   9-13  CIO Veterans Committee; Buckmaster letter, 1955
   9-14  CIO Veterans Committee; labor representatives on state Selective Service Boards, 1954
   10-11  Detroit Service Organization, 1952
9-17 thru 19  Disabled American Veterans, 1946-50, 1952-54

9-10 thru 11  Korean War deceased veterans, beneficiaries of, 1951-54
   10-10  Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, 1949
   10-16  Merchant Marine veterans, 1947-49
   9-2  Michigan Veterans Bonus, 1946-50
10-12 thru 13  Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund, 1946-54
   10-2  Military injustice, 1950-55
   10-3 thru 4  Military injustice; Milo Radulovich case, 1953
   8-20  National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires, 1946-49
   8-24  National Service Life Insurance, 1946-50
   10-9  Prisoner of War claims, 1950
8-16 thru 17  Selective Service, 1946-51
   10-6  Skilled trades/apprenticeship, 1947-51

   10-8  UAW Veterans' Conference, 1950
   10-29  UAW Veterans' Dept.; Evans, Matt, corres., 1952-54
10-14 thru 15  UAW Veterans' Dept.; mailings, 1946-54
10-30 thru 35  UAW Veterans' Dept.; Mazey, Emil, corres., 1946-50, 1952-54
10-22 thru 28  UAW Veterans' Dept.; Near, Harold, corres., 1945-54
   8-4  UAW Veterans' Dept.; newsletter ("Veterans' Bulletin"), 1946-48
   8-27  UAW-CIO Health Institute; newsletters, 1946-47
   8-21  Universal Military Training, 1947-48
   10-17  U.S. War Dept.; corres., 1946-48

9-7 thru 8  Veterans Administration, 1945-54
   9-9  Veterans Administration; educational benefits, 1948-52
   10-1  Veterans and organized labor; speeches, 1940s
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9-15 thru 16  Veterans, court decisions re; corres., reports, briefs, 1945-53
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