Guide to the Veterans’ History Project Collection

Descriptive Summary:
Creator: Alesia McFadden Williams and the Students of African American History 101
Title: Veterans’ History Project Collection
Dates: August-December 2005
Quantity: .5 cubic feet
Abstract: Contains transcripts, and recordings of interviews with local veterans conducted as part of a class project for the students in African American Studies 101 at the University of South Alabama for Fall Semester 2005.
Accession: 05-09-499

Biographical Note:
In the fall of 2005, the students in African American Studies 101 interviewed veterans as part of a class project. Students interviewed participants of every major American conflict from World War II to the Iraq War, as well as non-combat support personnel. Because of the demography of the class, the overwhelming majority of the veterans interviewed were African American. At the end of the semester, some of the interviews were sent to the National Veterans History Project. In 2000, Congress, recognizing that 1,500 veterans die per day, directed the Library of Congress to initiate a nationwide project to collect the stories of veterans, family members, defense-industry workers, and similar individuals who had served with the United States military in the 20th century. The Library of Congress assigned this task to its American Folklife Center, which dubbed the resulting program the "Veterans History Project.” Copies of all material from Professor Williams’ students were then donated to the University of South Alabama Archives for local use.

Scope and Content:
The collection consists of seventeen interviews. Six of the interviews are preserved as video files on DVDs and seven were transcribed, with the actual interviews presumably being sent to the Library of Congress. Another four interviews are included in student reports and do
not contain exact transcripts or audio files. Also included in the collection is a brief overview of the project, written by Professor Williams.

**Arrangement:**
The interviews are divided into individual folders and filed alphabetically under the veterans’ last name. The box inventory below also lists their branch of service and active duty dates as well. The student interviewers name is included in parenthesis.

**Usage Restrictions:**
None

**Access Restrictions:**
This collection is open to researchers.

**Preferred Citation:**
Veterans History Project, Library of Congress.

**Content List:**

1. Project Description and Overview by Alesia McFadden Williams
2. Dean E. Boller, U.S. Army 1967-1969 (Latimer Boller) DVD
8. Revera McMillan (Interview on behalf of her deceased husband, Kenneth McMillan), U.S. Marine Corps 1966-1969 (Courtney Hall)
11. Marcus Jamaal Quinnie, U.S. Marine Corps, dates not given (Tiffany A. Turner)
15. Nguyen Thanh, South Vietnamese Army, no dates given (Hahn Tran) This transcript is in Vietnamese.

*Note: These men were still on active duty when interviewed in 2005. Their current status is unknown.