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**American Legion, Thomas C. Reynolds Post No. 303 Collection**

**American Legion Post 303 Collection. Records, 1944–1950. 5.50 feet.**

Veterans organization. Awards, bulletins, and committee reports (1946–1950); correspondence (1946–1950); financial records (1946–1950); minutes of meetings (1944–1950); membership applications (1946–1949); and scrapbooks (n.d.) of the University of Oklahoma American Legion post.

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**About the collection:** The Thomas C. Reynolds Post No. 303 was the first of the American Legion posts to be established by World War II veterans on college or university campuses. Founded in January, 1945, the post's rise and decline closely followed the curve of veteran enrollment at the University of Oklahoma which reached a peak in 1948. The Thomas C. Reynolds Post was, during its existence, one of the most active in the state, sponsoring sporting events, dances, and other entertainment on the campus; solving problems for individual veterans; promoting bicycle safety for children; and serving the University, the city of Norman, the state, and the nation in other ways. The post was officially disbanded on January 15, 1950, and its records were deposited in the Division of Manuscripts of the University of Oklahoma Libraries at that time.

The records consist of the following: Correspondence and general files of the post's officers, arranged by subject; unclassified materials including the post record of membership applications, minutes of meetings, financial papers, and the official seal of the post; printed matter, including American Legion college materials; three scrapbooks; a transcribed radio program; certificates of award; and photographs.

**Box 1**

Folder:

1. Adjutant, 1945-1947
2. American Legion, 1945-1949
3. Americanism, 1946-1948
4. Armistice Day program, 1949
5. Award certificates, not dated
6. Bands, Big Name, 1944-1949
7. Baseball, junior, 1948-1949

**Box 2**

## Folder:

1. Baseball tournament, 1948-1949
2. Basketball, 1949
3. Bills, paid, 1947-1949
4. Boys State, 1947-1949
5. Bulletins, 1947
6. Burial, 1947
7. Car file, 1946, 1949
8. Civil Service notice, 1948-1949
9. College Legion Posts, 1946-1947
10. Commander, 1946-1947
11. Commendation, 1946-1948
12. Committee, planning, 1946
13. Committees, 1947-1949
14. Compensation, 1947

**Box 3**

## Folder:

1. Concert information, 1948-1949
2. Congress, 1946-1947
3. Contacts made, 1946-1948
4. Contracts, 1949
5. Convention, 1947-1949
6. Correspondence, 1946-1950
7. Crenshaw, Charles, 1949

8. Entertainment, 1947-1950
9. Field house seating, not dated
10. Film, not dated
11. Finance plans, 1948
12. Financial, 1946-1948

**Box 4**

Folder:

1. Fire disaster correspondence, 1949-1950
2. Fire disaster soldiers' relief commission, 1949
3. Form letters and pamphlets, 1948-1949
4. Forms, miscellaneous, not dated
5. Franke Carle Dance, 1949
6. Franklin, Forrest, 1949
7. General information, 1947-1948
8. Grigsby, Ben W., 1948
9. Harlem Globetrotters, 1949
10. Home school, 1949
11. Honorary commanders, 1949
12. Horace Heidt Show, 1949
13. Horton, Willis J., Jr., 1949
14. Housing, 1946
15. Hubert, Vaughn M., 1949
16. Hunt, William M., 1949

**Box 5**

Folder:

1. Installation dance, 1949
2. Insurance, 1946
3. Invitations and requests, 1948-1949
4. Jan Garber and His Orchestra, 1949
5. Johnson, Urban E., 1948
6. Legislative, 1948
7. Loan applications, completed, 1948-1949
8. Loan fund correspondence, 1946-1950
9. Membership, 1946-1949

**Box 6**

Folder:

1. Miscellaneous, 1946-1949
2. Moore banquet, 1948-1949
3. Moore, Jimmy, 1948
4. Moore, Preston, 1947
5. Newburn, Fred K., 1949
6. Notes and applications, paid, 1948-1949
7. Oklahoma Constitutional Change Resolution, 1946
8. Orders, requests and order blanks, 1946-1948
9. Out-patient treatment, 1947

**Box 7**

Folder:

1. Personnel, 1948
2. Playground campaign, 1947
3. Poppy bills, 1947-1949

4. Poppy sales, 1948-1949
5. Poppy sales, correspondence, 1948-1949
6. Publicity, 1947-1948
7. Rehabilitation, 1948-1949
8. Reservations and orders, 1948-1949
9. Resignations and disbanding, 1949

**Box 8**

Folder:

1. Resolutions, 1947-1949
2. Scholarships, 1948-1949
3. Service offices, 1947
4. Social, 1948-1949
5. Social Chairman, 1947
6. Soldiers' Relief Commission, 1946-1948
7. Speech material, 1948-1949

**Box 9**

Folder:

1. Sports, 1946-1949
2. Statements, 1946-1947
3. Statistical Report of Veteran's Enrollment, 1947-1948, 1949
4. Subsistence, 1947
5. Tatton, Curtis H., 1949
6. Transfers (completed and incomplete), 1948-1950
7. Truth and Consequences, 1947
8. Un-American Activities, 1947

9. Universal military training, 1948
10. Veterans Hospital, 1947-1948
11. Veterans Legislations, 1949
12. Woolever, George E., 1949

**Box 10**

1. Notebooks (2)--lectures, first term, divided into sections: International Organization, Rehabilitation, Americanism, Child Welfare, National Defense, Public Relations, Publications, Subsidiary Groups, and General Information, July 8-20, 1946
2. Student's Manual, first term, July 8-20, 1946
3. American Legion Extension Institute lessons, final examination booklet

**Box 11**

The following items are framed and wrapped in brown paper:

1. Department Honor Certificate
2. Department Honor Certificate, 1947
3. Certificate of Meritorious Service, 1947
4. Certificate of Distinguished Service, 1946
5. Certificate of Distinguished Service, 1948
6. Certificate of Distinguished Service, 1949
7. Annual Americanism Citation, 1947-1948; Amateur Athletic Union, 1949
8. Department Commander's Award for Community Service, 1947

**Box 12**

1. Applications for membership in the American Legion, 1948-1949
2. American Legion Official Membership Cards, 1945-1947
3. Post Record Cards, 1945-1948
4. Certificate of Transfer stubs, 1945-1951

**Box 13**

1. Applications for Membership in the American Legion, 1946-1947
2. Membership stubs
3. Official Seal
4. Rubber Stamps

**Box 14**

1. American Legion National Headquarters publications: "The Americanism Program of the American Legion"; "Summary of Proceedings of the National Convention of the American Legion"; "The Internal Organization of the American Legion"; "Squadron Handbook"; etc.

**Box 15**

1. U.S. Government documents, State of Oklahoma documents, University of Oklahoma publications, private and commercial publications, and American Legion Department of Oklahoma publications: "Hearings Before the Committee on Un-American Activities House of representatives"; "The Oklahoma Veterans"; "Communist Power in U.S. Industry"; *Douglas County Legionnaire*, *The Oklahoma Legionnaire*, and the *Daily Oklahoman*

**Box 16**

1. Printed materials: "Know Your America"; "How You Can Fight Communism"; Building the Citizens of Tomorrow"; "Americanism Handbook"; "Boys and Girls Week"; "Americanism Manual"; and "Service to Community, State, Nation"
2. Song books--*Legion Airs: Songs of 'Over There and Over Here,' Songs for Every Purpose and Occasion*, *Bandmasters Folio of College Marches*, etc.
3. Photographs of Scotchlite Campaign and Entertainment, such as, Alice Marble, Sigrid Schultz, Jan Garber and his orchestra, Hal Lehrman, Kermit Roosevelt, Carl Van Doren, and Carl Sandburg separated to photographic archives

**Box 17**

1. Financial papers, cancelled checks, receipt books, journal sheets and journals
2. Minutes of meetings, 1944-1948, 1946-1947, and 1948-1950
3. Commander's Report, 1946-1947

**Box 18**

1. Scrapbooks (3) of photographs and news clippings concerning the activities and functions of American Legion Thomas C. Reynolds Post #303, 1944-1946, 1947-1948, 1948-1949

### **Certificates and Diplomas**

1. Framed telegram to department commander from Fayette Copeland regarding a post as the University of Oklahoma, November 14, 1944
2. Special Certificate of Most Distinguished Service awarded to Thomas C. Reynolds Post, 1946
3. Special Certificate of Most Distinguished Service awarded to Thomas C. Reynolds Post, 1947