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MG Oneil James Daigle Collection

Accession number: 2013.049 Donor Debra Mayhew

Location: Jackson Barracks Museum

Description: 1 document box, letter size; 46 folders

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Scope and Content

1940s-1970s (1950-1975)

The collection contains 8x10" photographs documenting the career activities of MG Oneil James Daigle from the 1940s through the 1970s. The prints are arranged and foldered by subject area (see folder list below) based on the occasional backside notation, noted visual similarities and the arrangers familiarity with historical context and personalities.

Historical Background:

O. J. Daigle was born in Donaldsonville, La. on July 10, 1922, the son of Eva Corteges and Oneil James Daigle, Sr. After involvement in WWII, he reentered Louisiana State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1950. In 1943 he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant but quickly rose through the ranks becoming a 1st lieutenant in 1945 and a captain the following year. His National Guard service began in 1948 when he was named commander of the 769th Battalion until 1950. In 1951 he as promoted to the rank of Major and in 1955 became a Lieutenant Colonel. O.J. became a full colonel in 1962, Brigadier General in 1968 and the Assistant Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard before becoming Adjutang General in 1972 and promoted the same day to Major General. General Daigle is the 1st Adjutant General to represent the French culture of South Louisiana.
(<http://lloyddaigle.tripod.com/Notables.htm>).

A charter board member and president of the First National Bank he also served as chairman of the funding drive to build St. Theresa of Avila Catholic School, opened in 1959. He was inducted into LSU Ole War School Hall of Fame, National Guard Hall of Fame, Hall of Distinction of the Ascension Catholic School in Donaldsonville, and Hall of Fame at Ft. Benning, GA. He is listed in Who's Who, American and World edition. rank (<http://main.ascension.lib.la.us/hof/daigle.html>).

Husband of Jeannette Aline _____; two daughters, Debra Ann and Zeb Mayhew, Vacherie; Jane Elizabeth Daigle, Gonzales; and Stephen John, St. James; two sons, Arthur David, St. James; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

(<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theadvocate/obituary.aspx?n=jeannette-aline-daigle&pid=128470497>)

2LT	1943	LTC	1955
1LT	1945	COL	1962
CPT	1946	BG	1968
MAJ	1951	MG	1972

Box 1 – 2013.049 46 folders - unnumbered

- Daigle Headshots, 1940-1072+
- Puerto Rico, Daigle, 1940s
- Gen Fleming Retirement, 1964
- Gen Fleming Funeral, 1974
- Flood Event
- Police Strike, 1979
- Field Training, Vehicles
- Field Training, Weapons
- Field Training, Camp-HQ
- Field Training Event, Southwest US?, Drones/Anti-Aircraft
- National Guard Association?
- National Guard Association of Louisiana, 197_
- National Guard Association of Louisiana, 1974
- Baton Rouge, 1957
- Armory Events [misc.]
- Co D 769 EN BN Armory Event, Gonzales?, 197_
- Baton Rouge Armory Event, 39th ID Band
- Donaldsonville Armory 25th Anniversary Event, 1917 Cadillac, 165th Army Band
- Governor Edwin Edwards
- Governor Edwin Edwards Event
- COL Gravenburg (State Police Chief 1950s)
- Washington Artillery Monument in cemetery
- Patton Impersonator
- Office Portraits
- Tarmac Greetings
- Social Events [misc.]
- Briefings [misc]
- Briefing Event – 3 folders
- Promotion Events [misc]
- Promotion Event
- Awards Events [misc.]
- Award Event – 7 folders
- Award Events – Field
- Parade Event