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Collection: ANSEL M. STROUD JR. COLLECTION

Location: Jackson Barracks Museum

Extent: Thirty (30) record boxes.

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c.2002; Beverly Boyko, Archives and Collections Manager, 2016.

Access Restrictions: There are no known access restrictions to this collection. Access is regulated by the policies of the current *Louisiana National Guard Museums Collections Management Plan*.

Provenance and Acquisition: This collection has been in the possession of the Jackson Barracks Library or Museum since approximately 2002. There are no supporting documents detailing its transfer but it was very likely delivered personally by Ansel M. Stroud. Surviving Word, Excel and Access documents indicate the collection was at the Jackson Barrack's Library in 2002. Partial(?) lists indicate it's size at that time to be 30 boxes. Post Hurricane Katrina (2005) the collection was moved to Louisiana Binding Service (LBS) in DeRidder, LA for cleaning and re-housing. The existing folders and boxes are likely LBS produced replacements of the originals. The collection was transferred to the temporary library location at Camp Beauregard at an unknown date between 2006 and 2011. In 2012 it was transferred to the "River" Archive Room in the Museum at Jackson Barracks. Box contents were shifted during this move to consolidate box numbers from approximately 35 (LBS re-housing had increased number of boxes?) down to 30.

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Scope and Content Note

1970s-2000s

Thirty record boxes of personal papers and photographs produced or collected by Ansel M. Stroud, Jr. The bulk of the collection relates to his service as the Adjutant General for the Louisiana National Guard from 1980-1997. Labeled file folders are likely replacements produced after 2005 and may contain errors. Contents are generally organized by topic but some mixing has occurred. Contents listed below provide a general description of most (but not all) file folders in each box.

Historical Note

General Stroud was born April 5, 1927 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He graduated from Belcher High School, attended Baylor University and Texas A & M. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of the State of New York. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

General Stroud enlisted in the Army in April of 1944, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant following completion of Officer Candidate School in 1946. After serving on active duty, he joined the Louisiana National Guard in June of 1947. He served as a reconnaissance officer, company commander, and regimental supply officer. He served as aide to the commanding general of the 39th Infantry Division. In 1968, he was assigned as Chief of Staff for the State Emergency Operations Center, and became commander of the 356th Support Center (RAO) in 1971. He was appointed to the position of Assistant Adjutant General on May 9, 1972 and in August 1978 accepted a dual assignment as the Commander of the 256th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized). General Stroud was selected to direct a Department of the Army study on full-time training and administration for the Guard and Reserve. The so-called "Stroud Study" paved the way for turning the Guard and Reserve into an operational force and served as the basis for the Active Guard Reserve program.

General Stroud was appointed adjutant general of the State of Louisiana October of 1980 and served in that position until November 1997. During his tenure, Louisiana consistently placed among the top states in the national Army Communities of Excellence competition. He also oversaw the activation and deployment of 6,400 men and women for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm

General Stroud's military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two hourglass devices, and the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (NG) with two oak leaf clusters. He also received the Louisiana Distinguished Service Medal, the Louisiana Cross of Merit, the Louisiana War Cross, the Louisiana Emergency Service Medal with 19 fleurs-de-lis, the 40-year Louisiana Longevity Medal, the National Guard Bureau Eagle Award, the Association of the United States Army Reserve Meritorious Performance Award, and the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. He was inducted into the Louisiana National Guard Hall of Fame.

Stroud is a past president of the Adjutants General Association of the United States, a past president of the National Guard Association of the United States, and a trustee of the Association of the United States Army.

MG Stroud is married to the former Jane S. Joyner with four sons.
(from the Museum's digital archive, July, 2016, author/date unknown; "content created 2012")

Processing

Partial(?) inventories were produced by Jackson Barracks Librarians in 2002. In 2016 this finding aid was produced after a cursory review of the extant box contents against the 2002 list. No reorganization was done at this time. Box numbers were identified through a

comparison of contents with the 2002 list and corrections and additions added. A box label was affixed to the exterior and multiple copies of the finding aid produced to be stored with the collection, one per shelf.

Related Materials

- Louisiana National Guard Vertical Files
- 2016.014 Black Binder of material regarding Gen. Stroud's retirement donated by his former secretary Vicky Kirby (located with this collection).
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