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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: James Carney and Eric Sandstrom are former journalists with the Akron Beacon Journal. Carney retired in May 2014.

RELATED COLLECTIONS:
Ralph Holaday Collection
Akron Beacon Journal World War II database (created and maintained by Special Collections)
U.S. Naval Air Station
Veterans Burial Reports

SCOPE AND CONTENT:
Materials donated by Akron Beacon Journal journalist James Carney pertaining to three Akron Beacon Journal veterans projects: Called to Serve formed to collect and document memories of active military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan; the memories of World War II veterans; 1991 project to document the memories of individuals regarding Pearl Harbor. Includes CD (plus one duplicate) containing transcriptions of the correspondence and a roster of those who participated in the project. Hard copies of these files were created from the CD and are included in the collection.

ARRANGEMENT: Materials arranged chronologically.

INVENTORY:

BOX 1:
SERIES 1: PEARL HARBOR, 1991
Folder 1:
Letters solicited and received in 1991 by Akron Beacon Journal journalist, Eric Sandstrom for research he conducted in preparation to write articles about Pearl Harbor and the memories of local residents regarding that day. Letters are arranged alphabetically by the sender's last name.

Anonymous (3) Cowden, Joe
Adams, Edna Mae Croyle, Denton E.
Bicksler, Mildred Cutler, Mrs. Robert
Buehrle, Kathleen Beringer Denholm, Paul L.
Carr, Harold Dobbins, Judith Judkins
Ciacciola, Frank Dodrill, James
Claypool, James F. Dufour, Harry
Coulter, Evelyn Dunbar, C. Elmer
Cundiff, Robert Eaken, Mildred Zelei
SERIES 2: WORLD WAR II, 2004

Folder 2:
Letters and emails solicited by Akron Beacon Journal journalist, James Carney for research he conducted in preparation to write articles about World War II and the memories of local residents from that time. Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by sender’s last name. Information below was extracted from a database compiled by the newspaper. Table below includes information compiled for a database created for the project. The database files are on a CD. Collection does not include letters from all individuals listed in table, however.

World War II database contents:

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