

Carol Haley Collection

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Collection Summary

Title: Carol Haley collection, 1943-2014 : Veterans History Project (U.S.)

Inclusive Dates: 1943-2014

Call No.: AFC 2001/001/94043

Creator: Haley, Carol

Extent (photographs): 11 photographs.

Extent (correspondence): 134 letters.

Extent (manuscript): 5 items.

Language: Collection material in English.

Location: Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Carol Haley served in the United States Navy WAVES (Navy Women's Reserve), and served as a procurement officer and as a recruiter. Collection includes correspondence, military papers, creative works, and photographs relating to her service.

Acquisition

Accessioned, 2014.

Copyright Status

Duplication of collection materials may be governed by copyright and other restrictions.

Access and Restrictions

Collection is open for research; access restrictions apply. To request materials, please contact the Veterans History Project at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/vhp.contact>

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Biographical Note

Carol Olive Haley née Dillon was born December 25, 1919 in Los Angeles, California. In 1943, she joined the United States Navy WAVES (Navy Women's Reserve), and served as a procurement officer and as a recruiter in New Orleans, Louisiana; Birmingham, Alabama; and at Camp Parks, California. While serving, Haley dated Bernley Asel and John Haley, eventually marrying John on January 19th, 1946.

After the war, Haley and John lived within the Los Angeles suburb of Tarzana, where Haley worked as a service representative for Pacific Telephone for the entirety of her career. They retired to Eagle, Idaho in 1978, where Haley completed her B.A. in communications at Boise State College. She served on the city council for the city of Eagle, as the first female mayor of Eagle, and also ran for the Idaho state legislature in 1992. Haley died on May 30, 2003 in Eagle, Idaho.

Scope and Content

Collection includes correspondence, creative works, military papers, and photographs related to Carol Haley's service in the United States Navy WAVES during World War II. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence between Haley and her boyfriend, Bernley Asel, as well as her future husband, John Haley.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in two series: Manuscripts and Photographs. Manuscripts are arranged by type, with correspondence arranged chronologically.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Asel, Bernley Miles, 1921-2014,--Correspondence.

Haley, Carol Olive, 1919-2003

Haley, Carol Olive, 1919-2003--Correspondence.

Haley, John Alfred, 1919-1986,--Correspondence.

Haley, Kathryn

Organizations

American Folklife Center

United States. Naval Reserve Women's Reserve.

Veterans History Project (U.S.)

Subjects

Military life.

Recruiting and enlistment.

Women and the military.

Women veterans--Correspondence.

World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives, American.

World War, 1939-1945--Veterans--California.

Form/Genre

Clippings.

Correspondence.

Manuscripts.

Photographs.

Description of Series

Container

Series

Series I: Manuscripts

Series II: Photographs

Container List

| Container | Contents |
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| Series I: Manuscripts | |
| BOX-FOLDER MSS2515/1 | Biographical Information, March 18, 2014 MS01: Brief biographical overview of Carol Haley's life, written by her children. |
| BOX-FOLDER MSS2515/2-4 | Correspondence, January 16, 1945-April 18, 1946 MS02: 44 letters from Naval engineer Bernley Asel while stationed in the Pacific Theater (Guam and the Philipinnes), and to whom Haley was briefly engaged; topics include living conditions, leisure activities, friendships, and family. |
| BOX-FOLDER MSS2515/5 | Correspondence, January 25, 1944-December 23, 1945 MS02: 23 letters from Carol to John Haley, while stationed in the European Theater (Sicily, Italy) then Stateside with the Army, and John to Carol to whom she married, January 1946; topics include leisure time activities, basketball games, softball, dances, movies; family and friends. |
| BOX-FOLDER MSS2515/6-7 | Correspondence, January 16, 1944-December 23, 1946 MS02: 67 envelopes. |
| BOX-FOLDER MSS2515/8 | Creative Works, 1945 MS03: Hand-drawing of Bernley Asel sent in letter to Carol. |
| BOX-FOLDER MSS2515/9 | Military Papers, 1946-1958 MS04: Department of Veterans Affairs, State of California certificate for veterans benefits for Carol Haley, 04/18/1958; report of separation from Navy for Carol; correction notice name Carol Dillon to Carol Haley; military paper for Bernley Asel, Naval Air Transport Service Command passenger manifest 06/10/1946. |
| Series II: Photographs | |
| BOX-FOLDER MSS2515/10 | Copy of Photographic Prints, 1943-1946 PH01: Carol Haley in uniform at time of service. PH02-PH03: Carol Haley in Navy uniform and John Haley in Army uniform standing outside in front of house. |
| BOX-FOLDER MSS2515/11 | Original Photographs, 1943-1946 PH04: Camp Parks, California women's softball team posing in front of base sign, Carol Dillon Haley 2nd row, 2nd from right, 1945. PH05: Softball game with spectators in the bleachers. PH06: Carol Haley with Bernley Asel (both in uniform). PH07: Bernley Asel in uniform. PH08-PH10: Bernley Asel with fellow Navy engineers stationed in the Pacific Theater. PH11: Sketch of Bernley Asel in uniform. |