

Education through Promoting and Enriching Higher Education

Mike Colalillo Medal of Honor Scholarship

In 2014 this scholarship award was won by Shane Fisher, who was a senior at the University of Minnesota Duluth when he submitted his scholarship application. His scholarship award was accepted at the 2014 Veterans' Remembrance Dinner by the son of Clem Miller, the veteran who was the subject of Fischer's paper, on Fischer's behalf.

The Society established the fund at the Duluth Superior Community Foundation in 2011 through the extraordinary fundraising efforts of board member and VMHAC member John Marshall.

Education through Artifact Collection, Preservation and Display

Albert J. Amatuzio Research Center

The Albert J. Amatuzio Research Center, created in 2013 through a generous donation made by Albert Amatuzio, continued in its growth, collecting 55 new biographies, 553 total stories and 52 new photos. Additionally, 10 donors donated 35 separate pieces of archival material. A cumulative total of 8,921 archival records have been catalogued, primarily through the work of AJARC archival assistant Allie Melander.

An oral history training session was conducted for 10 volunteers in a series of two training sessions. Following the general sessions, five volunteers each had a one-one-one training experience. Eight lengthy oral histories of veterans' experiences have since been recorded.

Education through Artifact Collection, Preservation and Display

During 2014 a total of 69 non-VMH artifacts were accessioned by the Society, 53 VMH artifacts were accessioned by the Society, for a total of 122 new artifact accessions in 2014. The total of these two categories, formally accessioned VMH (53) and non-VMH (69) were provided by 18 donors in 2014.

211 individual artifact photos were added to the collection database.

The database now contains a total of 8,941 objects accessioned and 6,111 donors recorded for those accessioned.