

Heritage, Inc.; Tower-Soudan Historical Society and Virginia Area Historical Society.

Enhancement of Capability of to Perform Mission through Membership in Professionally Related Organizations

The Society is a member of the following organizations:

Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce
Association of State and Local History Museums
Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota Art Conservation Center
Minnesota Council of Non-Profits
The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums
Minnesota Association of Museums
Northland History Association
Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian

Education through Artifact Collection, Preservation and Display

Albert J. Amatuzio Research Center

The Albert J. Amatuzio Research Center, created and sustained by two generous donations made by Albert Amatuzio, continued in its growth. The fully searchable AJARC database now accounts for the records of 7,159 individuals, 77 groups and 23 miscellaneous veteran related subjects. There are a total of 625 miscellaneous entries, and a total of 10,047 entries into the AJARC as of December 17, 2015.

A second oral history training session was conducted in August of 2015 for 20 volunteers by Barbara Sommer, a professional oral historian. The ultimate destination of these oral histories is the AJARC, as well as, for most of them, uploading onto the VMH website. 16 oral histories were conducted, transcribed, edited and sent to interviewees for their final review. Of these, three (3) have been returned and completed. Four (4) oral histories have been recorded but not yet transcribed. Four (4) oral histories have been found on CDs but have not yet been put on the website.

Artifact Accessions and Cataloging

During 2015 a total of 12 non-VMH artifacts were accessioned by the Society and 3 VMH artifacts were accessioned by the Society, for a total of 15 new artifact accessions in 2015. The total of these two categories, formally accessioned VMH (3) and non-VMH (12) were provided by 15 donors in 2015.

27 individual artifact photos were added to the collection database.