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James C. Darby Collection, 1991 - 2005

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Fonds/Provenance: **James C. Darby**

Series Number: -

Title: **James C. Darby Collection**

Date Range: 1991 - 2005

Extent: .5 lf

Location: K1C (Row K, Bay 1, Shelf C)

Collection History:

The collection includes documents from James C. Darby, President of the Chicago Chapter of American Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER). From their website, “American Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER) is a non-profit, non-partisan, chapter-based Veterans Service Organization of active, reserve, and veteran service members dedicated to full and equal rights and equitable treatment for all present and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, especially the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender current and prior military personnel who have been historically disenfranchised by armed forces policy and discriminatory laws governing military service and benefits. AVER is the oldest and largest chapter-based, all-volunteer national Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Veterans Service Organization in the United States, and the nation’s only LGBT Veterans Service Organization recognized by the Veterans Administration.” The Chicago Chapter is still active as of 2018.

Custodial History:

The collection was donated to Gerber/Hart in February, 2006 by James C. Darby. No collection condition was recorded on the date of accession.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of correspondence, newsletters, and documents regarding the history of the American Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER).

Arrangement:

Arrangement of the collection largely remains in original order.

Series:

1 Historical Summary of American Veterans for Equal Rights | Date Range: 2005

2 *VetPride* Newsletters | Date Range: 1992 - 2005

3 *The Forward Observer* Newsletters | Date Range: 1991 - 2005

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. Historical Summary of American Veterans for Equal Rights

2. *VetPride* Newsletters

1. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Chapter Formation Information Spring 1992"
2. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #1-9 June 4, 1992-December 7, 1992"
3. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #10-37 January 1 - December, 1993"
4. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #38-49 January-December 1994"
5. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #50-61 January-December 1995"
6. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #62-73 January-December 1996"
7. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #74-85 January-December 1997"
8. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #86-97 January-December 1998"
9. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #98-109 January-December 1999"
10. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #110-121 January-December 2000"
11. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #122-133 January-December 2001"
12. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #134-145 January-December 2002"
13. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #146-157 January-December 2003"
14. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #158-169 January-December 2004"
15. "American Veterans for Equal Rights AVER Chicago *VetPride* Issues #170-181 January-December 2005"

3. *The Forward Observer Newsletters*

Separations:

None.

Restrictions:

No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H “Confidentiality Agreement” for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

American Veterans for Equal Rights

Homosexuality--United States

Homosexuality--Societies, etc

Veterans—United States

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