

# An Annotated Inventory for the Lee S. Covino Collection, 1973-1994

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## Overview of the Collection

**Collection No. :** SIM-7

**Title:** Lee S. Covino Collection

**Creator:** Lee S. Covino

**Dates:** 1973-1994

**Extent:** .5 Linear Feet

**Abstract:** Lee S. has been an advocate for veterans and the handicapped, disabled and elderly for many years. Covino is a Vietnam veteran and the co-founder and a former chairman of the Veterans Action Coalition (VAC). He also served as a member of Governor Cuomo's Council on Home Care. The collection documents Covino's work and the relationships that he established with local leaders and politicians to accomplish the goal of establishing better services for Staten Islanders. The collection also documents the activities of the Veterans Action Coalition (VAC) and provides insight into the needs and activities of Vietnam Veterans in the local and college communities directly after the Vietnam War.

There is a useful history of the VAC written by its co-founders, Lee Covino and Jeff Breen, [here](#).

A 2003 Oral History interview with Lee Covino, conducted by Jeffrey Kroessler, can be found in the Library Archives Special Collections and in the General Stacks, with the call number F127 .S7 C65 v.9.

There is no finding aid for this collection, only an annotated inventory of its contents.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation**

The Lee S. Covino Collection, Archives & Special Collections, Department of the Library, College of Staten Island, CUNY, Staten Island, New York.

### **Acquisition**

This collection was donated to the College of Staten Island by Lee Covino on December 5, 2000.

### **Processing Information**

Collection processed by Catherine N. Carson.

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## **Restrictions**

### **Access**

Access to this record group is unrestricted except for Box 1, Folder 9, which is closed to researchers due to privacy concerns.

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## Index Terms

*This collection is indexed under the following terms. Manuscript collections are not included in the College of Staten Island's library catalog at this time.*

### Subject Names

Covino, Lee S.

### Subject Topics

Older People -- Services for -- New York (State)  
People with Disabilities -- Services for -- New York (State)  
Veterans -- Education -- New York (State) -- New York  
Veterans -- Services for -- New York (State)  
Veterans -- Societies and clubs -- New York (State) -- New York  
Veterans -- Societies and clubs -- Periodicals  
Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975 -- Veterans -- New York (State)

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## Container Listing

[The following box/folder inventory is in the form of a table. If you are visually impaired and using a pdf reader you may need assistance and should contact the Archives at 718-982-4128.]

Box#	Folder#	Title
1	1	Portfolio of Lee Covino I, 1975-1980  - Correspondence and articles relating to various efforts by Covino to address issues related to adult homes, Medicaid, senior citizens, and the hearing impaired.  - News releases discussing Medicaid regulations, Broadview Manor and the Veterans Advisement Center.  - Statement of the purpose of the Veterans' Action Colation (VAC) newsletter.
1	2	Portfolio of Lee Covino II, 1981-1984

- Two items of correspondence a photocopy of the certificate nominating Covino to be appointed as a member of the State Council on Home Care Services.

- Clippings on Vietnam Veterans' services and the creation of a Veterans' Outreach Center on Staten Island. Covino worked at the center and assisted in its creation.

1 3 Portfolio of Lee Covino III, 1985-1990

- Correspondence & clippings regarding Covino's appointment as a member of the State Council on Home Care Services.

- Clippings discussing Vietnam Veterans' programs, issues and events on Staten Island.

1 4 Press Releases, Testimonies and Community Service Projects, 1976-1984

- Statement before the U.S. Department of Defense - Department of the Navy concerning the proposed Navy Homeport on Staten Island.

- Press release, newsletters, clippings and statements related to Vietnam Veterans' issues and events.

- Public hearing statements, correspondence and clippings related to adult homes and issues affecting the handicapped and disabled.

1 5 Press Releases, Testimonies and Community Service Projects, 1985-1993

- Several testimonies and statements from various public hearings made by Covino as Chairman of the Veterans Action Coalition (VAC).

- One public hearing statement made by Covino before the New York State Senate Health Committee on his nomination to the Council on Home Care Services.

- Press releases and a few newsletters put out by the Veterans Action Coalition (VAC).

- Two public hearing statements by Adolphus S. Stuart, Executive Board Member of the Veterans Action Coalition.

- One press release meal programs for senior citizens from the City of New York Department for the Aging.

1 6 V.A.C. Newsletter, 1974-1977, 1984-1990

- Newsletter on interests of concern to veterans. This was issued first by the Veterans Advisement Center on the campus of the Staten Island Community College (SICC) and continued to be published under the College of Staten Island after SICC became part of the college in 1976. The college's name no longer appears on the newsletter starting in the fall of 1988.

- 1            7            V.A.C. Newsletter (Special Projects), 1974-1977
- Correspondence concerning Veterans' affairs.
  - Materials concerning the treatment of Veterans at Staten Island Community College.
  - Newsletters and one report on Veterans' issues and benefits including education benefits, life insurance, VA payments and discharge reviews.
  - There are a few items on handicapped children and the hearing impaired mixed in with these materials.
- 1            8            A One-Stop Multi-Purpose Center Concept for the Borough of Richmond, 1978-1979
- Preliminary proposal for a one-stop center for the elderly, handicapped and disabled, prepared by Covino in association with Professor Tom Burcaro and Sharon Gelfand. 59p. 1979.
  - There is an item of correspondence from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare on the concept. 1978.
- 1            9            Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (PL-93-380): A Critique, 1976-1978
- This file is closed to researchers.
- 1            10            History of the Veterans Action Coalition (VAC)
- Prepared by VAC co-founders Lee Covino and Jeff Breen