

**Veterans Against Nuclear Arms
Lower Mainland (B.C.) Branch Fonds**

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Fonds level description

Title: **Veterans Against Nuclear Arms Lower Mainland (B.C.)
Branch Fonds**

Dates: 1984-1995

Physical

Extent: 12 cm of textual records (1 box)

Administrative

History: The Lower Mainland (B.C.) Branch of Veterans Against Nuclear War was organised in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1984 by local members of a national organisation headquartered (and registered as a society) in Nova Scotia. Veterans Against Nuclear War ("VANA") was founded in Halifax in 1982 (under the name of Veterans For Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament), as an organisation of war veterans dedicated to 1) opposing the existence of nuclear weapons; 2) strengthening and renewing the United Nations; 3) supporting the U.N. in peacekeeping operations; 4) achieving global common security under international law; and 5) working with veterans world-wide to end the arms race. Its activities in furtherance of these purposes included: 1) lobbying governments at all levels (including, for example, submissions to parliamentary committees); 2) communicating with and educating the general public, through electronic and print media; 3) and organising and/or participating in public events aimed at demonstrating public opinion promoting public awareness and international co-operation. Neither the Lower Mainland (B.C.) Branch nor VANA as a whole possessed legal status under the law of British Columbia. Membership revenue obtained in B.C. was forwarded to VANA National Office in Halifax, who would issue receipts to members and would return one-third (the formula in place as of November, 1985) to the local branch. The Executive Boards of local branches and VANA had members in common. In practice, the local branches exercised autonomy in carrying out VANA's aims and objectives on a local level. VANA carried out its public education activities through, in part, The Defence Research and Education Centre Ltd. VANA Executive Board members also constituted the Board of Directors of this entity, which was administered by VANA National Office. On March 22, 1986, by a motion of its National Executive, Veterans For Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament (as VANA had been known since its creation) changed its name to Veterans Against Nuclear

Arms. As of 1989, the Lower Mainland (B.C.) Branch was one of 13 local branches of VANA in seven provinces.

**Scope and
Content:**

The fonds consists of material relating to administration, communication and operational activities engaged in by executive members of the Lower Mainland (B.C.) Branch, both independently and in co-ordination with VANA as a whole. The records have been arranged in the following series: Correspondence Files; Publications; Records Relating to Lobbying Government; Newsletters; Records Relating to Speaking Engagements; Special Event Files; Appointment Scheduling Diaries.

**Source of
Supplied**

Title:

Title based on content of fonds.

Conservation:

For conservation purposes, the records have been placed in acid-free folders.

**Immediate Source
of Acquisition:**

The records were donated to U.B.C. Special Collections in 1995 by Norman Hoyer, Chair of the Lower Mainland (B.C.) Branch from 1985 to 1995.

Arrangement:

The filing order possessed by the records upon their deposit and accession has been retained in all essential respects. Series titles have been supplied by the archivist.

Restrictions:

No restrictions were placed on access.

Finding Aids:

A file list is available.

**Associated
Materials:**

Records created by the National Office of VANA have been deposited with the National Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Accruals:

Further accruals are expected.

Series level description

Title: **Correspondence Files**

Dates: 1984-1995

Physical Extent: 7 folders

Scope and Content: The series consists of letters, memoranda and associated press clippings relating to communication between B.C. Branch executive members and members of the VANA national executive, the general membership, federal government representatives and individual members, regarding both operational activities and issues and internal administration.

Source of Supplied Title: Title based on content of series.

Title: **Publications**

Dates: 1984-1995

Physical Extent: 1 folder

Scope and Content: The series consists of publications produced by The Defence Research and Education Centre Ltd.

Source of Supplied Title: Title based on content of series.

Title: **Appointment Scheduling Diaries**
Dates: 1986-1993
Physical Extent: 1 folder
Scope and Content: The series consists of paper-bound notebooks containing scheduling of appointments and other activity.
Source of Supplied Title: Title based on content of series.

Title: **Special Event Files**
Dates: 1985-1994
Physical Extent: 5 folders
Scope and Content: The series consists of correspondence, programmes, promotional material and research material relating to the involvement of the Lower Mainland Branch in events in the Vancouver area, such as the Peace” and “USSR Veterans Visit
Source of Supplied Title: Title based on content of series.

Title: **VANA Publicity Files**
Dates: 1985-1994

Physical
Extent: 1 folder

Scope and
Content: The series consists of press clippings and copies of letters to newspaper editors relating to activity directed at raising public awareness of VANA by maintaining its presence in local print media.

Source of
Supplied
Title: Title based on content of series.

Title: **Records Relating to Speaking Engagements**

Dates: 1985-1995

Physical
Extent: 2 folders

Scope and
Content: The series consists of correspondence, speaking notes, texts of speeches, programmes and press clippings relating to speaking engagements of the Chair of the Lower Mainland Branch, taking place in the Greater Vancouver area.

Source of
Supplied
Title: Title based on content of series.

Title: **Newsletters**

Dates: 1985-1995

Physical
Extent: 3 folders

Scope and
Content: The series consists of newsletters prepared for distribution to the membership of the Lower Mainland Branch.

Source of
Supplied
Title: Title based on content of series.

Title: **Records Related to Lobbying Government**

Dates: 1985–1995

Physical Extent: 5 folders

Scope and Content: The series consists of correspondence, written submissions to government committees, press releases, press clippings, summaries of speeches and research materials. These relate either to submissions directed at the federal government and organised by VANA's National Office and participated in by the Lower Mainland Branch, or; to submissions prepared by the Lower Mainland Branch independently and directed at local government.

Source of Supplied Title: Title based on content of series.

File level description

Title: **Vancouver City Council Resolution on a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty**

Dates: 1989-1990

Physical Extent: 1 folder

Scope and Content: File consists of several pieces of correspondence and an extract of the minutes of a meeting of Vancouver City Council. These relate to activities by the Lower Mainland (B.C.) Branch in support of a September, 1989, Vancouver City Council resolution urging the federal government to facilitate the passing of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.

Source of Supplied Title: Title based on content of file.

Item level description

Title: Extract from the minutes of the Vancouver City Council meeting of September 26, 1989

Dates: November 3, 1989

Physical Extent: 4 pages

Scope and Content: The item consists of a three-page document entitled "Extract from the minutes of the Vancouver City Council meeting of September 26, 1989", with an attached cover letter that carries the letterhead of the Office of the City Clerk, City of Vancouver, is addressed to Col. Norman Hoye of the Veterans Against Nuclear Arms Society and is dated November 3, 1989. An account of the VANA submission, delivered by Col. Norman Hoye, Chair of the Lower Mainland (B.C.) Branch, is located on the last page.

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