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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The New York posts of the Italian American War Veterans began in 1937. A post would later be established in Rochester. The organization dedicated itself to preserving the honor and memory of those veterans who had served in any foreign conflict, as well as to continue Italian cultural traditions. In 1958 Robert Dardano Sr. joined the Monroe County Post No. 26 and served as Chaplain. He was later elected as the post's Commander in 1963. In 1968, Dardano received the honor of the position of National Commander. Through Dardano's leadership, the posts began a Veterans Volunteer Service Committee (VAVS). This committee coordinated volunteers and efforts to aid confined veteran patients. Other community service efforts include a child welfare program and the patriotic and Americanism program, which organizes celebrations for Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day.

Scope and Contents

The first series documents the community activities the Monroe Post engaged in. The conference programs include both state and national conferences. Included in the Correspondence and Appointments series are documents related to the founding of the Monroe Post, as well as the national organization, communication among members, and records of appointments to leadership positions within the organization.

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**Correspondence and records of appointments**

**Scope and Contents**

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