

**MOUSAFE Club of Beloit, Wisconsin (1942 -)
(Mothers of United States Armed Forces Everywhere)**

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FOUNDER HISTORY

The name MOUSAFE was taken from the code word used by General MacArthur, which meant U.S. Army Forces in the Far East. The Beloit women's club used MacArthur's acronym to stand for "Mothers of United States Armed Forces Everywhere".

LOCAL HISTORY

MOUSAFE was a woman's club dedicated to keeping up the spirits of Beloit servicemen during World War II. The group first met on January 6, 1942. These women compiled a list of each Beloiters in the service, raised money from the community, and sent each man on the list a package at Christmas. Each package contained stationery and a pencil, "chews", soap, toothpaste and a toothbrush, shaving cream, razor blades, and playing cards. Flint was also sent to go with the carton of cigarettes that was sent separately. The total cost of each package was \$2.00. In return the servicemen who received a package wrote a thank you letter to the club.

In 1943, the local group applied to the National Headquarters of the Mothers of World War no. 2, Inc. to be an affiliated unit. The application was accepted July 22, 1943.

SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION

The collection consists of meeting minutes, treasurer's report, transcribed thank you letters from servicemen who received care packages, scrapbook, newspaper articles, newspaper photos, donation request signs, correspondence, House of Representatives Bill, a resolution of board directors, and an application for affiliation of the unit chapter with the Mothers of World War No. 2, Inc., a national organization.

ORGANIZATION:

Documents are organized by type then by date. Soldier correspondence is organized by date.



CONTAINER LIST

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1942 A-C	1	1
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1942 D-G	1	2
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1942 H-M	1	3
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1942 N-S	1	4
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1942 T-Z	1	5
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1942 Transcribed	1	6
Letters	MOUSAFE Correspondence, Business 1942 - 1943; Articles of Organization; Application Unit Charter	1	7
Letters	MOUSAFE Correspondence Mothers of World War No. 2	1	8
Letters	MOUSAFE Correspondence, Business 1942	1	9
Letters	MOUSAFE Correspondence, Business 1942 E.D. Best	1	10
Letters	MOUSAFE Correspondence, Business 1943	1	11
Letters	MOUSAFE Correspondence, Business 1944	1	12
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1943 A-C	2	1
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1943 D-G	2	2
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1943 H-M	2	3
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1943 N-S	2	4
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1943 T-Z	2	5
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1944	2	6
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1945	2	7
Letters	Soldier Correspondence not dated	2	8
Letter	Soldier Correspondence not dated	2	9
Letter	Soldier Cards	2	10
Poster	MOUSAFE Posters	2	11
By-Laws	MOUSAFE history and by-laws	2	12
Articles	MOUSAFE newspaper articles	2	13
Publication	Sugar ration recipes	2	14
Letters	Soldier Correspondence 1953	2	15
Articles	MOUSAFE newspaper articles; scrapbook pages	2	16
Minutes	MOUSAFE minute book 1942	3	

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Scrapbook	Newspaper clippings of activities during World War II	4	

ASSOCIATED MATERIALS:

1957.5.1-2 MOUSAFE banner
18686 & 18687 Service flag

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