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Archival Collection Finding Aid

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Abstract: Small archival collection documenting the LZ Michigan Welcome Home event that took place at Fifth Third Ballpark in Comstock Park, Michigan on July 3, 2010 to welcome home the Vietnam Veterans and their families.

History: As described in the LZ Michigan Commemorative Program, the Vietnam War was the prolonged struggle between nationalist forces attempting to unify the country of Vietnam under a communist government and the United States (with the aid of the South Vietnamese) attempting to prevent the spread of communism. U.S. involvement began in 1959 as advisors, and with the passage of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in 1964, President Lyndon Johnson ordered the first U.S. ground troops into Vietnam in March 1965. Engaged in a war that many viewed as having no way to win, U.S. leaders lost the American public's support for the war and a growing anti-war sentiment grew during the 1960s that resulted in numerous protests on college campuses and in major cities throughout the U.S. The 2010 LZ Michigan event was the second event of its kind in the country, modeled after the LZ Lambeau event held the previous year in Green Bay Wisconsin that drew tens of thousand of people.

Scope and Content: Commemorative items include, 2 documentary DVDs, program, 2 event tickets, 2 pins and 1 business card that relate to the LZ Michigan event held on July 3, 2010.

Series Descriptions:

No.	Series Name	Description
I.	DVDs	Highlights and history of LZ Michigan.
II.	Ephemera	Ticket, papers and pins from event day
III.	Programs	Commemorative program from event day

Container List:

Container	Folder	Series	Description of Contents	Dates	Count
1.	1.	I.	LZ Michigan Highlight DVD, LZ Michigan: A Journey Home DVD	July 3, 2010	2
1.	2.	II.	(2) General Admission Tickets, (2) pins, (1) business card.	July 3, 2010	5
1.	3.	III.	LZ Michigan Commemorative Program	July 3, 2010	2