

**Finding Aid:**

**Title:** The Deron R. Haught Military Artifacts Collection- Haiti January 1995 to June 1995

**Description:** This collection is made up of 2 different boxes and are from Deron R. Haught of Ritchie County, West Virginia. Major (Retired) Haught was an E-5 Sergeant in United States Army in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment and served as a Scout during Operations Uphold Democracy in Haiti from January to June of 1995. Artifacts found in this collection include pictures that were taken by Haught, a map of Port-Au-Prince that he used while on mission operations, a T-shirt from May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1995, which is known as Flag Day in the Republic of Haiti, a Handbook that was distributed to Soldiers in the Regiment which provided basic details about the country and its customs, and an article published in the Miami Herald during the deployment which features Haught in the picture.

**Source:** GSC Archives

**Inclusive Dates:** January-June 1995

**Bulk Dates:** 1995-2009

**Size:** 1 boxes, 48 in.

**A & M Box#** GSC20231017

**Index Names:**

Deron Haught, Jimmy Carter, Roselynn Carter, William Clinton, Colin Powell, Sam Dunn, Jean-Bertrand Aristide

**Index Terms:**

United States Army, United Nations, Haiti, Operation Uphold Democracy, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Port-Au-Prince, Haitian Palace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment

**Biographical Information: -**

**Donor:** This collection was donated by Deron Ray Haught (Major- U.S. Army Retired) and 2023 Glenville State University graduate with B.A. Degree in Appalachian Studies

**Organizational & Processing Note:** The Deron R. Haught Military Artifacts Collection- Haiti January 1995 to June 1995

This collection was part of a larger collection of military artifacts that was maintained and then donated by Deron Haught during his last semester at Glenville State University in the Fall of 2023.

### **Biographical Note: Deron R. Haught**

Deron R. Haught was born in Parkersburg, WV in 1967 and was raised in Ritchie County, WV where he attended Smithville Elementary School and Harrisville High School. After graduation in 1985, Deron attended Fairmont State College and then joined the United States Army in 1990 as Artilleryman. As an enlisted Soldier Haught was stationed at Fort Sill, OK, Fort Lewis, WA and Fort Polk, LA. It was during his assignment to the 3rd Squadron of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fort Polk, LA that the unit was deployed in support of Operation Uphold Democracy which officially ended on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1995, when it was transitioned to a United Nations Mission. After he assignment to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACR he was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in Fort Riley, KS. In 1999 Haught was accepted into the Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, GA and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 2000 and then stationed at Schofield Barracks, HI as part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. During his time there he was deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq from January 2004 to February of 2005. After this assignment Haught was assigned to Fort Sill, OK and was again deployed to Iraq in January of 2008 to March of 2009. Haught retired from the Army in 2010 and moved to Allentown, PA where he taught military science at Lehigh University, served as a Division Chief in Tobyhanna Army Depot, and finally served as a Division Chief at New Cumberland, PA for the Defense Logistics Agency. Haught hold a bachelor's degree in human services from Upper Iowa University, a master's degree in public administration from the University of Oklahoma, a certificate in Sustainable Agriculture from the University of Vermont, a certificate in Bluegrass music from Glenville State University and is scheduled to graduate from GSU with a degree in Appalachian Studies in December of 2023.

### **Historical Note: The Deron R. Haught Military Artifacts Collection- Haiti January 1995 to June 1995-**

In 1492 Christopher Columbus landed in Port-au-Paix and over the years other explorers would find the paradise island. By the late 1600's France would be recognized as the administrative state presiding over what they called Saint-Domingue. As part of the Treaty of 1697, King Louis XIV provided slaves to work in what would later become the most profitable French colony of the time. From 1789 to 1804 slaves in Saint-Domingue revolted against the French and were led by Toussaint Louverture who was later named Governor of Haiti. Under interventionist policies of the early 20th century, President Woodrow Wilson sent the United States Marines into Haiti to restore order and maintain political and economic stability in the

Caribbean after the assassination of the Haitian President in July of 1915. This occupation continued until 1934.

Operation Uphold Democracy was a U.S. led military intervention to restore Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power after a coup d'état led by Haitian General Joseph Raoul Cedras. As elements of the U.S. Army's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division were mobilized and awaiting orders for the invasion, a delegation, led by former President Jimmy Carter, convinced General Cedras to leave the country and allow the elected president to return to his position. On March 31, 1995, Operation Uphold Democracy was officially ended and the mission transitioned to a United Nations mission led by the United States.

## **Box Contents: -**

### **Box # GSC20231017**

#### ***File Folder 1- Pictures***

**Description:** This collection consists of a series of 106 pictures which were taken by Haught with a disposable camera he carried with him throughout the deployment to Haiti. These photos include pictures Haught took of President Jimmy Carter during his visit to Port-Au-Prince where he met with the Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Haught served for two months as part of the Haitian President's security detail and there are pictures of both the Haitian Palace and the President's Aristide residence. There are also a series of pictures of President William Clinton during his visit to Haiti where he met with Soldiers and the Haitian President. Other pictures include mission pictures taken in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area and a series of pictures taken when he was part of the security detail for President Aristide when he visited Port-au-Paix, Haiti. Additional pictures were taken on the Warrior Base where the soldiers lived which show the day-to-day life of a Soldier in Haiti as well as a series of pictures of Haitian civilians which capture their day-to-day life.

#### ***File Folder 2- Flag Day T-Shirt***

**Description:** This shirt was given to Haught on May 18, 1995, while conducting security operations during the Haitian celebration of Flag Day.

#### ***File Folder 3- Unit Patches and Haitian Gourde***

**Description:** The patches in this folder are the unit patch worn by Soldiers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACR, a United Nations patch worn by Soldiers after March 31, 1995, a MNF (Multinational Force) patch worn by Soldiers, and one Haitian Gourde which is the lowest paper currency in Haiti.

***File Folder 4- Operations Map of Port-au-Prince, Haiti***

**Description:** This is the map of Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area and was used by Haught throughout the mission. It includes handwritten notes with grid coordinates of key locations.

***File Folder 5- Haiti Handbook for U.S. Personnel and various mission reference card***

**Description:** This folder holds the Haiti Handbook for U.S. Personnel and various mission reference card. The handbook provided key information about Haiti culture, history, key Creole language and various other mission related information. This handbook was carried by Haught throughout the mission and includes a series of other reference cards to include Serious Incident criteria, graduated response procedures, debrief checklists, checkpoint operations guidance, DA Form 1155- Witness Statement, DA Form 1156- Casualty Feeder Report, and the Combined JTF Haiti Peacetime Rules of Engagement.

***File Folder 6- Article from Miami Herald***

**Description:** This folder holds an article published by the Miami Herald titled *Vigilant Justice Increases in Haiti*. The article was written by a reporter who happened to arrive at the scene of a killing the same time that the patrol, led by Haught, arrived. In the picture Haught is shown with his back to the camera given a directive to his team to secure the parameter until the Haitian police arrived. In the background of the picture is shown the deceased victim as a feral pig is approaching the dead body.