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WWII collects history at home

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The northeastern corner of the student center at the University of Missouri is one of the few places where WWII enthusiasts can display their interest. The collection of artifacts and memorabilia from the era is small but will grow as the collection is supplemented with more pieces.

Jeffrey Blankenship, a sophomore history major, said his collection includes more than 300 items, most of which he acquired as a high school student. The collection includes uniforms, weapons, medals, and more. The most valuable piece in his collection is a letter written by his great-grandfather, who served in the navy during WWII. The letter includes a plan for the construction of a ship, which Blankenship said he plans to display.

Blankenship said he is interested in preserving history and sharing it with others. He said he wants to continue to collect artifacts and memorabilia from the era, and he hopes to one day display them in a museum. He also wants to use his collection to educate others about the importance of remembering the sacrifices made during WWII.

“People should be aware of the sacrifices that were made during WWII,” Blankenship said. “I want to make sure that people remember the sacrifices made by those who served during that time.”

Blankenship said he plans to continue collecting WWII artifacts and memorabilia, and he hopes to expand his collection in the future. He said he is grateful for the opportunity to display his collection and share the history of WWII with others.

“The collection provides a glimpse into the past and reminds us of the sacrifices made during WWII,” Blankenship said. “I want to make sure that people remember the sacrifices made by those who served during that time. This collection is a small reminder of the sacrifices made during that time.”