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K0260

United States Army Mothers National Association Records

1941-1989

13 cubic feet, 22 scrapbooks (microfilmed), oversize items

World War II era organization of mothers of men in the U.S. Army, established to provide social support for each other and their sons. Scrapbooks, financial ledgers, post reports and minutes, photographs, yearly convention material, newsletters, correspondence, by-laws, roll books, various paraphernalia, and other items relating to its everyday operation.

HISTORY:

The United States Army Mothers National Organization came into being when its founder, Margaret M. Jackson's only son joined the Air Corps Division of the U.S. Army in 1939. As a result, Mrs. Jackson became interested in helping the men and women of the Armed Forces. Her desire to know more about the Army and the boys who were serving their country led her to Col. Fred M. Logan on July 4, 1940. He supplied Margaret Jackson with the list that would provide the twenty-three charter members of the organization. On September 25, 1940, these twenty-three women met at the home of Mrs. Jackson and by July 1941, the United States Army Mothers National Organization, consisting of thirty groups from Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas, was formed. By September 25, 1941, Founders Day, a mere two months later, sixty-seven more groups and one state, Nebraska, had joined. As of August 1967, there were approximately 140 Posts and 8,000 to 9,000 members.

In October 1989, after approximately 48 years, the Army Mothers National Organization ceased to exist. Lack of new memberships and contributions left the organization with a deficit rather than a surplus.

In the beginning, the organization served as a meeting for mothers whose sons had gone off to serve the United States Armed Forces. Membership later included any wife, mother, sister, or daughter who was related to a man or woman in the U.S. Armed Forces. The first meetings took place before World War II actually began. During the war, the Army Mothers became a service organization as well as a social one. Aid to service members and veterans was the focus of the

group though they did perform other tasks such as, aid to hospitals and child welfare projects. The Army Mothers provided as much recreation for service members as was possible during the war. After the war, they concentrated on helping veterans and their families. Parties and games were set up for veterans in hospitals, including prizes, as were picnics on and off hospital premises. The Army Mothers did sewing and provided greatly desired company to the veterans. The Army Mothers provided the extras that these men and women wanted but did not receive from the veterans' hospitals. The Preamble of the organization best describes their ideas:

We, mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States, associate ourselves together in the organization, United States Army Mothers for the following purposes:

To unite all persons eligible to membership therein to perpetuate a natural comradeship born of a mutual understanding of individual sacrifice.

To uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

To inculcate a true spirit of loyalty and patriotism.

To foster an abiding faith in American institutions and the American way of life, and

To promote the social, cultural, recreational, and general welfare of those near and dear to us, men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States who offer their all on the altar of freedom, to the end that this Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

PROVENANCE:

This gift was received from The United States Army Mothers' National Executive committee as accession KA0541 on November 18, 1989. An addition, KA2074 was received from Sue Gervasini, on August 23, 2012.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of scrapbooks, financial ledgers, post reports and minutes, photographs, yearly convention material, newsletters, correspondence, by-laws, roll books, various paraphernalia, and many other items relating to the everyday operation of the organization. The ledgers and scrapbooks have been microfilmed.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

1963 National Convention
Correspondence 1963-1964
Post records 1955-1959
Newsletter copies

BOX 002

Photographs
Convention programs
Bar pins

BOX 003

Post reports
Annual report and questionnaire 1967
Gold Star members 1962
Expense and income reports
Financial records 1955-1966

BOX 004

Ledger 1950-1958
Post minutes October 1960-December 1968, 1969-1972, 1971-1977
California Post receipt stubs 1955-1964
Installation ritual – National
Kansas Post number five minutes 1951
Founder's Post minutes 1973
Kansas Post # 25 minutes 1951

BOX 005

Financial records ca. 1954-1982
Checkbook
Convention fund and Rehabilitation fund
Iowa scrapbook 1955
Convention minutes 1989

BOX 006

Forms, form letters, newsletters

BOX 007

By-laws
Green Jewelry invoices
Files from the various posts

BOX 008

1956 convention roll book, 1963 estimated budget
receipts of the National Adjutant 1959-1967
minutes of various meetings
National officers roll books 1944-1967
CPA auditors files

BOX 009

Silk banner and cap, forms, rosters, and business meeting minutes,
by-laws booklets, national seal, a plaque, a drawing of the official
pin, articles of agreement, and various reports

BOX 010

A banner, NSO certificate 1966, Iowa state charter certificate, post
reports, 1966 convention book, 1969 history material, a card from
the White House – JF Kennedy, membership rosters, and various
other material

BOX 011

1963 convention material, nomination committee, state post
reports, and 1948 correspondence and minutes

BOX 012

Green Jewelers receipts 1957-1966, a list of the 1962 officers,
prospective posts, the 1965 standing committee, and state reports

BOX 013*ITEMS REMOVED FROM SCRAPBOOKS*

Folder 1. Scrapbook-Volume I: National Scrapbook, 1946-September 13,
1947

- Folder 2. Scrapbook-Volume II: National Scrapbook, September 20, 1947-1948 (1 of 2)
- Folder 3. Scrapbook-Volume II: National Scrapbook, September 20, 1947-1948 (2 of 2)
- Folder 4. Scrapbook-Volume III: National Scrapbook, 1949-1950
- Folder 5. Scrapbook-Volume IV: National Scrapbook, 1953-1954
- Folder 6. Scrapbook-Volume V: National, May 1948
- Folder 7. Scrapbook-Volume VI: National, 17 September 1951-21 January 1952
- Folder 8. Scrapbook-Volume VII: National, 14 October 1952-3 October 1953
- Folder 9. Scrapbook-Volume VIII: National, 18 October 1953-3 October 1954
- Folder 10. Scrapbook-Volume IX: National Convention, 22 October 1953
- Folder 11. Scrapbook-Volume X: National, 19 October 1954-31 December 1954
- Folder 12. Scrapbook-Volume XI: National, October 1956-May 1957
- Folder 13. Scrapbook-Volume XII: National, 13 March 1957-18 September 1958
- Folder 14. Scrapbook-Volume XIII: National, October 1959-October 1960
- Folder 15. Scrapbook-Volume XIV: National, September 1961-September 1962
- Folder 16. Scrapbook-Volume XV: National, 24 January 1962-7 August 1963
- Folder 17. Scrapbook-Volume XVI: National, 12 October 1965-22 September 1966
- Folder 18. Scrapbook-Volume XVII: National, 4 October 1966-25 September 1967
- Folder 19. Scrapbook-Volume XVIII: National, 7 February 1968-6 September 1970
- Folder 20. Scrapbook-Volume XIX: Local, Huntington, West Virginia, 22 August 1944-18 September 1945
- Folder 21. Scrapbook-Volume XX: Local, State of MO., 27 April 1950-2 May 1951
- Folder 22. Scrapbook-Volume XXI: Local, Missouri State, 7 May 1957-7 January 1958
- Folder 23. Scrapbook-Volume XXII: Local, State of IA., 14 October 1954-3 October 1961

BOX 014

(KA2074)

Certificates

Correspondence

Minutes

Guest Book

Constitution and By-laws

Wooden Bowl and gavel

Hat

FLATBOX 001

Wood covered scrapbook 1950-1951

1974 ledger book

Loose receipts

UASM National Adjutant's receipt file 1969-1980 (KA0541)

FLATBOX 002

Certificate: National United States Army Mothers, Charter Members of Leavenworth Kansas post #10, June 18, 1942, with members listed. (see inventory folder for handwritten list of names) (KA2074)

Box 015x3

Roll 1 Crochet table cloth and two flags

Roll 2 Margaret M. Jackson Memorial Fund, United States Army Mothers, 1953

MICROFILM*LEDGERS / SCRAPBOOKS*Roll 001.*LEDGERS*

Volume I. Daily Receipts and Miscellaneous Expenses, National Reports

Part I. 27 September 1979-23 September 1980

Part II. 27 September 1978-22 September 1979

Part III. 27 September 1977-24 September 1978 (also "Step by Step Procedure United States Army Mothers Books")

Part IV. 24 September 1976-17 September 1977

- Part V. 26 September 1975-17 September 1976
Part VI. 27 September 1974-18 September 1975
Part VII. 27 September 1973-19 September 1974
Part VIII. 27 September 1972-18 September 1973
Part IX. 21 September 1971-22 September 1972
Part X. 18 September 1970-18 September 1971
Part XI. 26 September 1969-3 September 1970
Volume II. Income, Kansas City, Missouri Founders Post
21 December 1973-30 December 1974
Volume II. Income, Kansas City, Missouri Founders Post
8 January 1975-4 June 1975

SCRAPBOOKS

- Volume I. National, 6 June 1946 – 13 September 1947
Volume II. National, 20 September 1947-8 September 1948
Volume III. National, 15 November 1949-19 September 1950
Volume IV. National, 12 September 1950-16 August 1951

*SCRAPBOOKS*Roll 002.

- Volume V. National, May 1948
Volume VI. National, 17 September 1951-21 January 1952
Volume VII. National, 14 October 1952-3 October 1953
Volume VIII. National, 18 October 1953-3 October 1954
Volume IX. National Convention, 22 October 1953
Volume X. National, 19 October 1954-31 December 1954
Volume XI. National, October 1956-May 1957

Roll 003.

- Volume XII. National, 13 March 1957-18 September 1958
Volume XIII. National, October 1959-October 1960
Volume XIV. National, September 1961-September 1962
Volume XV. National, 24 January 1962-7 August 1963
Volume XVI. National, 12 October 1965-22 September 1966
Volume XVII. National, 4 October 1966-25 September 1967
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