

**United Service Organizations
Downtown Detroit Club Records**

1.75 linear feet (2 MB, 1 OS)
1944-1974, bulk 1953-1970

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

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Accession Number: UR001478

Creator: United Service Organizations Downtown Detroit Club

Acquisition: The United Service Organizations Downtown Detroit Club Records was donated to the Reuther by N. Brewster Broder in the early 1990s.

Language: Material entirely in English.

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Related Material: United Community Services Budget Department Records, United Community Services Planning Department Records, United Community Services Board of Directors Minutes, United Community Services Records

PLEASE NOTE: Material in this collection has been arranged by series ONLY. Folders are not arranged within each series -we have provided an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout several boxes within any given series.

Abstract

The United Service Organizations (USO) was formed in 1941 through a partnership with the National Jewish Welfare Fund, the Salvation Army, the National Catholic Community Service, the Traveler's Aid Association, and the YMCA and YWCA. The goal of the organization is to assist soldiers in their transition home or into service and with their families should they be deployed, injured, or killed.

This collection consists of materials created by the metropolitan Detroit branch of the USO, primarily from their work with Vietnam veterans, as well as some of their work with World War II veterans. The collection holds newspaper clippings from articles about the USO's activities in Detroit, as well as event photographs and some invoices and correspondence. Additionally, the collection contains comprehensive lists of volunteers and participants in programs.

Important Subjects:

Community-based organizations
Veterans -- Services for -- United States
Vietnam War, 1961-1975 --Veterans -- United States
War veterans

Important Names:

Clancy, Father Raymond S.
Detroit (Mich.)
Longworth, Glenn
Meyers, Henry
Rankin, Paul T.
United Service Organizations clubs

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in original order.

Folders in each series are simply listed by their location within each box. They are not arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several boxes within each series.

Box 1

1. Newspaper clippings, Miss America Pam Eldred visited Vietnam, 1970
2. Eleven O One Building Company, 1970-1971
3. WJR, The Goodwill Station, invoices and correspondence, 1951
4. Willow Run Air Force Station, 1956-1957
5. United Service Organizations, National Branch, newsletters and invoices, 1970-1974
6. 21st Annual Meeting, Pontchartrain Hotel, 1972
7. United Service Organizations, Detroit Branch, Mr. Longworth's office manual, 1944-1945
8. Address book, 1963-1973
9. Annual Meeting of the National Council, United Service Organization, 1969
10. Information for service men and women, 1967-1970
11. Price Waterhouse and Company, 1970-1974
12. United Service Organizations, guestbook, 1969-1973
13. Detroit News articles, 1954-1953
14. United Service Organizations of Metropolitan Detroit, financial statements, 1970
15. Certificate given to United Service Organizations from U.S. Army Recruiting Service, 1966
16. List of past volunteers, 1959-1973

Box 2

1. United Service Organization Council Meeting, Detroit, photographs, 1969
2. United Service Organizations, Detroit, 1,000,000 GI Celebration, photographs, undated
3. Photograph of women boarding a ship, undated
4. Event photographs from United Service Organizations of Detroit, undated

Box 3

1. Drawing of United Service Organizations Detroit building, 1952
2. Certificates given to United Service Organizations of Detroit, 1957-1963
3. Scrapbook, 1951-1952
4. Scrapbook, 1952-1953
5. Scrapbook, 1954
6. Detroit USO stamp by Gregory Mayer & Thom Co.