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**WAVES-INDIANA  
PAPERS (1947–2005, BULK 1980–2004)**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 2 manuscript boxes; 1 oversized box; 2 bound volumes; 2 color photos boxes; 1 folder black and white photograph, artifacts.

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1947–2005 (Bulk 1980–2004)

**PROVENANCE:** Betty M. Raymer, Indianapolis, IN, 2006

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:** World War II Project, 1941–1991, M 0652, OM 0318, BV 3000

**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 2006.0010

**NOTES:**

## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law a bill creating a women's reserve of the U.S. Navy in order to increase military personnel during World War II. These women became known as the Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Services (WAVES). From their inception, with some exceptions, these women were assigned full military rank and status. By 1943, 27,000 women had volunteered for service. Eventually, the WAVES became 80,000 strong and served in a variety of occupational roles.

35 years after the end of World War II, veterans of the WAVES in Indiana organized a social and volunteer group that would operate from 1980 to 2004. The women of WAVES-Indiana met monthly, mostly at the Eagle Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library, throughout their 24 year club history. Members were frequently involved in volunteer work. After monthly meetings, many members volunteered at the Cold Springs Road VA Hospital Home Care Unit. Additionally, members frequently raised money for memorials. Many donations, including remaining funds in their treasury in 2004, were sent to the National Women's War Memorial in Washington, D.C. In addition to their volunteer and fundraising activities, the women of WAVES-Indiana marched in annual Veterans' Day parades, invited guest speakers to meetings, held annual statewide reunions, and attended and participated in World War II and WAVES events in both Indiana and nationally. The club also functioned as a social club for the women involved.

Sources:

Materials in Collection

"Navy.mil Home Page." The Navy's History of Making WAVES. July 30, 2013. Accessed January 27, 2015. [http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=75662](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=75662).

"Homefront Heroines: The WAVES of World War II." Accessed January 27, 2015. <http://www.homefrontheroines.com/>.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of six series covering the years 1947–2005 (bulk 1980–2004)

**Series One:** Series One consists of minutes, correspondence, and other administrative documents relating to the WAVES-Indiana veterans meetings. As organized by the group, monthly meeting minutes are grouped together by year along with any related correspondence or clippings. Most monthly minutes include a list of attendees. Many of the yearly files, particularly for the club's early years, include a final record of total attendance for all meetings at the end of each file. Some annual files also include a year-end report, or, a list of yearly highlights. Minutes and administrative documents are inconsistent year to year depending on the elected secretary. This series also contains two artifacts: a World War II Memorial lapel pin sent to the club due to donations made in support of the memorial, and, a WAVES-Indiana rubber stamp that is used throughout correspondence and official documents.

**Series Two:** Series Two consists of events both local and national, organized or attended by WAVES-Indiana members. This series contains files sorted by event, chronologically, both statewide and national. In addition, this series contains a program for the 1947 national WAVES reunion and an undated WAVES songbook. This series contains two artifacts: a magnet for the WAVES-Indiana 20th anniversary party, and a trophy for participating in a Loyalty Day Parade in Speedway, Indiana.

**Series Three:** Series Three consists of financial records for the organization. Treasurers for WAVES-Indiana were elected on a yearly basis. Due to these changes in fiscal management, the financial records differ in format from year to year. Most years contain a running ledger of expenses, dues paid, and a year-end report. Some years contain additional documents and correspondence related to the annual budget.

**Series Four:** Series Four consists of 572 color photographs of club members, club events, and miscellaneous. Photos are sorted chronologically and separated by year. Photographs record the activities of WAVES-Indiana from 1983–2002.

**Series Five:** Series Five contains two scrapbooks covering the years from 1982–1991. Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, correspondence, brochures, menus, and other memorabilia.

**Series Six:** Contains miscellaneous items in the collection. Two volumes of *A Pictorial History of Women in the Navy* are in this series.

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[Blue Angels Event Group Photographs, 1985, 1 unidentified black and white photograph]	Photographs: Folder 1

1987 WAVES Photographs

Color Photographs  
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[Navy Women's Conference, Chicago, IL, July 1987, 3 unidentified photographs)

1989 WAVES Photographs

Color Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 4

[Statewide Luncheon, July 15, 1989. Total 63 photographs, 38 unidentified, 25 identified]

1990 WAVES Photographs

Color Photographs  
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[Statewide Luncheon, Sept. 8, 1990. Total 55 photographs, 31 unidentified, 24 identified]

1991 WAVES Photographs (1 of 2)

Color Photographs  
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[Statewide Luncheon, Sept. 14, 1991. Total 51 unidentified photographs]

1991 WAVES Photographs (2 of 2)

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[Statewide Luncheon, Sept. 14, 1991. Total 51 identified photographs]

[Statewide Luncheon, Sept. 14, 1991, 5th Grade Chorus, Forest Hill School, 17 unidentified photographs]

[Group Photographs, after Veterans' Day Parade, Nov. 1991, 1 identified photograph]

[Group Photograph, Eagle Branch Library, Dec. 5, 1991, 1 identified photograph]

1992 WAVES Photographs

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[Statewide Luncheon, WAVES 50th Anniversary, June 27, 1992, Total 53 photographs, 49 unidentified, 4 identified]



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1999, Total 39 Photographs, 38 unidentified, 1  
identified]

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[Group Photograph, Christmas Meeting, Eagle  
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photograph]

[Christmas Luncheon at Iron Skillet, Indianapolis,  
IN, Dec. 5, 1999, 1 photograph, identified]

2000–2002 WAVES Photographs

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[Group Photograph, Eagle Branch Library, Dec. 2, 2000, 1 identified photograph]

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[WAVES-Indiana Meeting, Eagle Branch Library, July 7, 2001, 3 identified photographs]

[Group Photographs following Frances Jerauld's memorial service, Oct. 20, 2001, 3 identified photographs]

[Veterans' Day Parade, Nov. 11, 2001, Total 19 photographs, 4 identified]

[Christmas Meeting, Dec. 1, 2001, 2 identified photographs]

[Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 1, 2001, 1 identified photograph]

[Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 2002, 3 identified photographs]

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