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United States Maritime Service
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Introduction to the Collection

In November 1939, two training ships entered Tampa Bay and moored at the U.S. Coast Guard base along Bayboro Harbor. This event marked the beginning of the United States Maritime Service Training Station (USMSTS) in St. Petersburg, Florida. From late 1939 until 1941, the Maritime Service ships resided at the Coast Guard base while construction of the training station took place. Dedicated in July 1941, the USMSTS became an active training center during the war years. Until decommissioned in early 1950, this site served as one of the largest training facilities for the Merchant Marine along the southern coast of the United States. Thousands of Maritime Service graduates who had trained on ships such as the *Joseph Conrad*, *Tusitala*, *Vigil*, *American Seaman*, and *American Sailor* later carried supplies to armed forces during the Second World War and played other essential roles in supporting convoys and protecting shipments.

Mariners had served with honor since the earliest days of the United States, with privateers and merchant marines assisting the Continental Navy during the American Revolution. During times of war and peace, these sailors transported cargo, guarded shipments, and assisted members of the Armed Forces with logistical operations. The United States Congress authorized the creation of a United States Maritime Service through the Merchant Marine Act of 1936. Two years later, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the U.S. Maritime Service (USMS) in an effort to prepare for possible wartime hostilities.

Approximately 25,000 young adults trained at the Bayboro Harbor facility between early 1940 and 31 March 1950. Many young men between the ages of 17½ and 35 arrived during America's involvement in the Second World War. Along with waves of over 120,000 U.S. Army Air Corps recruits and other service personnel, the USMS trainees stayed at hotels such as the Soreno and Vinoy, as well as in the barracks that later became part of USF St. Petersburg ('B' building) until demolished in March 1992. Cadets faced a rigorous five-week preliminary training session to test their aptitude in seamanship and boat operations. USMS trainees took classes at the station (including swimming and endurance tests in the pool), in outdoor facilities near the present-day site of the Bayfront Center, and on the ships docked along the harbor. After the initial training session, the merchant mariners continued their studies in areas such as practical ship training (on the deck, in the engine room, as a steward, etc.) and advanced navigational techniques. A Cooks and Bakers School also began in December 1942.

Donald Saxer, a cadet who trained at the facility in 1943 and later joined the staff, collected many of the items in the Saxer/USMSTS, Bayboro Harbor, Collection. Rising to the rank of Chief Petty Officer, Saxer became an important leader at Bayboro Harbor. After the station closed in 1950, Saxer remained as part of the staff that managed the facilities until the City of St. Petersburg took control of the site in the mid-1950s. He donated these materials to the Special Collections and Archives Department of the USF St. Petersburg library in October 2001.

Some items in this collection were originally gathered by H.F. Kuether, another Maritime Service member who later worked closely with Saxer on issues related to the USMS and veterans of the organization. This collection also includes correspondence and clippings documenting attempts by Saxer and Kuether to gain full service recognition for USMS veterans who fought during the Second World War.

Restrictions/Preservation Note

Many of the clippings, photographs, pamphlets, and ephemeral materials in this collection reside in acid-free viewing sleeves. Newspaper clippings and other documents printed on acidic paper constitute a substantial portion of this collection. While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of such items, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. To prevent further damage to the fragile materials in this collection, refrain from removing materials from their sleeves unless necessary. Also, avoid placing any additional stress on the paper fibers by folding or creasing newspapers or other materials, or by exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any tears or other damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. While no restrictions limit access to this collection, library staff will evaluate photocopying or digitization requests on an individual basis to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique collection. Patrons using this collection must adhere to copyright and fair-use guidelines and provide proper citation of sources appearing in their research.

Provenance of the Donald Saxer/USMSTS Bayboro Harbor Collection Related Collections

This collection falls under the Local and Regional History provenance of the Special Collections and Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg. The Saxer/USMSTS materials complement the holdings in the USF St. Petersburg archives because many of the items describe the historical development of the University of South Florida campus along Bayboro Harbor, especially during the mid-1960s and late 1970s. Patrons interested in learning about the institutional development of USF St. Petersburg, once known as the Bayboro Campus, should also consult the department's holdings in the USF St. Petersburg archives. Researchers interested in the public struggle to create a campus of the University of South Florida in Pinellas County may also wish to consult the Papers of Nelson Poynter.

Scope and Contents

The contents of the Saxer/USMSTS Bayboro Harbor Collection occupy two document boxes (approximately one linear foot). In addition, the collection includes three oversize photographs (two framed, one without a frame). Photographs and clippings constitute the primary materials in the collection. Inclusive dates are from 1937 to 2002, with bulk dates from 1941 to 1950 for photographs and 1964 to 1979 for clippings. The language used on all materials in this collection is English.

Additional Sources of Information

Internet resources include web pages created by former members of the United States Merchant Marine/Martime Service. See: <http://www.usmm.org>
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Maritime Service News, vol. 1(3), March 1943, photocopy of paper.

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 Leaf 4: Photographs (1967-1968?) of displays celebrating National Maritime Day and Maritime Week (as proclaimed by St. Petersburg).
 Leaf 5: Program, National Maritime Day, USMSTS (21 May 1949).
 Leaf 6: Program, Veterans of USMSTS at St. Petersburg, National Maritime Day (22 May 1965).
 Leaves 7, 8, and 9: Addresses and information about former USMSTS personnel stationed at Bayboro Harbor.

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- Leaf 1 (front): Clipping, "Base Ritual Marks USF Acquisition," *St. Petersburg Times*, 23 May 1965.
 Leaf 2 (front): H. Leigh Brite, Secretary, Propeller Club of the United States, to Saxer, 12 July 1979.
 Leaf 2 (rear): Photocopy of clippings commemorating National Maritime Day, 21 May 1979.
 Leaf 3: Photocopy of clipping, "In Memory of Those Who Died," *St. Petersburg Independent*, 24 May 1979.
 Leaf 4 (front): Saxer to Veterans of the USMS, 22 April 1980.
 Leaf 4 (rear): Photocopy of clippings commemorating National Maritime Day, 19 May 1980.
 Leaf 5: Agenda and comments by Saxer, National Maritime Day, 22 May 1980.
 Leaves 6 and 7: Speech by Brig. Gen. Paul Smith, U.S. Army (Ret.), at National Maritime Day, 22 May 1980.
 Leaf 8 (front): Clipping, "Honors Given on National Maritime Day," *St. Petersburg Independent*, 24 May 1980.
 Leaf 8 (rear): Clipping, "Mariners Stage Reunion," (early 1960s); Photograph of

USMSTS alumni near maritime monument/cenotaph (early 1980s?).

Leaf 9 (front): Suggested press release for National Maritime Memorial Service, 19 May 1984.

Leaf 9 (rear): Maritime Memorial Program, 21 May 1983.

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Leaf 1 (front): Clipping, "Remembering the Unknown," *St. Petersburg Independent*, 21 May 1984.

Leaf 1 (rear): Photocopy of "Propeller Club of St. Petersburg: Maritime Day Program 1991—Bayboro Harbor."

Leaf 2 (front): Photograph of maritime monument/cenotaph (mid-1960s); Invitation to Gala Maritime Day Program from Propeller Club of St. Petersburg (25 May 1991).

Leaf 2 (rear): Flyer, 1996 Alumni Reunion of the USMS Station, Bayboro Harbor (1996).

Leaf 3 (front): Photocopy of clipping of Elijah Gosier, "Tribute Paid to Service of Maritime Past," *St. Petersburg Times*, 26 May 1991.

Leaves 3 (rear) and 4 (front): Clipping of Paul Davis, "Trophies Are Coming Home," *St. Petersburg Independent*, 25 May 1968.

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Leaf 5: Leslie Gene Miller, "A 'Boots' Eyeview" poem.

Leaf 6: Clipping of Betty Jean Miller, "Celebration Will Honor Maritime Vets," *St. Petersburg Times*, 26 May 1991.

Leaf 7: Clipping by Charla Wasel, "Grandfather . . . What Did You Do in the War?," *St. Petersburg Independent*, 5 September 1979.

Leaf 8 (front): Clipping of Charles Patrick, "New Campus to Make Downtown a Center of Learning," *St. Petersburg Times*, 16 October 1978.

Leaves 8 (rear) and 9: Clipping of Barry Klein, "USF: It's a 'Long Road Ahead,' but St. Petersburg Campus is On Its Way to Becoming a Bigger Part of the City," *St. Petersburg Times*, circa 1984-1985.

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Leaf 1 (front): Clipping of Jane Baumann, "USF at Bayboro: Work Begins at Downtown Campus," *St. Petersburg Independent*, 16 May 1979.

Leaf 1 (rear): Photocopy of clipping, *St. Petersburg Times*, 15 October 1979.

Leaf 2 (front): Clipping of Kevin Thomas, "Marine Center Has Landed," *St. Petersburg Times*, 30 October 1992.

Leaf 2 (rear): Clipping of Bill Cornwell, "Men Battle for 'Principle' to Have War Effort Recognized," *St. Petersburg Times*, 15 March 1982.

Leaf 3: Memorandum and note regarding application for group eligibility and the granting of Honorary Discharge to former USMS personnel (undated, 1979).

Leaf 4: Research regarding eligibility status of other groups, assembled to make the point that USMS personnel should be granted eligibility.

Leaf 5 (front): Photocopy of clipping, "WWII's WASPs Get Official Recognition," *St. Petersburg Times*, 24 May 1979.

Leaf 5 (rear): Photocopy of clippings about WASPs receiving benefits (March 1979);

July 1979).

Leaf 6 (front): Photocopy of clipping, "WAAC Members Now Eligible for Veterans' Benefits," *St. Petersburg Times*, 3 April 1980.

Leaf 7 (front): Photocopy of clipping of Pat C. Fenner's "Independent Action" article, *St. Petersburg Independent*, 17 March 1979.

Leaf 7 (rear): L.J. Fournier to H.F. Kuether, 24 March 1979.

Leaf 8 (front): H.F. Kuether to Congressman C.W. "Bill" Young, 31 May 1979.

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United States Maritime Service flag.

Oversize Materials (Shelved/Located Separately)

Photograph, unframed, of *American Sailer*, approx. 12" by 11" (circa 1940).

2 Photographs, framed, of an aerial view of the USMSTS station, with written identification of structures (circa 1942-1944).