

**Record Group 45**  
**Navy Mothers' Clubs of America**  
1940s-1964  
1 half manuscript box and 1 manuscript box

Plymouth Historical Museum, Plymouth, MI

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**Abstract**

The Navy Mothers' Club of America is a group for women who raised a someone from to childhood that later joined the Navy. The goal of the group is to help Military Personnel, Veterans and supporting one another. Navy Mothers' Clubs of America is primarily a Welfare Organization that is nonsectarian and non-political. The group has been active across the country, doing Welfare Work since 1930.

**Scope and Content**

The Navy Mothers' Clubs of America record group consists of official and unofficial records of the group as it functioned in Plymouth. The official records include constitutions, meeting minutes, newsletters and other papers related to the functioning of the group. Other unofficial papers include stationary items, photographs, scrapbooks and other materials gathered from members of the group.

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## **Important Subjects**

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## **Box 1 Shelf 74**

### ***Entry 1: Constitution & By-Laws***

National By-Laws and Rituals, 1958  
National Constitution & By-Laws Committee  
Committee on Solicitations, July 12, 1957

### ***Entry 2: History of Organization***

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historical Review, 1930-1950 (Acc. #82.72.19L)  
Facts about Navy Mothers' Clubs of America, pamphlet  
"The Origin, Formation, and History of the Navy Mothers' Clubs of America 1930-1943  
(Acc. #82.72.11L)  
Plymouth membership list  
History of Plymouth chapter #381 written by Ruth West (Acc. #82.72.4L)  
Club history of Plymouth chapter (Acc. #82.72.9L)  
Membership roster (Acc. #82.72.7L)

### ***Entry 3: Minutes***

1942 (September 10-First organized on this date)-1952 (February 19) (Acc. #82.72.6L)

### ***Entry 4: Newsletters***

November, 1951  
February, 1952  
May, 1955  
June, 1955  
August, 1955  
September, 1955  
December, 1955  
January, 1956  
April, 1956  
June, 1956  
July, 1956  
August, 1956  
September, 1956  
October, 1956  
November, 1963  
March, 1965  
April, 1965

August/September, 1965

***Entry 5: Forms and Stationery***

Address labels

Postcard reminder

Membership application

Transfer of Membership card

Short envelope

Long envelope

Letterhead stationery (3 sheets)

Application for contribution for Special Welfare Allotment Fund

Navy Mothers' New subscription form

Contribution for Welfare form (2 sheets)

Price list for Navy Mothers' jewelry

Navy Mothers' jewelry items listed for purchase

***Entry 6: Programs***

Memorial Day, 1961

Memorial Day, 1963

Memorial Services at Bridge, 1959

Memorial Services at Bridge, 1962 (2 copies)

Memorial Day Services at Bridge, 1963 (2 copies)

Memorial Day Services at Bridge, 1964

Memorial Day Services at Bridge, May 30, 1964

List of Navy boys who have passed into the Harbor of Rest (2 copies)

List of men's names

Sena Bogema Memorial and Dedication Service, April 29, 1962

"Americanism" by Mrs. Jetta Deer, February, 1957

"We are the Navy Mothers of America" (2 copies)

Annual Plymouth Decoration Day Services

***Entry 7: Certificates (Acc. #82.72.2L)***

Certificate of Achievement, 1946

Certificate from the State of Michigan, August 15, 1955

Citation for "Outstanding welfare work in behalf of needy families," August 29, 1962

Certificate from Veterans Administration for their volunteer service, June 5, 1961

Citation for "Outstanding welfare work in Veterans Administration Hospitals," August 31, 1962

Citation for "Outstanding welfare work in Veterans Administration Hospitals," May 23, 1963

Citation for "Outstanding welfare work in; behalf of needy families," May, 1963

***Entry 8: Photographs (Acc. #82.72.1L)***

Formal ceremony (2 photos)

Ceremony with Girl Scouts at Farrand School (2 photos)

Outdoor ceremony (3 photos)

Members at dinner table

Four members

Member with flag

Formal ceremony

Picture of Emma Jones, founder of club in June 26, 1930

Members at ceremony table at First State Convention (2 photos)

1960 National Convention in Detroit (3 photos)

Past Commanders Installation in Ypsilanti in 1954

14<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Washington, DC, June, 1950 (2 photos)

Convention in 1947 (3 photos)

Formal ceremony (7 photos)

Members working as servers (2 photos)

Two members in formal attire (2 photos)

Members' group photo (6 photos)

Members with sailor in hospital

Alma Bridge with officers

Officers at head table

3 members with Navy officer

11<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Pennsylvania, Opening session, July, 1946

11<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Pennsylvania, Banquet, July, 1946 (Acc. # 82.72.28L)

Pilgrimage to Tomb of Unknown Soldier at 14<sup>th</sup> Convention, June, 1950 (Acc. #82.72.27L)

***Entry 9: Miscellaneous items***

Navy Mothers Ribbon, Plymouth No. 381

Do-It-Yourself Note

4 Raffle ticket stubs

Raffle ticket from July 15, 1962

Material swatches

Invitation to Joint Installation of Officers in Warren, MI, April 22, 1963

2 Songbooks

Program for Michigan Navy Mothers Club 4<sup>th</sup> State Convention, June, 1961

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***Entry 10: Scrapbooks***

1940's (Acc. #82.72.17L)

1940's -1950's (Acc. #82.72.3L)