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FINDING AID TO THE DOROTHY STRATTON U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER CHRISTENING AND COMMISSIONING COLLECTION 2010–2012

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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	United States Coast Guard
Title	Dorothy Stratton U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Christening and Commissioning collection
Collection Identifier	MSP 111
Date Span	2010–2012
Abstract	This collection contains material documenting two events: the christening in 2010 and the commissioning in 2012 of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Stratton, named after Purdue University's first full-time Dean of Women, and Director of the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve, Dorothy Stratton.
Extent	0.2 cubic feet (6 folders)
Finding Aid Author	Jonathan McConnell, 2012
Languages	English
Repository	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Location Information:	ASC
Access Restrictions:	Collection is open for research.
Acquisition Information:	<p>The christening ceremony material was sent by the U.S. Coast Guard in response to a request by a staff archivist on October 28, 2010.</p> <p>The commissioning ceremony material was donated by archivist Sammie Morris, who attended the ceremony on March 31, 2012.</p> <p>An additional commissioning pamphlet containing biographical information was donated by Coast Guard staff who were at Purdue for an event honoring Dorothy Stratton and the VACCINE center on July 26, 2012.</p>

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Related Materials Information: For more information about the life of Dorothy Stratton, please see MSF 366, Dorothy Stratton papers.

Subjects and Genres

Persons

Stratton, Dorothy C. (Dorothy Constance), 1899–2006

Organizations

United States. Coast Guard.

Topics

United States. Coast Guard--Boats--History

Form and Genre Types

Ephemera

Photographs

Programs (documents)

Medallions (medals)

History of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Stratton

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Stratton is a *Legend*-class National Security Cutter, the largest and most technologically advanced class of cutter in the U.S. Coast Guard Fleet. The Stratton is named in honor of Dorothy Stratton, Director of the United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve (known as SPARS). Captain Stratton was Dean of Women at Purdue University before taking a leave of absence to join the Navy Women's Reserve (WAVES) in 1942. She was soon called upon to create and direct the SPARS, a name she coined as an acronym for the Coast Guard Motto, "Semper Paratus" and its English translation "always ready."

Source: Materials within the Collection

Collection Description

Scope

This collection contains programs, a DVD, photographs and ephemera documenting the christening in 2010 and the commissioning in 2012 of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Stratton, named after Purdue University's first full-time Dean of Women, Dorothy Stratton. The collection is organized into two series:

Arrangement

1. Christening, 2010 (0.1 cubic feet)

This series contains promotional material received from the Coast Guard, including a DVD film of the ceremony.

2. Commissioning, 2012 (0.1 cubic feet)

This series contains material collected by Purdue Head Archivist Sammie Morris, who attended the Commissioning ceremony in 2012 and material donated to the Archives by Coast Guard staff visiting campus on July 26, 2012.

Descriptive Rules: Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd Edition / Describing Archives: A Content Standard

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series 1. Christening, 2010

(0.1 cubic feet)

1 Box

Folder

- 1 Christening DVD, 2010
2. Christening program with medallion, 2010

Series 2. Commissioning, 2012

Folder

3. Commissioning program, 2012
4. Commissioning photographs and badge, 2012
Badge made by Sally Watlington for "purdue library friends"
5. Invitation to commissioning ceremony, 2012
Invitation addressed to Sammie Morris
6. Commissioning medallion, 2012
7. Commissioning pamphlet with biographical information, 2012