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## ADJUTANT GENERAL Naval Militia

### An Inventory of Its Records

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Naval Militia.
- Series Title:** Records,
- Dates:** 1895-1937.
- Abstract:** Correspondence (1899-1936), subject files (1895-1937), and voucher registers (1910-1924) of Minnesota's naval militia.
- Quantity:** 2.0 cu. ft. (2 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### HISTORY OF THE NAVAL MILITIA

The state established a naval reserve in 1899 [Laws 1899 c355]; it was re-designated the Minnesota Naval Militia in 1905 [Laws 1905 c34]. Regulations governing the Naval Militia were issued from the commander-in-chief through the Adjutant General. Legislation in 1943 specifically added the Naval Militia into the inclusive term "military forces," defined as "the National Guard, Naval Militia, and other organizations or components or the organized militia" [Laws 1943 c108]. The Naval Militia was abolished in 1977 [Laws 1977 c11].

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The correspondence deals mainly with supplying naval militia ships stationed in Duluth (U.S.S. Fern, U.S.S. Gopher, U.S.S. Essex, and U.S.S. Paducah), organization and training of naval militia battalions, and repair and maintenance of the ships, boathouses, and docks in Duluth. Most of the correspondence prior to 1924 is between Guy A. Eaton, Lieutenant Commander, Minnesota Naval Militia, Duluth, and the Minnesota Adjutant General and other Navy personnel. Some deals with the granting of commissions as well as supplies, particularly textbooks and uniforms.

The subject files include a 1903 muster-in-roll, inspector-instructor monthly reports (1930-1932), and various reports of the Seventh and Ninth Naval Reserve areas (1929-1932) and the

Naval Aviation Base in Minneapolis (1934-1937). They also include materials on appropriations, laws and regulations, equipment, expenses, work details, and the U.S.S. Paducah.

The voucher registers list receipts (appropriations) and expenditures for all aspects of the operation of the Naval Militia, including office supplies and maintenance, payrolls, transportation and freight, repairs to ships, and supplies to troops.

## **INDEX TERMS**

*These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### **Topics:**

- Airbases--Minnesota--Minneapolis.
- Essex (ship).
- Fern (ship).
- Gopher (ship).
- Military.
- Naval aviation.
- Naval law--Minnesota.
- Naval militia--Training of--Minnesota.
- Naval reserves.
- Navy-yards and naval stations--Minnesota--Duluth.
- Paducah (ship).

### **Places:**

- Minnesota--Militia.

### **Persons:**

- Eaton, Guy A.

### **Organizations:**

- Minnesota. Naval Militia--Facilities.

### **Types of Documents:**

- Muster rolls.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
109.K.14.5B	1	Correspondence, [045.7], 1899-1926, 1929-February 17, 1936. 17 folders. Subject files, 1895-1937. 16 folders. Appropriations [112.5], 1921-1924. Laws and Regulations: State and National Relating to the Naval Militia, 1895. Muster-In Roll, First Division – First Battalion of Minnesota Naval Militia, December 15, 1903. Naval Reserve petition waiving rights to participate in equipment of National Guard, [December ca. 1903]. Annual Return of Stores (December 31, 1904) and Annual Return of Organized and Uniformed Naval Militia (January 1, 1905). Minnesota Naval Reserve, expenses, 1905-1909. Navy Department: Bureau of Navigation, Ninth Naval District, correspondence, 1929-1932. Minnesota Naval Militia: Boathouse and Dock Repair in Duluth and other construction, 1929-1932. Inspector-Instructor monthly reports, January 1930 – September 1932. Seventh Naval Reserve Area – Tenth Battalion, annual report ending April 1, 1931. Ninth Naval Reserve Area – Ninth Battalion; Plan of Organization, Drilling And Instruction, April 1930. Ninth Naval Reserve Area – Ninth Battalion; Inspection report for May–August 1930. Navy Department: Report of Organization, Administration and Qualifications of Naval Reserve Units, July 25, 1932. United States Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Squadron UN-11RD9, Wold-Chamberlain Airport, Minneapolis, Minnesota; annual reports for May 1934; May 21, 1935; May 6, 1936; and June 2, 1937. Navy Department: Regulations governing admission of candidates into the United States Naval Academy as Midshipmen, May 1935. U.S.S. Paducah: Organization, Administration and Ships Regulations, undated.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
126.J.1.4 (do)	2	Voucher registers, 1910-1924. 2 volumes. Each entry gives warrant number, date, to whom issued, for what, and amount; the amounts are sometimes repeated under columns for expense categories. The purpose of the expenditures for 1910-1916 is not explicitly stated; they can to some extent be deduced from the category heading under which the expenditure is recorded.