

USS Springfield Collection

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Size
1 box

Scope:

The collection includes materials related to Wayne Temple's involvement with the USS Springfield submarine. It includes operational documents, correspondence, meeting materials, and publicity for the USS Springfield Commissioning Committee, souvenirs from the USS Springfield launch in 1992, newspaper articles about the USS Springfield, and correspondence to and from Wayne Temple regarding donations to the ship and the Horseshoe sandwich.

Background:

Dr. Temple was the director of the Commissioning Committee for the USS Springfield Submarine. Springfield, Illinois and Springfield, Massachusetts are the namesakes for the USS Springfield submarine. The USS Springfield (SSN 761) was launched on January 4, 1992 at Groton, Connecticut. It was the fourth Navy ship to be named for Springfield. The Springfield is a Los Angeles class, a nuclear-powered attack submarine. They have the mission to hunt down enemy submarines as well as surface ships. General Dynamics built this vessel. The Springfield was commissioned January 9, 1993.

"Dr. Wayne C. Temple is an internationally recognized authority on Abraham Lincoln. He is among 30 individuals, from around the world, honored with a special Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial edition of the Order of Lincoln – the highest honor that can be awarded by the State of Illinois. Temple has held many positions, including: Curator Ethnohistory at the Illinois State Museum; Editor-in-Chief of the Lincoln Herald – the only quarterly journal on Abraham Lincoln in the world and the oldest such Lincoln publication, starting in 1897; Secretary-Treasurer of the National Lincoln-Civil War Council; Memorial Bibliography committee for Lincoln Lore; Editorial Advisory Board for the American Biographical Institute; Board of Governors for the St. Louis Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children; and Trustee Regent for the Lincoln Academy. He also served as the Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives. He is a life fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, among many other organizations. Temple served under Eisenhower in Europe during World War II. He received a B.S. in Engineering, and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Illinois, where he was a research assistant to Prof. J.G. Randall, "Dean of the Lincoln Scholars." He then earned his A.M. and Ph.D degrees under the direction of Prof. Randall and Prof. Richard N. Current. Among his books on the 16th President are Abraham Lincoln: From Skeptic to Prophet and By Square and Compass: Saga of the Lincoln Home." -Abraham Lincoln Association

Provenance:
Gift # 2010-17

Content by folder

1. Meeting Notices USS Springfield Commissioning Committee
2. Various Materials USS Springfield Commissioning Committee
3. Various Materials USS Springfield Commissioning Committee
4. Publicity USS Springfield
5. Invitations USS Springfield events
6. Program and Commemorative Envelope USS Springfield Launching 1992
7. Correspondence Horseshoe Sandwich
8. Correspondence Horseshoe Sandwich