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**Samuel Richard Loboda Collection
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Samuel Richard Loboda Collection; Manuscript Group 168
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Special Collections and University Archives
2 boxes, 2 linear feet

Biographical Note

Samuel Richard Loboda (1916-1978) was a native of Homer City, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Indiana State Teachers College in Indiana, Pennsylvania, in 1936. Loboda founded the United States Army Chorus in 1956 and served as director and commanding officer of the U. S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" from July 1, 1964 to March 11, 1976. Loboda entered the U. S. Army in 1941 and entered the field of military music two years later. He graduated from the U. S. Army Music School in 1943, and served as executive officer of the School until he was assigned to duty in the Philippines and Japan.

After World War II, Loboda returned to Washington, D.C. as executive officer and assistant leader of the U. S. Army Band. He composed and arranged more than 600 scores of music. He composed official marches for the Kiwanis International, the American Legion, and the National Association of Broadcasters. For the 101st Airborne Division, he composed "Screaming Eagles March" and "The Arrow and the Star March" for the Combat Developments Command. In 1965, Loboda was elected president of the American Bandmasters Association. In 1971, Colonel Loboda was awarded the IUP Alumni Citation, and he received an honorary doctorate from IUP in 1975.

Scope and Content

This collection represents the material donated by the estate of Colonel Samuel Richard Loboda and information collected about his military career including awards, citations, correspondence, memorials, and plaques.

Provenance

This collection was donated by the estate of Colonel Samuel Richard Loboda.

Restrictions

None, this collection is open to the public.

Processor

In 2014, the collection was initially organized and the finding aid was written by the IUP Special Collections & University Archives.

Container List

Box 1 Colonel Samuel Richard Loboda (3 Folders, 12 Mounted Photographs, and 4 Plaques)

1. Biographical Information, memorial tributes, newspaper articles, and press releases
2. Awards
 - a. 1971 Citation for Distinguished Service, the General Alumni Association of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, confer upon Colonel Samuel Richard Loboda the 18th Annual Citation for Distinguished Service, signed by Dorothy A. Ramale, President of the General Alumni Association, and William W. Hassler, University President, May 29, 1971

- b. Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs, the Key & Tone Salute, to Colonel Samuel Richard Loboda, Commander, United States Army Band, April 21, 1972

Photographs

3. Photographs
 - a. Portrait of Colonel Samuel Richard Loboda, no date
 - b. Colonel Loboda with IUP President W. W. Hassler
 - c. Colonel Loboda conducting at IUP
 - d. Groups and Presentations
4. Mounted Photographs (12 Photographs, see also Manuscript Group 168 Box 1 Folder 2)
 - a. Band being conducted by Colonel Loboda
 - b. Portraits of Colonel Loboda
 - c. Parade Presentations including Colonel Loboda
 - d. IUP Commencement with Colonel Loboda

Plaques

5. Plaque: Ambassador's Award to Colonel Samuel Loboda for outstanding achievement as Director of the U.S. Army Band and for recognition to Indiana County, presented by the Indiana County Tourist Bureau, May 15, 1970
6. Plaque: Mission E/Q Pride in Workmanship Award, Colonel Samuel Loboda, September 8, 1970, from Tobyhanna Army Depot, The Depot with a Heart
7. Plaque: Presented to Colonel Samuel R. Loboda, the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" in sincere appreciation for your friendly interest, exceptional cooperation and outstanding ability which have made enduring contributions to the success of many of our depot projects and programs during the past several years. Presented by the Military and Civilian Personnel of the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, 1976
8. Plaque: The American Way of Life: Political and Economic Rights – Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge – presented to Colonel Samuel Loboda, Commanding Officer of the United States Army Band and Chorus, no date (1976) donated in 1979

Box 2 Uniform of Colonel Samuel Richard Loboda (2 items)

1. Parade dress hat worn by U. S. Army Colonel Samuel Loboda, founder of the United States Army Chorus in 1956, director and commanding officer of the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own," July 1, 1964 – March 11, 1976
2. Parade dress uniform, with medals, worn by U. S. Army Colonel Samuel Loboda, founder of the United States Army Chorus in 1956, director and commanding officer of the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own," July 1, 1964 – March 11, 1976