

**EDINBURG HIGH SCHOOL SERGEANETTE PARENTS' CLUB RECORDS**  
Finding Aid

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	9 folders; 0.26 cubic feet
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Edinburg, Texas
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1951-1987
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1957-1972
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	The collection is comprised mostly of an undated copy of the Club's constitution and bylaws, three spiral notebooks containing the minutes of meetings from 1953-1968, and a ledger dated 1957-1977.
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<b>Related Collections</b>	
<b>Citation</b>	Edinburg High School Sergeanette Parents' Club records. Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives, Museum of South Texas History, Edinburg, TX.
<b>Stack Location(s)</b>	RGDOC 9 E:15

## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Edinburg High School is operated by the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District (ECISD). The first school in Edinburg was a small frame building built in 1909. In 1912 a two-story, four-room building was constructed but was torn down in 1927. A new building for the High School was built in 1916. It later became the Pan American College administration building. A large, two-story brick building was erected for the Senior High School on North Eight Street in 1927. A new High School was built in 1961 and consisted of several air-conditioned buildings and a stadium built to seat 7,000 spectators. The first graduation ceremony was held on May 20, 1919. There were only two students in the graduating class: Annie Lawson Lipscomb and Emilia Wilhelmina Schunior.

The Red and Blue Sergeanettes of Edinburg High School was America's first modern drill team. It began in 1930 when 60 girls tried out for the five places on the cheerleading team. Kay Teer was elected as a cheerleader, but she was disappointed that many of her friends didn't make the team. The principal allowed her to organize a large pep squad that became the Red and Blue Sergeanettes, which performed for more than 50 years.

The three-part purpose of the Red and Blue Sergeanette Parents' Club was to assist in the activities of the Red and Blue Sergeanettes, help maintain their uniforms, and help with the expense of the annual formal dance. Regular meetings were held three times a school year. The officers included a president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and a treasurer. Standing committees included publicity, ways and means, uniforms, telephone, parliamentarian and constitution, and membership. The members of the club were also to help the Sergeanettes with any trips they made as a group.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection is comprised mostly of an undated copy of the Club's constitution and bylaws, three spiral notebooks containing the minutes of meetings from 1953-1968, and a ledger dated 1957-1977. Other materials include the 1961-1962 Edinburg High School Handbook and a newspaper clipping about Kay Teer, the founder of the Red and Blue Sergeanettes.

**Sergeanette Parents' Club records**  
1951-1987

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**LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES**

**I. Edinburg High School documents**

- A. Handbook, 1961-1962**
- B. Letter, 1951**

**II. Sergeanette Parents' Club records**

- A. Constitution and bylaws, undated**
- B. Minutes, 1953-1968, 1972, undated**
- C. Ledger, 1957-1977**
- D. News clipping, 1987**

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **I. Edinburg High School documents**

This series contains two items – the 1961-1962 Student Handbook for Edinburg High School and a letter of commendation. The handbook includes the school's code of ethics, information about clubs and organizations, information about the curricula and descriptions of courses, and school-wide regulations. The letter is from Robert M. Franks, Mayor of Alice, Texas, to the Superintendent of Schools, Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District. Mayor Franks wrote to compliment the performance of the Edinburg High School band and drill corps at a football game in Alice, Texas. A copy of the letter was mailed to the Sergeanettes.

### **II. Sergeanette Parents' Club records**

The materials in this series include the constitution and bylaws of the club, three spiral notebooks which contain the club minutes, and a ledger for the finances of the club. The handwritten minutes begin with the November 1953 meeting of the club and end with March 1968 meeting. They relate the activities of the club and its committees as well as its finances. Some loose papers found in one of the notebooks include minutes, a punch recipe used at the 1965 Sergeanette dance, a 1963 letter about uniform buttons from Sol Frank Uniforms, Inc. to Mrs. Robert Baylis, information about the 1965 trip to Houston, and an undated directory of the members of the Sergeanettes and their parents. The ledger was kept by the Club's treasurers from 1957 to 1977. The earlier entries were signed by the treasurers. Also found here is a 1987 newspaper clipping about Kay Teer, the founder of the Red and Blue Sergeanettes, and her award winning career.

**INDEX TERMS**

Edinburg High School—Edinburg, Tex.  
Education, Secondary—Parent participation

**CONTAINER LIST**

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
E:15 RGDOC 9	1	1	Edinburg High School Documents: Handbook, 1961-1962
		2	Edinburg High School Documents: Letter – Robert M. Franks (Alice, Texas) to Superintendent of Schools, 15 October 1951
		3	Sergeanette Parents' Club records: Constitution and bylaws, undated
		4	Sergeanette Parents' Club records: Minutes, 1953-1959
		5	Sergeanette Parents' Club records: Minutes, 1959-1965
		6	Sergeanette Parents' Club records: Minutes, 1965-1968
		7	Sergeanette Parents' Club records: Minutes - loose papers, 1963, 1964, 1972, undated
		8	Sergeanette Parents' Club records: Ledger, 1957-1977
		9	Sergeanette Parents' Club records: News clipping – Kay Teer Crawford, founder of the Red and Blue Sergeanettes of Edinburg High School, 1987