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1 Box; 1 Linear Foot

Biographical Information

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Francis Lenzi (May 3, 1931 – October 17, 2002) received the 2003 IUP Distinguished Alumni Award for his numerous career accomplishments and dedicated service to his alma mater. Lenzi earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education from IUP in 1954. He also graduated as a member of IUP's first ROTC class. He continued his education, receiving his Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from the University of Detroit. Serving in the United States Army until his retirement in 1979, Lenzi completed military training in the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the Defense Department Procurement Management School, and the United States Army Ordnance Advanced Officer School.



Lieutenant Colonel Lenzi served in the U.S. Army for 25 years until his retirement in 1979. Throughout his successful military career he served in Germany, Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam. While in Vietnam, he was the chief of the ammunition division and executed a \$2-billion budget. He also held the position of chief of staff for the U.S. Army Ordnance School. Representing the U.S. Army, in 1975 Lieutenant Colonel Lenzi returned to Indiana University of Pennsylvania as a professor of military science and was Chairman of the ROTC program with 300 cadets. Under his leadership, the ROTC program became the third largest in the United States with over one thousand cadets. Throughout his military career, Lieutenant Colonel Lenzi received numerous honors, including two Legion of Merit awards, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals. Following his retirement from the United States Army in 1979, Lenzi accepted the position of director of management and administration for the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce.

In 1983, Lenzi again returned to his alma mater to become the first executive director of the Foundation for IUP. He served in this position for 10 years and coordinated IUP's first capital campaign in 1987. Under his leadership, the campaign successfully exceeded its goal and raised more than \$4.5 million to support scholarships and programs at IUP, including the restoration of Breezedale Alumni Center on the IUP campus and the IUP Culinary School in Punxsutawney. Upon retirement from IUP in 1993, Lenzi became the executive director of the Jimmy Stewart Museum in Indiana. Throughout the community he was recognized as being instrumental in the planning and development of the museum. A respected leader in Indiana for many years, Lieutenant Colonel Lenzi was an avid volunteer and supporter of university and community projects. He served as president of the Indiana Rotary and was a member of the Indiana Arts Council, the Military Order of World Wars, and the Indiana VFW Post 1989. He also helped to lead fundraising efforts for the Newman Center and the Indiana Veterans' Memorial Fund. A native of North Braddock, in

suburban Pittsburgh, Lieutenant Colonel Lenzi resided in Indiana with his wife, the former Helen Kraner. They have one daughter, Arlene Lenzi Miller, a 1978 graduate of IUP, and one son, Anthony John Lenzi.



Scope and Content Note

This collection was donated by the Lenzi family, and it contains one box of correspondence, newspaper articles, photographs, publications, and yearbooks that belonged to Anthony Lenzi. The collection also contains information from the ROTC program at IUP (Record Group 34) and the Foundation for IUP (Record Group 66).

Provenance

Donated by the Lenzi family in 2024.

Restrictions

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Processor

The collection was organized by Harrison Wick on April 29, 2024.

Container List**Box 1 (16 folders)**

1. Anthony Lenzi (1931-2002): Biographical Information
2. Anthony Lenzi: Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC) – Class of 1954
 - a. Photographs
 - b. Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity (see Record Group 48)
 - c. Student Directory, 1953-1954
 - d. Student Newspaper: *The Indiana Penn*
 - e. Student Plays (Swing Out Performances)
3. Anthony Lenzi: Textbook (1941) with ISTC book cover made by Anthony Lenzi as a student (1951-1954)
 - a. Maitland Graves. (1941). *The Art of Color and Design*. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company.
4. Anthony Lenzi: Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity – Publications
 - a. Sigma Phil Epsilon: Pledge Manual (1940)
 - b. The Lifetime Responsibility of Brotherhood: Sigma Phil Epsilon Fraternity (1991)
5. Anthony Lenzi: Awards, Certificates and Correspondence
 - a. IUP Foundation: John Sutton Hall Tintype (digitized) circa 1890-1900 donated by Claire Trough whose aunt graduated from Indiana State Normal School, correspondence from 1980



6. Anthony Lenzi: Student Artwork, Drawings, and Watercolors
7. Military Publication (Textbook)
 - a. Department of the Air Force. (1957). *Guided Missiles: Fundamentals*. (AF Manual 52-31).
8. Military Publications
 - a. Yearbook: Spearhead, 3rd Armored Division, Germany, 1958
 - b. Career Ordnance Corps, 1963
 - c. Ordnance Office Career Course, 1963
9. Anthony Lenzi: IUP ROTC – Newspaper Articles (Photograph Album) see Record Group 34
10. Anthony Lenzi: IUP ROTC – Newspaper Articles and Press Releases
11. Anthony Lenzi: IUP ROTC – Photographs and from United States Army
12. Anthony Lenzi: Photographs – Portraits including United States Army and IUP Foundation (see Record Group 66 and
13. Anthony Lenzi: IUP Foundation – Documents, Newspaper Articles, and Publications
14. Anthony Lenzi: IUP Foundation – Photographs
15. Anthony Lenzi: Photographs – IUP Marching Band in France (July 1989) see Record Group 33 and Record Group 81
16. Legal Size Folder: Anthony Lenzi Congratulations from the Pennsylvania State Senate on retiring from the United States Army and as Chairman of the ROTC Program at IUP – December 5, 1979, including photograph and document (legal-size)