



Chanute Air Force Base: Certificates

Years: 1923-1993

COLLECTION 200.007

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Certificates Collection

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Creator/Corporate Name: Chanute Air Force Base

Inclusive Dates: 1923-1993, bulk 1941-1975

Physical Description: 1 half cubic box 1 oversize box; 1.67 linear feet

Provenance:

The Chanute Air Force Base collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives from the now closed Chanute Air Force Base Museum in 2016.

Access:

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright descriptions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

Biographical/Historical Notes:

Chanute Air Force Base was built in Rantoul, Illinois in May 1917. The base serves as a technical training school for the United States Air Force. Over two million students graduated from the base and thousands of civilians were employed until its closure in September 1993.

Scope and Content Note:

The Certificates Collection is comprised of both copies and original certificates that covers an array of topics but are not a comprehensive representation of all awards given out over the years. The types of certificates include: Certificates of Appreciation and Service for student groups, units and squadrons; superior performance awards for both individuals and larger groupings; awards for extracurricular activities such as women's volleyball championships and other physical activities; certificates for rank promotions; certificates of accreditation for entities like the Chanute Hospital and individual instructors at the Technical School; certificates of recognition for volunteer support and exceptional civilian service; merit awards for service, years of service, and recognition of retirement; and a number of certificates of proficiency or completion of training for Technical School courses covering topics, like: arithmetic, writing, engine mechanics, electronics, airplane mechanics, jet propulsion, counseling, metal work, engine analyzing, parachute rigging, photography, among others.

Arrangement:

Documents are arranged alphabetically by person and department. Individuals and group entities with corresponding materials in both the regular sized and oversized box have been marked with an asterisk in the container list.

Subject Terms:

Chanute Air Force Base (Ill.)

United States Air Force

Military History, Modern—21st Century



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- Folder 5: Avner, Sim N., 1931 *
- Folder 6: Berg, Melvin L., 1941 - 1945
- Folder 7: Billings, Robert J., 1951 - 1971 *
- Folder 8: Borchers, Wilma E., 1961, 1966
- Folder 9: Burns, Jack R., 1954, 1962
- Folder 10: Burns, Richard E., 1957
- Folder 11: Bryan, Donald G., 1930, 1938
- Folder 12: Carter, Thomas E., 1983
- Folder 13: Christian, Robert J., 1949, 1951
- Folder 14: Clavette, Edmund J., 1971
- Folder 15: Colmer, Ralph A. 1939
- Folder 16: Davenport, George J., 1966
- Folder 17: Doe, John E., 1989
- Folder 18: Durni, Fred, 1938
- Folder 19: Goff, Lucy, 1989, 1990
- Folder 20: Greer, Lylburn A., 1972, 1988, 1993
- Folder 21: Hagler, Norman E., 1940 - 1943
- Folder 22: Hamm, Mark W., 1974
- Folder 23: Harney, James E., 1925
- Folder 24: Havener, William L., 1944-1947
- Folder 25: Heider, Louis Henry, 1942, 1943
- Folder 26: Henson, Marion, 1943
- Folder 27: Hertenstein, Richard R., 1970, 1980
- Folder 28: Jorgens, William E. 1941-1975 *
- Folder 29: Kelch, Charlese, 1942
- Folder 30: Kelly, Thomas, 1943
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- Folder 33: Manthey, Edward A., 1942
- Folder 34: Melton, Ava W. (Crawford), 1943-1969
- Folder 35: Miller, Clarence L., 1941, 1942
- Folder 36: Mitchell, Danny, 1972
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- Folder 38: MWR Youth Center, 1991, 1992
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- Folder 42: Rosholt, Douglas, 1990
- Folder 43: Rottingham, Hubert A., 1923
- Folder 44: Sanders, Relis. G., 1923
- Folder 45: Schnur, Ernest E., 1980
- Folder 46: Smith, Stephan R., 1968
- Folder 47: Southwell, Paul, 1939
- Folder 48: Swearingen, Duane W., 1942
- Folder 49: Swearingen, Nata M., 1977
- Folder 50: Thomason, Benjamin W., 1952-1975
- Folder 51: Thompson, Lorenzo M., 1937, 1941
- Folder 52: USAF Hospital Chanute, 1989 *
- Folder 53: Von Holton, Francis, 1951, 1955
- Folder 54: Wade, Donald E., 1949, 1989
- Folder 55: Widener, Guy T., 1940, 1941
- Folder 56: Wiesnoski, Joseph, 1974, 1989
- Folder 57: Wright, Henry I., 1946-1960
- Folder 58: Youngquist, Edward, 1948

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In order:

- 3330 Technical Training Wing, 1991
- 3345 Air Base Group Honor Guard, 1983
- ATC Women's Volleyball, 1985
- Avner, Sim N., 1937, 1938, undated *
- Billings, Robert J., 1966 *
- CBPO Base Career Advisor, undated
- CBPO Classification & Training, undated
- CBPO Customer Service, undated
- CBPO On-The-Job-Training, undated
- CBPO Personal Readiness, undated
- CBPO Special Actions undated
- Education Services, undated
- Grady, William M., 1956
- Hynan, Gerald E., 1942
- Illinois Executive Department Proclamation, 1987
- Jorgens, William E., 1944 - 1981 *
- Library Program – Chanute AFB, 1986
- Powell, Ina , 1970 *
- USAF Hospital Chanute, 1955, 1978, 1988 *
- USAF Technical Training School, 1980
- YMCA, Rantoul Armed Forces, 1978 & 1980