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Chanute Air Force Base:
Open House Files
Years 1975-1992

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Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Chanute Air Force Base

Inclusive Dates: 1975-1992

Physical Description: 2 Boxes; 2 linear feet

Provenance:

The Chanute Air Force Open House files were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives from the defunct Chanute Aerospace Museum upon their closure in 2015. The Chanute Aerospace Museum received these files from the Chanute Air Force Base after its closure in 1993.

Access:

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

Historical Note:

The Chanute Air Force Base was open for 76 years and operated as a training ground for generations of Air Force servicemen and women. Chanute trained over 2 million servicemen and women during its 76 years of operation. In addition, personnel from other branches of the Armed Forces, as well as allied students, were also selected to attend courses in the Technical School. Its long history through several military conflicts and influence as a Technical Training Center made it a well-researched subject.

Scope and Content Note:

Consists of documents, meeting minutes, correspondence, and ephemera surrounding open houses at the Chanute Air Force Base from 1975-1992. Some interesting items to note are various pamphlets about each open house as well as celebrations about the 60th and 75th Anniversaries of Chanute.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged into one series, chronologically from 1975-1992.

Subject Terms:

Chanute Air Force Base (Ill.)

Chanute Air Force base (Ill.)—History

Chanute Field (Ill.)—History

Air Bases—Rantoul—History

Rantoul (Ill.)



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Chanute Technical Training Center (U.S.)

Container List:

Box 1:

Folder 1: 1975-1976

- Pamphlets
- Memos
- Plans
- Meeting Minutes
- Correspondence
- Notes
- Guest List

Folder 2: 1976

- Correspondence
- Meeting Minutes
- Memos
- Checklist
- Ephemera
- Parade Float Information

Folder 3: 1977

- Correspondence
- 60th Anniversary Documents
- Meeting Minutes
- Schedule
- Visit Itineraries
- Memos
- Exhibit Information
- Plan
- Parade Information
- Newspapers

Folder 4: 1978

- Schedule
- Pamphlets
- Notes
- Memos
- Correspondence

Folder 5: 1979

- Correspondence
- Meeting Minutes



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- Guest List
- History
- Map
- Memos

Folder 6: 1980

- Newspaper Clippings
- Correspondence
- Memos
- Maps
- Newsletter
- Meeting Minutes

Folder 7: 1981

- Correspondence
- Maintenance Projects
- Memos
- Meeting Minutes
- Detail Personnel
- Open House Details

Box 2:

Folder 1: 1982

- Departure Instructions
- Room Assignments
- Memos
- Correspondence
- Free Time Copy
- Parade Information
- Golf Tournament Information
- Meeting Minutes
- News Gazette
- Pacesetter

Folder 2: 1983

- Correspondence
- Phone Numbers
- Pacesetter Copy
- Memos
- Notes
- Invitations



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Ephemera

Folder 3: 1984

- Parade Route Map
- Thunderbird Memos
- Correspondence
- Display Locations
- Open House Initial Report
- Sample Invitations
- Memos
- Notes
- Display Booth Application

Folder 4: 1985 (1/2)

- Pamphlets
- Correspondence
- Map
- Fact Sheet
- Memos
- Notes
- Newspaper Clippings
- Images
- Planning Guidance
- Schedule

Folder 5: 1985 (2/2)

- Planning Guidance
- Meeting Minutes
- Correspondence
- Memos
- Guest List
- Status Report

Folder 6: 1986 (1/2)

- Memos
- Correspondence
- Maps
- Display
- Checklist

Folder 7: 1986 (2/2)

- Application
- Meeting Minutes
- Memos



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Open House Considerations
Talking Papers
Interviews
"Readiness" Theme Documents

Folder 8: 1987

Pamphlets/Ephemera
Meeting Minutes
Committee Members
Open House "Game Plan"
Images
Center Activity Calendar

Folder 9: 1988

Schedule
Meeting Minutes
Open House Committee
Memos
Talking Papers
News Advisory
Correspondence

Folder 10: 1989 (1/2)

Open House Committee
Schedule
Correspondence
Display Application
Open House Table of Contents
Hospital Game Plan

Folder 11: 1989 (2/2)

Memos
Correspondence
Schedule
Thunderbirds Itinerary
Meeting Minutes
Invitations
Display Requests

Folder 12: 1989 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes
Thunderbird Itineraries/Activities
Names

Folder 13: 1989 Press Releases



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Press Releases
Correspondence
Newspaper Clippings

Folder 14: 1990

Correspondence
News Releases
Military Aviation Support Request

****Open House Files-1991 Not Present****

Folder 15: 1992 (1/2)

75th Anniversary Celebration
Calendar
Military Airlift Command Band
Notes
List of Volunteers
Memos
Displays
Pacesetter Copy
Programs

Folder 16: 1992 (2/2)

Briefings
Committee Members
Memos
75th Anniversary Celebration
Newspaper Clippings
Ephemera
12th Annual Award Nominees
Pacesetter Copy

Folder 17: 1992 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes
Committee Members
Agenda

Folder 18: 1992 Fundraising

Correspondence
Memos
Addresses
Funding Information

Folder 19: 1992 Thunderbirds

Quarters Checklist
Committee Members



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Checklist
Meeting Minutes
Requirements