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Newspaper Collection  
Years 1926-1991

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## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Ani Karagianis

**Creator/Corporate name:** Chanute Air Force Base

**Inclusive Dates:** 1926-1991, bulk 1961-1979

**Physical Description:** 56 oversized boxes; 14 linear feet

**Provenance:**

The Chanute Air Force Base Newspaper collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives from the defunct Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum upon their closure in 2015. The Octave 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 at The Urbana Free Library.

**Historical Note:**

The Chanute Air Force Base was open for 75 years and operated as a training ground for generations of Air Force servicemen and women. Its long history through several military conflicts and influence as a Technical Training Center made it a well-researched subject. The Chanute Air Force Base created many publications, including these newspapers. The Chanute newspapers began with *The Chanute Field News and The Air Service Technical School Bulletin*, later being renamed *Chanute Field Wings*, followed by *Chanute This Week*, and ending with *The Pacesetter*.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection consists of Chanute base newspapers, including *The Chanute Field News and The Air Service Technical School Bulletin*, *Chanute Field Wings*, *Chanute This Week*, and *The Pacesetter*.

Related materials include microfilm versions of *The Chanute Field News* (1926) and *Chanute Field Wings* (May 1941-February 1943, February 1943-July 1945, August 1945-October 1949. Missing issues: October 1949-December 1950, and 1952-1973; some issues missing).

**Arrangement:**

This collection is organized into five series. The first four series are arranged chronologically. Series 5 is the special editions, which consist of three different newspapers that are arranged chronologically. Series 1 is *The Chanute Field News and The Air Service Technical School Bulletin* (1926), series 2 is *Chanute Field Wings* (1941-1972), series 3 is *Chanute This Week* (1972-1982) and series 4 is *The Pacesetter* (1983-1991). Each series is arranged in chronological order.



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**Subject Terms:**

Chanute Air Force Base (Ill.)

Chanute Air Force base (Ill.)—History

Chanute Field (Ill.)—History

Air Bases—Rantoul—History

Rantoul (Ill.)

Chanute Technical Training Center (U.S.)

Chanute Air Force Base—Newspapers

**Containers:**

**Series 1: The Chanute Field News and The Air Service Technical School Bulletin, 1926**

Box 1: 1926

**Series 2: Chanute Field Wings, 1941-1972**

Box 2: 1941-1942

1941 May-December (Partial copy)

Box 3: 1942

Box 4: 1943 (1/2)

Box 5: 1943 (2/2)

Box 6: 1944-1946

Box 7: 1952

Box 8: 1953

Box 9: 1954

Box 10: 1955

Box 11: 1956

Box 12: 1957

Box 13: 1958

Box 14: 1959

Box 15: 1960

Box 16: 1961 (1/2)

Box 17: 1961 (2/2)

Box 18: 1962 (1/2)

Box 19: 1962 (2/2)

Box 20: 1963 (1/2)

Box 21: 1963 (2/2)

Box 22: 1964

Box 23: 1965

Box 24: 1966 (1/2)

Box 25: 1966 (2/2)

Box 26: 1967



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Box 27: 1968

Box 28: 1969

Box 29: 1970

Box 30: 1971

Box 31: 1972 (1/2)

Wings/This Week

Box 32: 1972 (2/2)

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**Series 3: Chanute This Week, 1972-1982**

Box 33: 1972

Box 34: 1973 (1/2)

Box 35: 1973 (2/2)

Box 36: 1974

Box 37: 1975

Box 38: 1976

Box 39: 1977

Box 40: 1978

Box 41: 1979 (1/2)

Box 42: 1979 (2/2)

Box 43: 1980

Box 44: 1981

Box 45: 1982

**Series 4: The Pacesetter, 1983-1991**

Box 46: 1983

Box 47: 1984

Box 48: 1985

Box 49: 1986

Box 50: 1987

Box 51: 1988

Box 52: 1989

Box 53: 1990-1991

**Series 5: Special Editions, 1918-1967**

Box 54: Air Puffs, 1918

Box 55: The Mobiler—3499<sup>th</sup> Mobile Training Wing Publication, 1956-1957

Box 56: The Rantoul Press and Chanute Field News Commemorative Edition, 1967



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