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Chanute Air Force Base – Photograph Collection

COLLECTION 200.027

Year: 1917-2015

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Inclusive Dates: 1917-2015; bulk 1940-1993

Physical Description: 7 full boxes, 11 half boxes, 1 photo box, 5 oversize photograph boxes; 16.22 linear feet

Provenance:

The Chanute Air Force Base Photograph collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in 2016 after the closure of the Chanute Air Force Base Museum.

Access:

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Historical Note:

Chanute Air Force Base was built in Rantoul, Illinois in May 1917. The base served 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 closure in September 1993. In the years that the base was open, clubs, organizations, individuals, and professional photographers at the base amassed a large number of photographs depicting both staged and spontaneous moments in time of its enlisted and civilian community members and visitors. These photographs were collected primarily by the Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum.

Scope and Content Note:

The Chanute Photograph collection illustrates the versified nuanced history of the Chanute Air Force Base as a technical training school and residential community, as well as its relationship with Champaign County. The collection, which dates from 1917 to approximately 2015, consists of architectural, documentary, candid, portraiture, aerial, photojournalism, and landscape photography. These photographs document and provide a snapshot of the buildings, departments, technical training, clubs and groups, daily life at Chanute, events and awards, base personnel, aerial and aircraft, and newsletter photography at Chanute Air Force Base. The collection is divided into 13 series.

Related materials include the A/V collection and the slide collection.

Arrangement:

Files are arranged in alpha numerical order according to each file's topic of interest. Oversize materials are found in their corresponding boxes but are referred to in each series' notes in the container list. Subgroups or subseries are noted at the beginning of each file name.



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Series 1: Buildings

This series primarily consists of architectural and aerial photographs of administrative, training, and civilian structures. This includes, but is not limited to base headquarters, administrative offices, hangars, food services, housing, workshops, and the construction of Chanute AFB. Photographs from this collection range from 1917-1996.

Series 2: Departments

This series consists of a collection of candid and staged images primarily taken and collected by several departments at Chanute Air Force Base. Departments include but are not limited to base supply and exchange, fire department personnel and vehicles, food service staff, hospital staff, human relations, religious groups, and security police. Photographs range from approximately 1923 to 1993.

Series 3: Technical Training

This series contains photographs for specific technical training classes and programs. Topics include classes for specific departments such as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer's Course, Blimp Training, Flight Engineering, Missile Training, and Welding as well as broader subject matter like disaster preparedness, field training, and Mechanical Accessory Courses. Photographs from this collection range from approximately 1923 to 1993.

Series 4: Class Photographs

This series contains staged group photographs of students and instructors taken as a means of commemorating the completion of technical training courses. Class photographs were taken for a variety of technical training classes, including: the Aircraft Maintenance Officer's Course, Electronics Training, Hydraulics and Pneumatics Technical Training, photos of International Trainees & Visitors, Minute Men, NCO classes, students in Radio School, Senior Officers and Instructors, and many more. Photographs from this collection range from approximately 1918 to 1993.

Series 5: Personnel

This series was created because the unnamed photographs of enlisted and civilian personnel was determined to be more important as a snapshot of the people at Chanute rather than examples of daily life. Most people are unidentified. The majority of photographs are portraits. Effort to separate them according to their ranking has been attempted. Labeled portraits have been separated and arranged according to last name. Photographs range from approximately 1923 – ca. 1990's.

Series 6: Commanding Officers

This series consists of photographs of Chanute's commanding officers. More images can be found throughout the collection of these officers taking part in events, awards ceremonies, and other activities. This series corresponds with another vertical file collection on commanding officers. Photographs range from approximately 1917 - 2009.

Series 7: Clubs and Groups

This series contains photographs of extracurricular and recreational clubs and groups at CAFB such as the Aero Club, Bands and Choral groups, Drill team, the Marine Color Guard and Softball Team, Officers and NCO clubs and coinciding Wives clubs, "Old Farts" Club, Rantoul USO and Armed Services YMCA,



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Tradewinds Services Club, Volunteer programs, and more. Photographs range from approximately 1917 - 1998.

Series 8: Daily Life

This series provides an image of the daily lives of Chanute's soldiers and civilians. This series is separate from the Personnel series, because the photographs were determined more significant as a snapshot of activities that people participated in rather than of the individual themselves. Topics include: Chanute at Work, Classroom Training, Establishing Chanute, Mess Hall Dinners, Midwestern Weather, Recreation and Sports, Student Leisure, Uniforms, Yard of the Month, and more. Photographs range from approximately 1917-1991.

Series 9: Events and Awards

Events and Awards are each a subseries. Events depicts large events, both good and bad, that drew attention to CAFB. There is some overlap with the Awards subseries in Events, but the latter focuses more so on individual people rather than the event itself. Events include: the 1978 Chanute Closure Hearing, 75th Anniversary Celebration, Thunderbirds Shows, Asian-American Heritage Week, Celebrity and Dignitary Visits, Change of Commands, Picnics and Christmas Parties, Open Houses, Parades, POW/MIA Ceremonies and Medal Presentations, and many more. The Awards subseries included photographs depicting: Decoration Ceremonies, Certificates, and Medals, Reenlistments, Retirements, and Portraits with awards. Photographs range from approximately 1919 - 1991.

Series 10: Museum and Base Displays

This series contains photographs of exhibits at the Chanute Air Museum, its exterior displays, and its hangar. In addition to displays at the Chanute Museum, there are photographs of other displays on Base, such as those at the Chanute Display Center and other displays, simulators, and props within the Technical School. Additionally, there is a folder dedicated to the CMS (Consolidated Maintenance Squadron), which helped to create the smaller displays and training aids on base and within the technical school. There is also a folder on emblems and logos that were collected by the museum and images of the many wall displays and art pieces that were painted onto the walls throughout the base's history. Some are identified as being works from the Artistic Warriors, which others are still miscellaneous. Photographs range from approximately 1926 - 2013.

Series 11: Aerial and Aircraft

This series contains aerial photographs of the base and its buildings at different points during the base's active years as well as images of active aircrafts on the ground and in the air, ones used for technical training, and exhibit pieces. Photographs range from approximately 1917 - 1999.

Series 12: Pacesetter

This series, kept in original order, contains a collection of photographs taken by the Base newspaper, the Pacesetter. Photographs range from approximately 1980's and largely undated.

NOTE: The majority of the photographs lack concrete information that tells us who the photographers were, when and where the photographs were taken, and exactly who or what is depicted in the photograph. Each of the collection's series were created based on the limited information that was provided on the back of photographs and in the details depicted within the image. While most of the



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collection does lack more nuanced details, as a whole, it provides vivid snapshots of life at Chanute and is a useful tool in understanding, highlighting, and supporting details referenced in the paper collections. Researchers interested in gaining more information on the people, places, and events seen in the photographs, can refer to other collections in the Chanute special collection. This collection is also not exhaustive, as photographs exist among the other Chanute collections.

Subjects Terms:

Chanute Field (Ill.)

Chanute Air Force Base (Ill.)

Military History

United States. Air Force—History

Rantoul (Ill.)

Aeronautics, Military—Study and Teaching

Container List:

Box 1

Series 1: Buildings

Folder 1: Headquarters – first building, ca. 1917-ca. 1940s, undated (SEE ALSO Oversize Box 5, Folder 1)
Used from base founding through WWII, replaced by second building and White Hall (damaged by fire in 1939).

Folder 2: Headquarters – second building, ca. 1940s-1993, undated
Constructed mid-1940s

Folder 3: Decentralized Administration, ca. 1917-ca. 1940s, undated
Primarily from early Chanute, when many of the departmental administrations had their own buildings. These were later moved into the second, larger headquarters building and into White Hall and accompanying structures

Folder 4: White Hall/"Buckingham Palace", 1939-1974, undated
Constructed near Base Headquarters, held most administrative departments, classrooms, etc. Nicknamed "Buckingham Palace" due to the size and centrality of the building. White hall was the second biggest building to the pentagon when it was built.

Folder 5: AGE Buildings, 1972, 1978

Folder 6: Air Park, undated

Folder 7: Dorms and Halls, ca. 1940s-1993, undated
Contains photos of dorms and halls which are not identified. For more, look in named hall folders throughout the series

Folder 8: Barracks and Cardboard City, 1922 – ca. 1990s, undated
Predominantly pictures of the barracks that were later replaced by the dorm buildings, and unidentified student housing. Contains photos of the emergency housing tent city constructed to hold influx of recruits during WWII, and the 'Cardboard City' of cheap barracks constructed to replace it.

Folder 9: Base Exchange Buildings and Staff, 1917 – ca. 1980s, undated (SEE ALSO Oversize Box 5, Folder 10)

Folder 10: Barber Shop, 1920s, undated

Folder 11: Commissary, ca. 1980s, undated



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Includes photographs of the buildings construction

Folder 12: Construction, 1940-1979

Includes photos of various constructions around Chanute from throughout the Base history.
Retained due to quality of photos and informational value about the evolution of base constructions.

Folder 13: Dyess Hall, ca. 1996, undated

One of the hangar-halls, likely contained classrooms and maintenance shops

Folder 14: Engine Test Building 1941, undated

Folder 15: Entrance Gates, 1926-1985

Folder 16: Faktor Hall, 1976, 1977, undated

Folder 17: Fire Department Buildings, 1940-1986, undated (SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 5, Folder 8)

For more on the Fire Department, see additional folders in Departments

Box 2

Series 1: Buildings

Folder 1: Food Service Buildings, 1926 – ca. 1970s, undated

“Chow Hall” and “Mess Hall” See more on Food Service in Departments

Folder 2: Family Housing: 1954-1981 (SEE ALSO Oversize Box 5, Folder 5)

This folder centers on the Chapman Court housing, since those are the most easily identifiable Family Housing buildings. More information on Family Housing in Departments.

Folder 3: Base Flight Operations, 1933-1974

Also referred to as Operations, and includes the Transient Aircraft Operations Hangar, one of the more distinctive buildings in the Chanute skyline.

Folder 4: Gates Hall, 1974, undated

Building 300, dormitory hall.

Folder 5: Grissom Hall and Hanger, 1941, undated

Hanger and machinery/aircraft/electrical classrooms.

Folder 6: Guard House, undated

Early Chanute remnant, later replaced by the Security Police buildings (see Departments), and the Entrance Gates buildings. Building 106

Folder 7: Gymnasium Annex/Sports Arena, 1941-1965 (SEE ALSO Oversize Box 5, Folder 2)

Most pictures of the interior of this building are in the Recreation folders in Department, as well as in various athletic Events folders. Building 7.

Folder 8: Hangars, 1923-1954

Miscellaneous hangars, including some aerial and construction pictures.

Folder 9: Heat Plant, 1950s-1991

Folder 10: Hopwood Hall, 1960-1964

Named for Lloyd Hopwood, dormitory hall.

Folder 11: Hospital and Administration Annex, 1940, undated

Includes construction photos, not as many interior shots, Building P-4, building 857

Folder 12: Hospital Buildings (interior and exterior), 1918 – 1988 (SEE ALSO Oversize Box 5, Folder 9)

Includes some of P4, many additional buildings throughout Chanute history, including the modern hospital building that replaced P4.



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Folder 13: Houses at Chanute, 1941-1986

Various housing throughout the base history, including civilian housing and officer family houses.

Folder 14: Hunter Hall, undated

Dormitory/visitor hall.

Folder 15: Jackson Hall “Missile Building”, 1968, undated

Labelled as “missile building,” assumed to be either missile testing building, or missile training.

Folder 16: Laundry, 1941, undated

Various laundry buildings throughout the base history. See Departments for more.

Folder 17: Library, ca 1940’s – 1970’s

Various library buildings throughout the base. Some additional images scattered in Life at Chanute series. Also, see Library materials in Scrapbooks collection.

Folder 18: Manard Smith Hall, 1974, undated

Named for Manard Smith. Classroom/tech training building.

Folder 19: Mathies Hall, undated

Named for Staff Sergeant Archibald Mathies.

Folder 20: NCO Club, 1952, undated

Includes various NCO buildings throughout base history.

Folder 21: Officer’s Club/”Fanmaker”, 1940 – 1990

Various Officer’s Club buildings, including the Fanmaker Club.

Box 3

Series 1: Buildings

Folder 1: Officer’s Housing, 1930 – 1959

Includes any materials identified as officer’s housing throughout base history. Additional photographs are perhaps in Unlabeled Buildings folder, or in Houses at Chanute (both include buildings without positive identification). Also see folder Yards of the Month in Life at Chanute series, which includes some officers and their houses.

Folder 2: Outbuildings, ca. 1940s

Various outbuildings with limited identification, mostly from 1940s. See Unlabeled Buildings for more.

Folder 3: Pacesetter Park, 1967-1979

Park in front of the main buildings, including the second Headquarters building and White Hall.

Folder 4: Post Office, 1941, undated

Folder 5: Red Cross Building, 1941 – 1986 (SEE ALSO Oversize Box 5, Folder 3)

Additional materials may be mixed into the Hospital Buildings folder, if materials were poorly labeled. Differentiation was made to the best of our abilities.

Folder 6: Religious Buildings, 1941 – 1984

Includes various churches and related buildings throughout base history. See folder Religious Groups and Events in Departments for more.

Folder 7: Roberts Hall and Prairie View Inn, 1984, undated

Dormitory/guest building. Seems to have contained/was attached to Prairie View Inn.

Folder 8: Runways, 1941 – 1943

See also Construction folder, and various materials in Aerials series.



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Folder 9: Service Club/"Tradewinds" 1918 – ca. 1940's

Contains all buildings identified as Service Club buildings, including Tradewinds club. Also see NCO Club, Officer's Club, and the YMCA/USO folders.

Folder 10: Telephone Center, undated

Folder 11: Theaters, 1936 – 1941, undated

See additional photos in Construction folder. s-181 and s -183

Folder 12: Thrift Shop, undated

May share some images with Base Exchange folder.

Folder 13: Truemper Hall, 1968 – 1981

Materials Technology classroom building/industrial building.

Folder 14: Chanute YMCA and Hostess House, 1917-1940

Housed at Chanute through mentioned dates, facilities for YMCA/USO moved to Rantoul off-base.

Folder 15: Rantoul YMCA/USO, ca. 1940-1971

Founded on-base, later moved to these facilities in Rantoul. Changed from USO to YMCA later.

Folder 16: Weather Buildings and Equipment, ca. 1940 – ca. 1990(SEE ALSO Oversize Box 5, Folder 6)

See more in Departments, and Classes.

Folder 17: Workshops 1917 - 1944

Unidentified or solitary workshop photos such as the Print shops, art studios, plumbing Shop, and carpentry shop.

Folder 18: Unlabeled Buildings, 1990, undated (SEE ALSO Oversize Box 5, Folder 4)

All building photos that are unlabeled, unclearly labeled, found in collection, or otherwise unidentified. Most are older, ca. 1917-ca.1949. Used as a 'Miscellaneous' category, hopefully identification can be found as time goes on. One with dried mold.

SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 5, Folder 7 for Child Development Facility

Box 4

Series 2: Departments

Folder 1: Base Exchange Staff, 1973, undated

Folder 2: Base Supply Division, 1938 – 1986

May be some crossover with other Supply and Exchange departments, and some in the Daily Life Series.

Folder 3: 3345 Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) 1971 – 1990

See above note.

Folder 4: 3345 Comptroller Squadron, undated

See above note.

Folder 5: 3345 CMS (Consolidated Maintenance Squadron) 1985-1989

See above note.

Folder 6: Family Housing Office, undated

Folder 7: Family Services 1968 – 1988

Folder 8: Fire Department – Fires and Damage, 1923-1991, undated

Features deliberate training exercises and real accidental fires



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Folder 9: Fire Department – Personnel and Vehicles, 1919-1987

Folder 10: Fire Department – Public Outreach, 1950-1987

Folder 11: Food Service Staff, 1940-1988

Folder 12: Hospital Staff and training, 1941-1988

Folder 13: Hospital – Nursing Staff 1941 – ca. 1990s

This folder only contains photos positively identified as nursing staff- other images may be elsewhere, but are not clearly labeled.

Folder 14: Human Relations, 1986

Folder 15: Laundry Staff, 1948

Folder 16: US Marine Corps at Chanute 1939-1988

See folders in Events as well.

Folder 17: US Navy at Chanute, 1970-1978, undated

Folder 18: Photography Department, 1924-1985

Folder 19: Recreation Department, 1985-1990

Folder 20: Religious Groups and Events, 1941-1984

Folder 21: Security Police (1 of 2) 1940-1993

Folder 22: Security Police (2 of 2), 1940-1992

Folder 23: Weather Departments, 1941- ca. 1990

Box 5

Series 3: Technical Training

Folder 1: Aerospace Ground Equipment, 1941-1993, undated

Folder 2: Air Training Command, undated

Folder 3: Aircraft Maintenance Officer's Course, 1942-1987, undated

Folder 4: Airplane Mechanics/Engine Mechanics, 1921-ca. 1970s, undated

Folder 5: Armament Training, ca. 1920's-ca. 1930s, undated

Folder 6: Automotive, 1922-1993, undated

Folder 7: Avionics, ca. 1980's, undated

Folder 8: BEET (Base Exercise Evaluation Team), 1983, undated

Folder 9: BEET (Base Exercise Evaluation Team), 1991, undated

Folder 10: Blimp Training, 1923, undated

Folder 11: Disaster Preparedness, ca. 1970's – 1990, undated

Folder 12: Electrical Training, 1980-1992, undated

Folder 13: Environmental Studies, undated

Folder 14: Field Training, ca. 1970's , undated

Folder 15: Flight Engineering, 1920's – ca. 1980's, undated

Folder 16: Fire Department Training, 1942-1988, undated (SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 1, Folder 1)

For more on the fire department, see Fire Department Buildings in Buildings series, and the Fire Department folders in Departments series.

Folder 17: Fuels, 1935-1977, undated

Folder 18: Hydraulics and Pneumatics Training, 1940- ca. 1990s, undated

Folder 19: Instrument Training, 1969, undated

Folder 20: Jet Engine Training, 1957-1988, undated



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Folder 21: Machine Gun Training, undated

Folder 22: Maintenance Systems Analysis, undated

Folder 23: Mechanical Accessory Courses, ca. 1920s-1947, undated (SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 1 , Folder 2)

Folder 24: Minute Man Analysis, Electrical, and Electrical Equipment Training, 1960 – 1981, undated

Folder 25: Minute Man Officer and Alignment Training, 1970 - 1976, undated

Folder 26: Missile Training, 1961 – 1984, undated

Folder 27: NCO Leadership School, 1988, undated

Folder 28: Parachute Jumps, 1921-1935, undated

Folder 29: Parachute Rigging School, 1917 – ca. 1980s, undated

Folder 30: Perpulution Management, undated

Folder 31: Photography, 1932, undated

Folder 32: Space Shuttle Training, undated

Folder 33: SRAM Training at Chanute, undated

Folder 34: Weather, 1942 - 1989, undated (SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 1, Folder 3)

Folder 35: Welding, undated

SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 1, Folders 4 and 5 for Miscellaneous Tech Training

Box 6

Series 4: Class Photographs

Folder 1: Aerospace Group Equipment Technical Training, 1963-1993, undated

Folder 2: Aircraft Maintenance Officer's Course Training (AMOC), ca. pre 1950

Folder 3: Aircraft Maintenance Officer's Course Training (AMOC), ca. 1950-1959 (1 of 2)

Folder 4: Aircraft Maintenance Officer's Course Training (AMOC), ca. 1950-1959 (2 of 2)

Folder 5: Aircraft Maintenance Officer's Course Training (AMOC), ca. 1960s – 1970s

Folder 6: Aircraft Maintenance Officer's Course Training (AMOC), 1983-1992

Folder 7: Airplane Mechanics/Engine Mechanics, Technical Training 1921-1963

Folder 8: Armament Training, 1931

Folder 9: Automotive Training, 1982-1990

Folder 10: Aviation Training, 1928, 1941, 1942

Folder 11: Electronic Training, 1938-1965, undated

Folder 12: Flight Engineering Technical Training, 1949-1952

Folder 13: Fuels Training, 1956-1962

Folder 14: Hydraulics and Pneumatics Technical Training 1953-1964, undated

Folder 15: Instrument Training, 1939-1959

Folder 16: International Trainees & Visitors, 1937-undated

Folder 17: Maintenance Management Staff, 1956-1959, undated

Folder 18: Mechanical Accessory Course Training, 1956-1957, undated

Folder 19: Minute Man analysis, electrical, and electrical equipment Technical training, 1972, undated

Folder 20: Missile Technical Training, 1961-1963, undated

Folder 21: National Guard Officers Class, 1939

Folder 22: NCO Class Photographs, 1972-1974

Folder 23: Parachute Rigging School, 1938- ca. 1980s

Folder 24: Photography Training, 1931-1943

Folder 25: Radio School, 1925-1939



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Folder 26: Senior Officers and Instructors, 1936-1988, undated

Folder 27: SRAM Technical Training, 1964

Folder 28: Weather Training, 1938-1947, undated

Folder 29: Welding Training, 1931-1949, undated

Folder 30: Miscellaneous Squadron/Class Photographs, 1931 – 1988, undated (SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 4, Folder 2)

Encompasses a variety of photographs where no specific technical training courses are listed. Others have multiple courses listed at once and better fit in misc. then one single folder.

Box 7

Series 5: Personnel

Folder 1: 3335th Student Group, undated

Folder 2: 3344th Student Squadron, undated

Folder 3: 3345th Air Base Group, 912th Civil Engineering Squadron, undated

Folder 4: 3345th Mission Support Squadron, undated

Folder 5: 3350th Technical Training Group, undated

Folder 6: 3360th Technical Training Group, undated

Folder 7: 3505th Air Force Recruiting Group, undated

Folder 8: Barnes, Tom 1977, undated

Folder 9: Base Commanders, 1917-1922, undated

Folder 10: Base Commanders, 1917-1940s, undated

Folder 11: Binnicker, James C., undated

Folder 12: Chanute “Graduates in the Field”, 1945, 1959, 1966, undated

Folder 13: Civilian Employees, 1969, undated

Folder 14: Civilian Employees with Over 40 Years of Federal Service, June 6, 1984

Folder 15: Civilian Personnel, undated

Folder 16: Class 1941-1, 1941-5

Folder 17: Coble, Harry M., July 1987-February 1989

Folder 18: Community Relations, undated

Folder 19: Dean, Tilman, September 1984-March 1985

Folder 20: Emord, Ernest A., undated

Folder 21: Faktor, undated

Folder 22: Family Services, undated

Folder 23: Female Civilian Faculty and Administrators, ca. 1980s

Folder 24: Female Personnel in Uniform, undated

Folder 25: First Sergeant Data, 1942, 1980s-1990s

Folder 26: Gaylor, Bob, 1950s-1990s

Folder 27: International Trainees and Visitors, undated

Folder 28: Krueger, Fred, 1964, undated

Folder 29: Martin, Richard D., August 1980-August 1984

Folder 30: McCoy, James, undated

Folder 31: Melton, Ava W.C., undated

Folder 32: Military Police, undated

Folder 33: Misc. Personnel and Base Commanders, ca. 1920s-1980s



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Folder 34: Officers, ca. 1970s-1980s, undated
Folder 35: Portraits-Brigadier General, undated
Folder 36: Portraits-Captain, ca. 1970s-1980s
Folder 37: Portraits-Chief Master Sergeant, 1960s-1980s
Folder 38: Portraits-Colonel, ca. 1970s-1980s, undated
Folder 39: Portraits-Dignitaries and Distinguished Visitors, ca. 1947-2006
Folder 40: Portraits-Enlisted Personnel, undated
Folder 41: Portraits-Generals, undated
Folder 42: Portraits-Lieutenants, ca. 1917-1920
Folder 43: Portraits-Lieutenant General, undated
Folder 44: Portraits-Major General, undated
Folder 45: Portraits-Majors and Lieutenant Colonel, 1918-ca. 1970s, undated
Folder 46: Portraits-Unnamed Civilians, undated
Folder 47: Seymour, Lewis A., August 1985-July 1987
Folder 48: Sipes, John R. Jr., February 1989
Folder 49: Smith, Theodore E., 1940-1945
Folder 50: Staff Maintenance Management, undated
Folder 51: Stewart, Raymond B. Jr., ca. 1980s
Folder 52: Tuskegee Airmen, 99th Pursuit Squadron, undated
Folder 53: Unknown Rank, ca. 1917-1970s, 1981
Folder 54: Unknown Rank, Unknown Name, undated
Folder 55: Various Personnel, ca. 1990s
Folder 56: Vice Center Commanders, 1980s-1990s
Folder 57: Visiting Personnel, undated
Folder 58: Weckhorst, Donald O., August 1976-August 1980
Folder 59: Widener, Guy, ca. 1940s
Folder 60: Wing Commanders, undated
SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 4

Box 8

Series 6: Commanding Officers

Folder 1: Brown, Norma E. Maj. Gen., 1978 – ca. 1990s
Folder 2: Benedict, Charles Calvert, Captain, 1917
Folder 3: Day, Lawrence E., Major General, 1990 -1991
Folder 4: Demler, Marvin C. Major General, 1960s, 1990s
Folder 5: Dunsworth, James S. Major, 1917
Folder 6: Dusard Jr, Leo F. Major General, 1960s
Folder 7: Elliot Jr, Frank W. Major General, 1972-1974
Folder 8: Ganey, Wiley D, Major, 1959-1960
Folder 9: Gates, Byron, Major General, 1949-1955
Folder 10: Gilkeson, Adlai H, Major, 1918
Folder 11: Grove, William J., Major General, 1980s
Folder 12: Hopwood, Lloyd P., Major General, ca. 1960-1964
Folder 13: Jones, Junis Q., Colonel, 1934-1938



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Folder 14: Kirby, Maxwell, May, 1917

Folder 15: Kinney, Andrew J., Brigadier General, 1957-1959

Folder 16: Knapp, James B., Major General. 1969-1972; 1990

Folder 17: Leavitt, Lloyd R. Major General 1970s – 1990s

Folder 18: Loganecker, Ira, L. Colonel, 1919-1920

Folder 19: Martin, Frederick L., Major, 1921-1923

Folder 20: McChord, William C., Major, 1924-1928

Folder 21: McKean, Joel M. Brigadier General, ca. 1980s

Folder 22: Minton, Augustus M. Major General, ca. 1950s

Box 9

Series 6: Commanding Officers

Folder 1: Moore, Joseph D. Major General, 1982-1985

Folder 2: O'Neil, Raymond E., Brigadier General, 1940s

Folder 3: Roberts, James E., Major General, 1960s

Folder 4: Robertson II, Edwin W. Major General, 1970s, 1990s, 2009

Folder 5: Robinson, Peter D., Major General, 1980s – 1990's

Folder 6: Stratemeyer, George Edward, Major, 1921, 1999

Folder 7: Tudrow, Keith, Brigadier General 1990s; undated

Folder 8: Upthegrove, Fay R. Brig. Gen. 1940s, undated

Folder 9: Watson, Henry Lee, L. Colonel, 1918

Folder 10: Wilbourn, Arthur E., Major, 1918

Box 10

Series 7: Clubs and Groups

Folder 1: Aero Club, 1967 - 1983, undated

Folder 2: AFSA – Air Force Sergeants Association, undated

Folder 3: Bands and choral groups, ca. 1920 - 1985, undated

Folder 4: Civil Air Patrol, ca. 1940s- ca. 1950s

Folder 5: Co. Grade Officers Council, 1985, 1986

Folder 6: Drill Team, 1985-1991

Folder 7: Firing Range, 1987, undated

Folder 8: Marine Detachment Honor Guard/Firing Detail, undated

Folder 9: Marine Corps – Color Guard, 1983-1988

Folder 10: Marine Softball Team, 1989

Folder 11: Married Airmen Sharing Together (MAST), 1978

Folder 12: NCO Club, 1935 - 1992

For more, see NCO Club folder in Buildings series.

Folder 13: NCO Wives Club, 1955-1968

Folder 14: Officer's Club, 1920-90

For more, see Officer's Club folder in Building series.

Folder 15: Officer's Wives Club, 1940s - 1988

For more, see Events series.

Folder 16: "Ole-Farts" Club 1985-1998, undated



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Folder 17: Order of the Swords, 1972-1982

Folder 18: Rantoul Armed Services YMCA, 1983-1991

Originally USO. For more, see YMCA/USO folders in Buildings series, and USO folders in this series.

Folder 19: Rantoul USO (1/3), 1941-1980

See note above.

Folder 20: Rantoul USO (2/3), 1940s-1980s

Folder 21: Rantoul USO (3/3), 1940s-1980s

Folder 22: Rantoul USO/Armed Services YMCA – Photographs Used in ‘Heroes on the Home Front’, 1917-1972

Related to above two folders.

Folder 23: Retiree Activities Program, 1985-1989

Folder 24: Silver Falcons Special Honor Guard, 1985-1992, undated

Folder 25: Tradewinds Service Club 1987-1991, undated

For more, see Service Club folder in Buildings Series

Folder 26: Volunteer Programs 1972-1987

Miscellaneous found in collection volunteer photos – likely taken/related to the Recreation Department.

Folder 27: Warrior Program, undated

Folder 28: ‘The Windchasers’ Motorcycle Club, undated

Box 11

Series 8: Daily Life

Folder 1: Chanute at Work, 1919 - 1990

Photos of civilians, staff, faculty, and others doing their jobs across the base.

Folder 2: Classroom Training, 1941- 1976

Photos of training in classrooms, from throughout Chanute history. Most are more recent, although dates are not present on most photos.

Folder 3: Establishing Chanute, 1917, 1924, 1948

Photos from different points of construction of Chanute Field.

Folder 4: Pre-1950’s Life at Chanute, 1918 – 1949 (1 of 2)

Non-military generated photographs of daily life, mostly students and their friends, and military families on the base.

Folder 5: Pre-1950’s Life at Chanute, 1918 – 1949 (2 of 2)

See above note.

Folder 6: 1950’s Life at Chanute, 1950 – 1959

See above note.

Folder 7: Mess Hall Dinners, 1941 - 1990

See also Food Services Buildings in Buildings and in Departments.

Folder 8: Mess Hall Menus, 1923 - 1937

Folder 9: Midwestern Weather, 1918 - 1987

Images of various extreme Midwestern weather incidents at Chanute, and the impact of the weather on the base and personnel. Includes snowstorms from 1920s-1990s, ice blizzards, intense flooding, tornados and wind storms.



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Folder 10: Personnel, 1917 – 1950

Photos, identified and unidentified, of personnel, mostly from the 1917-1940s. Separated out from Personnel Series because these images consist of small and large group shots individual portraits.

Folder 11: Plane Crashes, 1917 - 1923

Photos of plane crashes, mostly from early Chanute. More crashes can be found in Fire Department folders in Departments Series, and likely also in Pacesetter Series.

Folder 12: Practical Training, 1921 - 1989

Photos of various training activities taking place outside classroom settings. Some field training, mostly mechanical and airplane related.

Folder 13: Recreation (1 of 2) 1930 - 1990

Both air force and unofficial photos of various recreation activities at Chanute, including sporting events, public presentations, plays, games, festivals, outdoor activities such as fishing and swimming.

Folder 14: Recreation (2 of 2), 1918 - 1991

See above. This one is dedicated to sports.

Folder 15: Student Leisure, 1918 - 1989

Images of student life outside of classes. Mostly action snapshots and photos taken by students. Includes students playing, cleaning, walking around the base, napping, and more.

Folder 16: Training Activities, 1917-1941

Miscellaneous training photos, both classroom and practical field work, from base founding to WWII. Although most images are dated, not all are identified.

Folder 17: Training Activities, 1921 - 1985

See above.

Folder 18: Uniforms, 1918 - 1985

Uniforms throughout Chanute history. Some are intentional modeling pictures for new uniforms, some are action shots, and some are recreations of old uniforms from ceremonies.

Folder 19: Yard of the Month, 1980's

All photos show a Chanute home with its occupants.

Folder 20: "Chanute is not closing" Sign, undated

Box 12

Series 9: Events and Awards

Subseries 1: Events

Folder 1: 1978 Chanute Closure Hearings, 1978

Folder 2: 75th Anniversary Celebration, 1992

Folder 3: Air Force Aerobatic Teams, Thunderbirds Show, 1944 – 1993, undated

Folder 4: Air Force Base Tours (Edwards, Randolph, [Maxwell] and Patrick), 1962, 1969, 1980

Folder 5: Air Park Project, ca. 1982-1990

Folder 6: American Heritage Week, 1990, 1992

Folder 7: Asian-American Heritage Week, 1988

Folder 9: Bears Training Camp Visit and Armed Forces Benefit Football Game, 1968

Folder 10: Borman Drive Dedication, 1980

Folder 11: Celebrity and Dignitary Visits, 1926 - 1978



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Includes politicians and movie actors.

Folder 12: Change of Command 1985 - 1992, undated

Folder 13: Civil Engineering Squadron Picnic and Christmas Party, 1973

Folder 14: Christmas Card Contest, ca. 1980s

Folder 15: Clothing Drive, 1952

Folder 16: Educators Conference, February 1977

Folder 17: Golden Anniversary Celebrations, 1967

Folder 18: Hispanic Heritage Week, 1978

Folder 19: Hospital Picnic, 1990

Folder 20: Marine Corps Activities, ca. 1980-1990

Folder 21: Medal of Honor Ceremony Forest T. Vosler, 1989

Folder 22: Medal of Honor Ceremony, misc., ca. 1944-1969

Folder 23: Military funerals at Chanute, 1947, 1950, 1956, undated

Folder 24: Military Official Visits. 1946 – 1993, undated

Folder 25: Military Parades/Marching, 1919 - 1945

Military air force parades on-base.

Folder 26: National Air Races, Purlitzer Trophy Race, 1922, undated

Folder 27: Officer's Wives Club – Valentine's Day Skylarks Singing Valentine Delivery, 1989

See more in Officer's Wives Club, in Clubs series

Folder 28: Open Houses (including Armed Forces Day Celebrations and 1921 Field Day), ca. 1919 – ca. 1990

Some additional images may be found in Parades.

Folder 29: Parades, 1952 – 1980, undated

Civilian attended traditional and float parades. Some may be Open House related.

Folder 30: POW/MIA Ceremonies and Medal Presentations, 1981-2002

Folder 31: United States Air Force Anniversary Celebrations 1977 – ca. 1990

Folder 32: Banquet, 1988

Originally separated from the other banquet photographs

Folder 33: Banquet – eighth annual awards, 1988

Folder 34: Banquet, miscellaneous 1982, 1986, undated

Subseries 2: Awards

Folder 35: Certificates and Medals, civilians named, 1966 - 1991

Folder 36: Certificates and Medals, civilians, unnamed, 1978 - 1990

Folder 37: Decoration Ceremonies, Certificates, and Medals A-B, undated

This and the following six folders contain photographs of individuals who are either enlisted or commissioned in the air force.

Folder 38, Decoration Ceremonies, Certificates, and Medals C-D, undated

Box 13

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Subseries 2: Awards

Folder 1: Decoration Ceremonies, Certificates, and Medals, E-H, undated

Folder 2: Decoration Ceremonies, Certificates, and Medals I-K, undated

Folder 3: Decoration Ceremonies, Certificates, and Medals L-O, undated



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- Folder 4 Decoration Ceremonies, Certificates, and Medals P-R, undated
- Folder 5: Decoration Ceremonies, Certificates, and Medals S-Z, undated
- Folder 6: Decoration Ceremonies, certificates, and medals, Unnamed (1 of 3)
- Folder 7: Decoration Ceremonies, certificates, and medals, Unnamed (2 of 3)
- Folder 8: Decoration Ceremonies, certificates, and medals, Unnamed (3 of 3)
- Folder 9: Portraits, Civilians, Unnamed, undated
- Folder 10: Portraits, Enlisted and Commissioned, A - K
- Folder 11: Portraits, Enlisted and Commissioned, unnamed, undated
- Folder 12: Promotions, Alphabetical and Unnamed, undated
 - More throughout Awards subseries
- Folder 13: Reenlistment, Alphabetical and Unnamed, undated
 - More throughout Awards subseries
- Folder 14: Retirement, Alphabetical and Unnamed, undated
 - More throughout Awards subseries

Box 14

Series 10: Museum and Base Displays Series

- Folder 1: 1903 Wright Flyer Reproduction, 2003
- Folder 2: 3350 Technical Training Group Facility Enhancement Project, 1987
- Folder 3: Artistic Warriors, undated
- Folder 4: Base Gate Missile, undated
- Folder 5: Building 201 Chanute Technical Training Display Center, 1969 and undated
- Folder 6: Chanute Air Museum Indoor Exhibits and Wall Displays, 2001-2005
- Folder 7: Chanute Air Museum Exterior, 2005, undated
- Folder 8: Chanute Air Museum Hanger Displays, 2005, 2013
- Folder 9: Octave Chanute Glider Exhibit, ca 1970s – 1990s, undated
- Folder 10: Chanute Missile Program Wall Display, undated
- Folder 11: Consolidated Maintenance Squadron Training Aid Construction, undated
- Folder 12: Fire Department Wall Displays, undated
- Folder 13: Fire Protection Training Aids Displays, 1975-1992
- Folder 14: Fire Truck and Automotive Training Aids, undated
- Folder 15: Flight Training Simulators and Props, 1948 – ca. 1980, undated
- Folder 16: Missile Training Aid Displays 1959-1990
 - Includes subprograms such as Minute Man, SHRAM, and ATLAS
- Folder 17: Unit Emblems & Logos, 1926, 1934, undated
- Folder 18: Miscellaneous Wall Displays, undated

Box 15

Series 11: Aerial and Aircraft

- Folder 1: Aerial, 1917-1930s (1 of 2)
- Folder 2: Aerial, 1917-1930s (2 of 2) (SEE ALSO, Oversize Box 2, Folder 1 - 1917-1930's)
- Folder 3: Aerial, 1940s-1950s (1 of 3)
- Folder 4: Aerial, 1940s-1950s (2 of 3)
- Folder 5: Aerial, 1940s-1950s (3 of 3) (SEE ALSO, Oversize Box 2, Folder 2 – 1940's - 1950's)



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Folder 6: Aerial, 1960s-1970s (SEE ALSO, Oversize Box 2, Folder 3 – 1960's-1970's)

Box 16

Series 11: Aerial and Aircraft

Folder 1: Aerial, 1980s-1990s (1 of 2)

Folder 2: Aerial, 1980s-1990s (2 of 2) (SEE ALSO, Oversize Box 2, Folder 4 – 1980's-1990's)

Folder 3: Aircraft, 1917-1930s

Folder 4: Aircraft, 1940s-1980s

Folder 5: Display Aircraft, 1940 – 2000

Folder 6: Boeing B-47, 1948 – ca 1990s

Folder 7: Flight Lines, 1917 – 1988 (SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 3, Folder 1, Flight Lines)

Folder 8: McDonnell F-4C, 1971 - 1999

Folder 9: Republic P-47, undated

SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 2, Folder 5, Miscellaneous Aerial, undated

SEE ALSO: Oversize Box 3, Folder 2, Aerial Maps (1939, 1941, 1951)

Box 17

Series 12: Pacesetter

(Maintained original order. Labels were added to the folders, as they were unlabeled as found. No clear order exists. All of these are undated)

Folder 1: Classes and Buildings

Folder 2: People and Planes (1/5)

Folder 3: People and Planes (2/5)

Folder 4: People and Planes (3/5)

Folder 5: People and Planes (4/5)

Folder 6: People and Planes (5/5)

Box 18

Series 12: Pacesetter

Folder 1: Pacesetter Photos, 1982-1984

Folder 2: Pacesetter Photos — March 8, 1985

Folder 3: Pacesetter Photos – July 19, 1985

Folder 4: Pacesetter Photos – August 9, 1985

Folder 5: Pacesetter Photos –August 30, 1985

Folder 6: Pacesetter Photos – September 13, 1985

Folder 7: Pacesetter Photos – September 27, 1985

Folder 8: Pacesetter Photos – October 4, 1985



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Folder 9: Pacesetter Photos – October 8, 1985

Folder 10: Pacesetter Photos – October 11, 1985

Folder 11: Personnel and Awards (1/2), undated

Folder 12: Personnel (2/2), 1980s, undated

Box 19

Series 12: Pacesetter

Photo-size box (5x7x12), completely full of 5x7 prints, no dividers or clear order.

Assumed to be photos taken by and for the Pacesetter, includes photos from the Chanute Open House 1989.

Oversize Boxes (Tepper)

Oversize Box 1: Technical Training

Folder 1: Technical Training: Fire Fighting, undated, 1967

Folder 2: Technical Training: Mechanical Engineering, undated

Folder 3: Technical Training: Weather, undated

Folder 4: Miscellaneous Tech Training 1920s – 50s

Folder 5: Miscellaneous Technical Training, 1970s – 1990s

Oversize Box 2: Aerial

Folder 1: Aerial, ca. 1917-1930's

Folder 2: Aerial, ca. 1940's - 1950's

Folder 3: Aerial, ca. 1960's – 1970's

Folder 4: Aerial, ca. 1980s - 1990s

Folder 5: Miscellaneous Aerial, undated

Oversize Box 3: Flight Lines and Aerial Maps

Folder 1: Flight Lines, undated

Folder 2 Aerial Maps, 1939, 1941, 1951

Oversize Box 4: Personnel and Class Photographs

Folder 1: Personnel: Portraits

Signed Group Portrait, undated

Folder 2: Class Photographs

Weather Training, 1942

Aviation Cadet Detachment Class 42-1, 1942

Class Photo, 1941 (with names on back)

9M detachment, March 1922

Aviation Cadet Detachment Class 42-2, 1942



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48th School Squadron, August 4, 1934
Air Services Mechanic School, undated
Air Corps Technical School-U.S. Army. October 14, 1933
Lackland AFB, 1967
Air Service Mechanics School, March 17, 1921
Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, 1967

Folder 3: Personnel: Pre-1950s

Senior Staff Officers, 1917
Chanute NCO Party, 1935

Folder 4: Personnel: Medical, undated

Folder 5: Personnel: Pilots, undated

Oversize Box 5: Buildings

Folder 1: Headquarters, undated
Folder 2 Gymnasium and Annex Sports Arena, 1941
Folder 3: Red Cross Building, 1942
Folder 4: Unlabeled, undated
Folder 5: Family Housing, undated
Folder 6: Weather Buildings, undated
Folder 7: Child Development Facility, undated
Folder 8: Fire Department, undated
Folder 9: Hospitals, undated
Open Bay Ward, 1930
Folder 10: Base Exchange, undated

Appendix: Individuals Identified in Photographs

Box 7, Folder 12

Joyce Fuller
Sandra Crosby
Alice Gwin
Ruth M. Jones
Cindy Close
Susan Cannon
Rita M. Stockman
Myrna Goon
Beverly Heider
Margaret Casteel
Mary Jo McCann
P J Klein-Gray
Mary Iske
Lynda Krick
Mary Edwards
Debbie Weston



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Betty Camp
Mary Marcy Davis
Nancy Collins
B.J. Custer
Katy Podagrosi
Sherri Reeves
Velma Dewildern
Katy Wilson
Clara Iosue
Virginia Huff
Elda Kuchembrod

Box 7, Folder 20

H.E. Spears
Ralph A. Roberts
Leonard G. Sella
Lester A. Cloud, Jr.
Douglas R. Brown

Box 7, Folder 22

Robert McClannahan
John F. Martin, Jr.
Adlai M. Gilkeson
Renwick F. Mottley
Clarence C. Wilson
Donald G. Stitt
Alfred L. Jewett
Bernard A. Janicki

Box 7, Folder 24:

Richard B. Cheney
Casper M. Weinberger

Oversize Box 4, Folders 1-2

CMSgt Richard D. Marvin
Charles Truett
Bill Jackson
Roy Branson
Mr. Moore

Oversize Box 4, Folder 2, Lackland AFB Class Photo

E. Grant
M.R. Carnevale
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R. McGee



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A/IC Handsel
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D.O. Reck
D.G. Riffey, Jr.
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