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Chanute Air Force Base:
Promotional and Event Materials
Years: 1937-2004

Collection 200.028

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Creator/Corporate name: Chanute Air Force Base

Inclusive Dates: 1937-2004; bulk 1970s-1990s

Physical Description: 2 boxes; 1.5 linear feet

Provenance:

The promotional and event materials come from the Chanute Air Force Base files. The Chanute Air Force Base files were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives after the Octave Chanute Air Museum closed.

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. During those 76 years, the base hosted numerous events and created many materials about the base. The promotional and event materials cover a wide range of years in Chanute history and document how the Chanute Air Force Base would reach out to and include the surrounding communities. The event materials include both events hosted on the base and events linked to the Chanute Air Force Base.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection includes various promotional materials, including ephemera, pamphlets, and booklets specific to life at Chanute and events or celebrations on the Chanute Air Force Base. These celebrations include holidays, anniversaries, dedications, and banquets on the base. The Events and Celebrations series contains material about specific events on the base and papers about the planning of events on the base.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged into two series: Chanute Promotional Booklets, and Events and Celebrations. Both series are arranged chronologically.

Subject Terms:

Chanute Air Force Base (Ill.)

Chanute Air Force base (Ill.)—History

Military History, Modern—20th Century

United States. Air Force—History

Memorial Day

United States Constitution Bicentennial, 1987-1991



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Container List:

Box 1:

Series 1: Chanute Promotional Booklets

- Folder 1: Air Corps News Letter, 1937
- Folder 2: Chanute Publications, 1937-1954
- Folder 3: Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, ca. 1940s
- Folder 4: Chanute Guide and Directory, 1958
- Folder 5: Chanute Guide, 1959-1960 (2 copies)
- Folder 6: Chanute Technical Training Center Pamphlet, 1962
- Folder 7: Central Illinois Presents the Chanute Technical Training Center Guide, ca. 1964-1966
- Folder 8: Chanute Technical Training Center, 50th Anniversary, 1967
- Folder 9: Welcome to Chanute: The Pioneer Technical Training Center, ca. 1969
- Folder 10: Central Illinois Salutes a Good Neighbor, ca. 1972
- Folder 11: The Land of Lincoln Salutes, 1974
- Folder 12: Chanute Field: The Hum of the Motor Replaced the Song of the Reaper 1917-1921, 1975
- Folder 13: The Land of Lincoln Welcomes You to Chanute AFB, 1977
- Folder 14: Land of Lincoln Salutes Chanute AFB, 1985
- Folder 15: The Land of Lincoln Salutes Chanute AFB, ca. 1980s
- Folder 16: Welcome to the Chanute Air Force Base, undated

Series 2: Events and Celebrations

- Folder 17: Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs, 1938-1991
- Folder 18: Event Pamphlets, 1942-2010
 - Open House
 - Easter Sunday Service
 - Tuskegee Airmen Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony
 - Graduation
- Folder 19: Tribute and Dedication Pamphlets, 1943-1993
- Folder 20: Library Bulletin and Banquet Pamphlets, 1944-1991
- Folder 21: Chanute Day, 1949-1964
- Folder 22: Award Banquet and Event Planning Materials, 1972-1985
- Folder 23: Memorial Day, 1977-2005
- Folder 24: Heritage Weeks, 1978-1992
 - Hispanic Heritage Week
 - Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week
 - African American Heritage Week
 - American Heritage Week
- Folder 25: Parades, 1978-1995
- Folder 26: Celebratory Banquets, 1979-1990
- Folder 27: Borman Drive Dedication, 1980
- Folder 28: "Dining In and Out," 1980-1981



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Folder 29: Awards Banquet Programs, 1980-1985

Folder 30: Veteran's Day, 1980-2006

Folder 31: Christmas Card Display, 1981-1988

Folder 32: Air Force 36th Birthday, 1983

Folder 33: "Dining Out" Scripts, 1985

Box 2:

Series 2: Events and Celebrations, ctd.

Folder 1: Thunderbird Air Park Opening, 1985-1989

Folder 2: Silver Falcons Special Honor Guard, 1985-1991

Folder 3: VFW Honoring Chanute, Danville, 1986-2000

Folder 4: Bicentennial of Constitution, 1987, 1991

Folder 5: "Salute Chanute" Sesquicentennial, 2004

Folder 6: Draft Event Pages, undated