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Chanute Air Force Base: Certificates

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## Champaign County Historical Archives

### **Certificates Collection**

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**Inclusive Dates:** 1923-1993, bulk 1941-1975

**Physical Description:** 1 half cubic box 1 oversize box; 2 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

Chanute Air Force Base

United States Air Force



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**Container List:**

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Folder 2: 3335 Student Group, undated  
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Folder 5: Avner, Sim N., 1931 \*  
Folder 6: Berg, Melvin L., 1941 - 1945  
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Folder 8: Borchers, Wilma E., 1961, 1966  
Folder 9: Burns, Jack R., 1954, 1962  
Folder 10: Burns, Richard E., 1957  
Folder 11: Carter, Thomas E., 1983  
Folder 12: Christian, Robert J., 1949, 1951  
Folder 13: Clavette, Edmund J., 1971  
Folder 14: Colmer, Ralph A. 1939  
Folder 15: Cottingham, Hubert A., 1923  
Folder 16: Davenport, George J., 1966  
Folder 17: Doe, John E., 1989  
Folder 18: Goff, Lucy, 1989, 1990  
Folder 19: Greer, Lylburn A., 1972, 1988, 1993  
Folder 20: Hagler, Norman E., 1940 - 1943  
Folder 21: Hamm, Mark W., 1974  
Folder 22: Heider, Louis Henry, 1942, 1943  
Folder 23: Henson, Marion, 1943  
Folder 24: Hertenstein, Richard R., 1970, 1980  
Folder 25: Harney, James, E., 1925  
Folder 26: Jorgens, William E. 1941-1975 \*  
Folder 27: Kelch, Charlese, 1942  
Folder 28: Kelly, Thomas, 1943  
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Folder 30: Miller, Clarence L., 1941, 1942  
Folder 31: Kucera, E.C., 1960's  
Folder 32: Manthey, Edward A., 1942  
Folder 33: Mitchell, Danny, 1972  
Folder 34: MWR Youth Center, 1991, 1992  
Folder 35: Murray, Thomas, 1936  
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- Folder 39: Rosholt, Douglas, 1990
- Folder 40: Sanders, Relis. G., 1923
- Folder 41: Schnur, Ernest E., 1980
- Folder 42: Smith, Stephan R., 1968
- Folder 43: Southwell, Paul, 1939
- Folder 44: Swearingen, Duane W., 1942
- Folder 45: Swearingen, Nata M., 1977
- Folder 46: Thomason, Benjamin W., 1952-1975
- Folder 47: USAF Hospital Chanute, 1989 \*
- Folder 48: Von Holton, Francis, 1951, 1955
- Folder 49: Wade, Donald E., 1949, 1989
- Folder 50: Widener, Guy T., 1940, 1941
- Folder 51: Wiesnoski, Joseph, 1974, 1989
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### **Oversize Box #1**

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- 3330 Technical Training Wing, 1991
- 3345 Air Base Group Honor Guard, 1983
- ATC Women's Volleyball, 1985
- Avnier, 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