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Chanute Air Force Base:
Open House Files
Years 1975-1993

COLLECTION 200.020

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Chanute Air Force Base

Inclusive Dates: 1975-1993

Physical Description: 2 Boxes; 0.63 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 1975-1993. 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 1975-1993.

Subject Terms:

Chanute Air Force Base (Ill.)

Chanute Air Force base (Ill.)—History

Chanute Field (Ill.)—History



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Air Bases—Rantoul—History
Rantoul (Ill.)
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



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Correspondence

Folder 5: 1979

Correspondence
Meeting Minutes
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

****Open House Files: 1983 Not Present****

Folder 2: 1984

Parade Route Map



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- Thunderbird Memos
- Correspondence
- Display Locations
- Open House Initial Report
- Sample Invitations
- Memos
- Notes
- Display Booth Application
- Folder 3: 1985 (1/2)
 - Pamphlets
 - Correspondence
 - Map
 - Fact Sheet
 - Memos
 - Notes
 - Newspaper Clippings
 - Images
 - Planning Guidance
 - Schedule
- Folder 4: 1985 (2/2)
 - Planning Guidance
 - Meeting Minutes
 - Correspondence
 - Memos
 - Guest List
 - Status Report
- Folder 5: 1986 (1/2)
 - Memos
 - Correspondence
 - Maps
 - Display
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- Folder 6: 1986 (2/2)
 - Application
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 - Talking Papers
 - Interviews



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“Readiness” Theme Documents

Folder 7: 1987

- Pamphlets/Ephemera
- Meeting Minutes
- Committee Members
- Open House “Game Plan”
- Images
- Center Activity Calendar

Folder 8: 1988

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

Folder 9: 1989 (1/2)

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

Folder 10: 1989 (2/2)

- Memos
- Correspondence
- Schedule
- Thunderbirds Itinerary
- Meeting Minutes
- Invitations
- Display Requests

Folder 11: 1989 Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Minutes
- Thunderbird Itineraries/Activities
- Names

Folder 12: 1989 Press Releases

- Press Releases
- Correspondence
- Newspaper Clippings



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Folder 13: 1990

- Correspondence
- News Releases
- Military Aviation Support Request

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

Folder 14: 1992 (1/2)

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

Folder 15: 1992 (2/2)

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

Folder 16: 1992 Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Minutes
- Committee Members
- Agenda

Folder 17: 1992 Fundraising

- Correspondence
- Memos
- Addresses
- Funding Information

Folder 18: 1992 Thunderbirds

- Quarters Checklist
- Committee Members
- Checklist
- Meeting Minutes
- Requirements



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Folder 19: 1993

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