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Air Force Association: Wright Memorial Chapter

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Introduction

The Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter Papers were given to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by Bill Schaff, in July of 2006. The original donation consisted of one box (one linear feet) of materials were received. The donor gave some additional papers in October of 2006 and winter of 2007. The current collection contains more than sixteen record storage boxes (approximately sixteen linear feet). The Vice President of the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter has the responsibility of sending current documents to the WSU Special Collections and Archives each January. Additions shall be subject to the terms of the Deed of Gift for this collection.

This collection documents a civilian aerospace organization that promotes public understanding of aerospace power and national defense. The collection includes newspaper clippings, magazines, awards, correspondence, meeting minutes, national, regional, and state conference materials, community events, photographs, certificates, reports, financial records, and general Air Force information. Most items deal with events and overall activities of the Wright Memorial Chapter. Several items in the collection relate to the AFA National Organization and to the US Air Force's relation to national and international events.

The Wright Memorial Chapter papers date from 1953 to 2007. The information is well dispersed throughout this time frame.

The collection shall be open to the research public without restrictions, unless specified in the scope and content note.

The Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter Papers are organized into 4 series:

Series I: Administrative Papers

Series II: Community Activities

Series III: Publications

Series IV: Photographs

Biographical Sketch

The nearly 150,000 member Air Force Association was founded in 1948, shortly after the United States Air Force became its own branch of the armed services (1947). The Wright Memorial Chapter, which operates out of the Greater-Dayton area, was incorporated in February of 1955. The Wright Memorial Chapter is designated with AFA number 212. Records for the Wright Memorial Chapter start in the mid-1950's.

The non-profit organization educates the public on the role of aerospace power in national defense. It promotes public events, such as air shows and ROTC drill meets. It also conducts advocacy on behalf of air power and military related issues. Members are comprised of former and current military personnel, civilians, and those with an interest in air power and the US Air Force.

Wright Memorial Chapter, #212 of the Air Force Association serves Wright Patterson Air Force Base, the local Air Force community and the greater Dayton area. The chapter's programs and topics relate to issues pertinent to the Air Force, service members families, and issues concerning the advancement of aerospace technology.

AFA Wright Memorial Chapter programs include major events such as the Air Show, aerospace education programs, community support, high school ROTC programs, aerospace education and scholarships. The chapter also holds luncheons and guest lectures with local and state elected officials. AFA Chapter No. 212 established the Wright Brothers Heritage Benefit, which works to raise money to support the Wright Brothers Flyer Hanger Fund. The chapter (as of March 2007) has 30 active members.

Scope and Content Note

The Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter Papers document the last 50 years of AFA activity in the national, state, and regional arenas, as well as the Dayton area. Through these papers, researchers may gain insight into Cold War era events pertinent to the United States Air Force Community; as well as Wright Memorial Chapter events in the Dayton area.

Series I: Administrative Papers

The administrative papers of the Wright Memorial Chapter document the organizational procedures of the AFA (Wright Memorial Chapter, State, and National). This includes copies of national and local constitutions, as well as general information about the Air Force Association and the US Air Force. This information dates from 1963 to 1988. The series also contains information about officers, elections, and members, financial reports, and general correspondence. These documents include reports by individuals in the US Senate (Box 7). The administrative papers are also rich in national, state, regional, and local meeting minutes (1961-2007). Series I is the largest series in the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter Collection. Items in this series range in date from 1956 to 2007. Series I consists of eight record storage boxes

Series II: Community Activities

The community activity papers of the Wright Memorial Chapter document the actions and events endorsed and/or sponsored by the Wright Memorial Chapter. This series includes state, regional, and national conference information ranging in years from 1953 to 1991. This includes brochures, speeches, press releases, and programs from the conferences. This series contains information on various chapter sponsored leadership workshops and luncheons. The series also has information on scholarships, charitable donations, and the chapter's work with local AFJROTC high school groups. In addition, this series includes information pertaining to the annual Dayton Air Show and annual US Air Force Anniversary celebrations, ranging in dates between 1966 and 2006. The community series contains award information, including planning for awards banquets and award nominations and notifications for awards given by the Wright Memorial Chapter and/or received by the chapter. These awards range in date between 1958 and 1993. Series II is held in six record storage boxes.

Series III: Publications

The publications series of the Wright Memorial Chapter documents the action and news of the US Air Force, the National AFA, and the Wright Memorial Chapter through various media outlets. The collection includes the AFA Reports Newsletter, AFA *Profile* Newsletter, and the Wright Memorial Chapter *Crossfeed* Newsletter. The collection also includes copies of the 1964 and 1968-1971 Air Force Magazine, the AFA's national publication. In addition, the series contains news clippings on AFA activities and

members from assorted print media sources. The newspaper clippings contain information on AFA events and honors/recognition received by the Wright Memorial Chapter and its members. The clippings range in date from 1950 to 1980. The collection also holds some rare aviation magazines including the *All Women's Transcontinental Air Race* (1961-1962), and *Dialogue Magazine* (1966). Series III is held in two record storage boxes

Series IV: Photographs

The photograph collection is unprocessed. It is currently held in two large record center storage boxes.

Container Listing

Series I	Administrative Papers		
Box	File	Item	Date
1	1	Wright Memorial Chapter AFA General Information and History	n.d.
1	2	National AFA General Information and History	n.d.
1	3	National AFA Annual Policy Statements	1963-1971, 1988
1	4	AFA Speaker's Kit	1961
1	5	U.S. Air Force General Information and History	n.d.
1	6	U.S. Air Force Guide to Bases	1974
1	7	U.S Air Force Fighter Aircraft Information	n.d.
1	8	Major U.S. Air Force Commands and Separate Operating Agencies	1966
1	9	"Above and Beyond" U.S. Air Force Medal Award Winners 1918-1967	1967
2	1	Wright Memorial Chapter Constitution	n.d.
2	2	Wright Memorial Chapter Air Force Museum Resolution	1969
2	3	AFA Ohio Constitution	n.d.
2	4	AFA National Constitution	1965-1966, 1971
2	5	AFA National Constitution Resolutions	1965-1971
2	6	Membership Drives	1967-1994
2	7	Officer Guidelines	n.d.
2	8	Wright Memorial Chapter Elected Officer Notifications	1949-1953
2	9	AFA Ohio State and Regional Elected Officers	1964-1984
2	10	Wright Memorial Chapter Executive Council	1983, 1989-1991, 1998
2	11	AFA Ohio State Officers	1963-1969, 1973-1974, 1984
2	12	AFA National Officer Information	1964-1984
2	13	Officer Nominations	1963-1975
2	14	Officer Candidacy Submissions for State and National Officers	1986-1990
2	15	National Membership Campaign Figures	1966-69, 1990-91
2	16	Wright Memorial Chapter Rosters	1965-1969
3	1	National Directory of Members	1996
4	1	Meeting Minutes	1961-1963
4	2	Meeting Minutes	1964-1965
4	3	Meeting Minutes	1966-1967
4	4	Meeting Minutes	Jan.-Feb. 1968, Jan. 1969
4	5	Meeting Minutes	1972-1975
4	6	Meeting Minutes	1983

4	7	Meeting Minutes	1984
4	8	Meeting Minutes	1985
4	9	Meeting Minutes	1986
4	10	Meeting Minutes	1987
4	11	Meeting Minutes	1988
4	12	Meeting Minutes	1989
4	13	Meeting Minutes	1992-1993
4	14	Meeting Minutes	1994
4	15	Meeting Minutes	1995
4	16	Meeting Minutes	1996
4	17	Meeting Minutes	1997
4	18	Meeting Minutes	1998
5	1	Meeting Minutes	1999
5	2	Meeting Minutes	2000
5	3	Meeting Minutes	2001
5	4	Meeting Minutes	2002
5	5	Meeting Minutes	2003
5	6	Meeting Minutes	2004-2007
5	7	Regional Meeting Minutes	1964-1974
5	8	State Meeting Minutes	1963
5	9	State Meeting Minutes	1964
5	10	State Meeting Minutes	1965
5	11	State Meeting Minutes	1966
5	12	State Meeting Minutes	1967
5	13	State Meeting Minutes	1968
5	14	State Meeting Minutes	1969
5	15	State Meeting Minutes	1971, 1973-1975, 1982, 1994
5	16	Other Ohio Chapter AFA Meeting Minutes	1966-67, 1972, 1994
5	17	National Meeting Minutes	1968-1969, 1975
5	18	National Air Force Association Council Meeting Minutes (Assorted Councils)	1965-1969
5	19	Organizational Advisory Council Meeting Minutes	1962-1968
6	1	Financial Reports	1960-1969
6	2	Financial Reports	1970-1979
6	3	Financial Reports	1982-1997
6	4	Quarterly Financial Reports	2004-2006
6	5	General Wright Memorial Chapter Reports	1962, 1971-1975
6	6	Air Force Policy and Field Service Reports	1975
6	7	Quarterly Reports	1983-1992
6	8	Annual Reports	1968-1973
6	9	Progress Reports to Board of Directors	1962-1965
6	10	Progress Reports to Board of Directors	1967-1969
7	1	Unit Meeting Reports	1967-1968
7	2	Senate and Congressional Reports	1975

8	1	Correspondence	1956-57, 1961-62
8	2	Correspondence	1964
8	3	Correspondence	1965
8	4	Correspondence	1966
8	5	Correspondence	1967
8	6	Correspondence	1968
8	7	Correspondence	1969
8	8	Correspondence	1970-1972
8	9	Correspondence	1973
8	10	Correspondence	1974
8	11	Correspondence	1975
8	12	Correspondence	1980s
8	13	Correspondence	1990s
8	14	Correspondence	2000-2002

Series II: Community Activities

Box	File	Item	Date
9	1	Regional Conferences	1966-1987
9	2	State Conventions	1953-1959
9	3	State Conventions	1960-1967
9	4	State Conventions	1968-1991
9	5	National Conventions	1958-1965
9	6	National Convention	1966
9	7	National Convention	1967
9	8	National Convention	1968
9	9	National Convention	1969
10	1	National Convention	1970
10	2	National Convention	1971
10	3	National Convention	1972
10	4	National Conventions	1982-83, 1987
11	1	Award Requirements and Descriptions	n.d.
11	2	Awards	1958
11	3	Awards	1963
11	4	Awards	1964
11	5	Awards	1965
11	6	Awards	1966
11	7	Awards	1967
11	8	Awards	1968
11	9	Awards	1969
11	10	Awards	1970
11	11	Awards	1971
11	12	Awards	1972
11	13	Awards	1973
11	14	Awards	1974
11	15	Awards	1975
11	16	Awards	1976

11	17	Awards	1979
11	18	Awards	1980
11	19	Awards	1984
11	20	Awards	1985
11	21	Awards	1986
11	22	Awards	1987
11	23	Awards	1988
11	24	Awards	1989
11	25	Awards	1990
11	26	Awards	1992
11	27	Awards	1993
12	1	19 th Anniversary U.S. Air Force Celebration	1966
12	2	20 th Anniversary U.S. Air Force Celebration	1967
12	3	U.S. Air Force Anniversary Celebration Programs	1967-1982
12	4	39 th Anniversary U.S. Air Force Celebration	1986
12	5	40 th Anniversary U.S. Air Force Celebration “Festival of Flight”	1987
12	6	41 st Anniversary U.S. Air Force Celebration	1988
12	7	42 nd Anniversary U.S. Air Force Celebration	1989
12	8	43 rd Anniversary U.S. Air Force Celebration	1990
12	9	50 th Anniversary U.S. Air Force Celebration	1997
12	10	U.S. Air Force Anniversary Celebrations	2002-03, 2005-06
13	1	Dayton Air Show	1976, 1987-88
13	2	Dayton Air Show	1989
13	3	Dayton Air Show	1990
13	4	Dayton Air Show	1991
13	5	Dayton Air Show	1992
13	6	Dayton Air Show	1993
13	7	Dayton Air Show	1994
13	8	Dayton Air Show	1997
13	9	Dayton Air Show	2002, 2004
14	1	AFA Community Program Guidelines	n.d.
14	2	Akron Chapter AFA Veteran’s Day Luncheon	1967
14	3	Wright Memorial Chapter Activities	1960-1969, 1975, 1988
14	4	Aerospace Presentations Team	1963-1969
14	5	Small Business Administration Workshop	1965-1967
14	6	High School Counselors Workshop	1967-1969
14	7	Youth Services Program	1970-1982
14	8	Wright Memorial Chapter AFROTC Scholarships	1982-1989
14	9	Community Partner Program	1987-1991
14	10	Charitable Donations	2000, 2005
14	11	Wright Memorial Chapter Activities	2000-2006

Series III: Publications

Box	File	Item	Date
15	1	AFA Reports Newsletter	n.d.
15	2	All Women's Transcontinental Air Race, Dialogue Magazine	1961-62, 1966
15	3	AFA Profile Newsletter	1970-1971
15	4	National Convention Reports	1964-66, , 1986, 1988-91
15	5	Air Force Magazine	1964
15	6	Air Force Magazine	1968-1971
15	7	Wright Memorial Chapter Crossfeed	1987-2000
15	8	Wright Memorial Chapter Crossfeed	2001-2005
15	9	Air Force Day Proclamations and Activities	1965-1968
16	1	Newspaper Clippings	1950s
16	2	Newspaper Clippings	1963
16	3	Newspaper Clippings	1964-1965
16	4	Newspaper Clippings	1966
16	5	Newspaper Clippings	1967-1968
16	6	Newspaper Clippings	1970s
16	7	Newspaper Clippings	1980s
16	8	Newspaper Clippings	n.d.
16	9	AFA Insurance Policy Information	1960s-1970s

Series IV: Photographs (unprocessed 2 Record Center boxes)