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SCOPE AND CONTENT: Materials contained in this collection were gathered for the intent to publish a history of the U.S. Naval Air Station in Akron, Ohio. The U.S. Naval Air Station existed in Akron from 1948-1958. Most documents are photocopies of originals.

ARRANGEMENT: By type of item and chronologically.

INVENTORY:

SERIES 1: Unpublished Manuscript

Box: 1
Mock-up for history of the U.S. Naval Air Station in Akron, Ohio. Includes photographs, copies of documents, clippings, and official Navy correspondence.

SERIES 2: News clippings and Periodicals

Box 2:
Folder 1: Index to photocopied Akron Beacon Journal articles, 1947-1958
Folder 13: Miscellaneous Akron Beacon Journal news clippings (photocopies)
Folder 14: Miscellaneous clippings from Naval Aviation News, Cleveland Press, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Airship, Landing Script, Record Courier (photocopies)

Box 3:
**Subseries 1**: Black and white photographs, 3 x 5, taken of screen of microfilm reader screen. Arranged by date, 1947-1958. Most appear to be from the Akron Beacon Journal

Box 4:
**Subseries 2**: Black and white photographs, 3 x 5, taken of screen of microfilm reader screen. Negatives in Series 7 Box 10. No apparent arrangement. Most appear to be from the Akron Beacon Journal.
SERIES 3: Documents and Correspondence

Box 2:
Folder 1: Official documents and correspondence: memos, guidelines, assignments, enlistment requirements, personnel rosters (most are photocopies)
Folder 2: Miscellaneous documents (photocopies)
Folder 3: Ace of Spades Squadron (Marines). Includes clippings, newsletters, documents. (photocopies)
Folder 4: Military Review documents: Includes programs, biographical sketches Clippings (photocopies)

SERIES 4: Newsletters:

Box 2:

SERIES 5: Research Documents and Correspondence

Box 2:
Folder 1: Materials pertaining to the acquisition of materials for the collection. Includes correspondence and memos.

SERIES 6: Photographs, 8 X 10 black and white

Box 5: Includes photographs of:
Officers – Fighting Squadron 653 (#1)
Three unidentified man standing in front of airplane (#2)
Navy truck with recruiting sign (#3a, 3b)
Airplane maintenance or manufacturing facility (#4a, 4b)
Fighter Squadron VF-653 (#5a, 5b)
Naval Air Station Drill Team (#6)
Lowering of flag as base closes, February 1, 1958 (#7)
Naval officers and sailors, 1956, Ff651 (#8)
Naval officers and sailors, (#9)
Naval officers and sailors, May 1951 (#9)
Four sailors standing in front of a Navy truck with Sweetest Day sign (#10)
Unidentified men at airdock, 1931 (#11)
Two unidentified men being interviewed by WAKR, 1952 (#12)
Naval officers, unidentified (#13)
Harrier airplane (#14a, 14b)
Basketball team – Naval Air Station Flyers (#15)
Airplane, TBM-3, 8-48 Gilcrest (#16)
Airplane, F4u, 8-48 Ferko (#17)
Airplane 8-48, Gilcrest (#18)
Airplane TBM3, Gilcrest (#19)
Four sailors and Salvation Army official (#20)
Color photocopies of Navy plane USS Valley Forge VF653 (#21)
Photograph of U.S. Naval Air Station Akron exhibit (#22)
Two unidentified men (pilots?) kneeling in front of airplane (#23)
Group photo of sailors in front of barracks (#24a, 24b)
Airplane preparing for takeoff (#25a, 25b)
Airplanes on ground (#26a, 26b)
Three airplanes in flight (#27)
Group photo of officers and sailors, Squadron 653 – USS Valley Forge, 1951
Sailors adding ballast to blimp (#29a, 29b)
Pilots and other men in front of airplane (#30a, 30b)
Sailors holding onto base of blimp (#31a, 31b)
J.W. Johnston, G.W. Liebold and B Lauretta admiring model of USS Akron (#32)
J.W. Johnson, Capt. E.C. Asman, B Lauretta admiring model of USS Akron carrier (#33a, 33b)
Officers marching (#34)

SERIES 7: Negatives
Box 6:
Subseries 1: Negatives for 8 x 10 photographs
Descriptive note: Correspond to photos in Series 6

Subseries 2:Negatives for photocopied newsletter, Landing Script.
Descriptive note: Correspond to photocopied newsletters in Series 4

Subseries 3: Negatives for miscellaneous documents

Subseries 4: Negatives for Military Review documents
Descriptive note: Correspond to photocopied documents in Series 3

Box 7:
Subseries 5: Negatives for miscellaneous photographs of newspaper articles documents, and photographs
Descriptive note: Correspond to photographs in Series 2, Subseries 2

SERIES 8: Oversize Photographs
Box 8:
U.S. Naval Air Station Akron, VF653, 16 May 1953 (#1)
8 F4us in flight (#2)
Fighting squadron 653 (#3)
Marine Fighting Squadron 231 (#4)
VF653 Valley Forge (#5)
B-J Rotopix – color enlargement, Mary 20, 1951 – fire training

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