

U.S. Naval Air Station – Akron

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ACQUISITION: Donated by Joseph Cenney and Harry Gilcrest in November 2002.

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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.

SERIES 1: Unpublished Manuscript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

Folders 2-13: Photocopies of *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)

Folder 15: Periodical: *All Hands: Bureau of Naval Personnel Information Bulletin*, October 1949

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)

Folder 5: Rosters: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1954

SERIES 4: Newsletters:

Box 2:

Photocopies of newsletter, *Landing Script* of the U.S. Naval Air Station – Akron, 1950-1957. Negatives in Series 7

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 Laurretta admiring model of USS
Akron (#32)
J.W. Johnson, Capt. E.C. Asman, B Laurretta 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

