The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Frank J. Sarris Personal Papers
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Contributing Institution: San Diego Air and Space Museum Library and Archives
Title: Frank J. Sarris Personal Papers
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Physical Description: .75 Cubic FeetTwo boxes of naval documents, newspapers, navigation notebook; photographs, logbooks, and air navigation charts mostly from the 1940s to the 1960s. The collection contains one 12.25”x10.25”x5” box and one 18.5”x13.5”x3”

Date (bulk): bulk

Abstract: Frank Sarris served as a pilot in the United States Navy during both WWII (Pacific) and the Korean Conflict. He retired as a U.S. Navy LCDR in 1964, after spending 25 years in the service.

Biographical / Historical:
Frank John Sarris was born on December 8, 1917 in New Port, Rhode Island. He married Carmella Virgadamo and had three daughters. Sarris served as a pilot in the United States Navy during both WWII (Pacific) and the Korean Conflict. He retired as a U.S. Navy LCDR in 1964, after spending 25 years in the service. Carmella passed on May 21, 1993, leaving behind Frank, their three daughters, and eight grandchildren. Four years later, on January 26, 1997, Frank passed at the age of 79. He was buried at Glen Abbey Memorial Park in Bonita, California on January 29, 1997 with full military honors.

Conditions Governing Access
The collection is open to researchers by appointment.

Scope and Contents
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The two logbooks identified as LB 291 A and LB 291 B will be placed in the logbook collection in box LB 291 A-B.

Related Materials
Lockheed Constellation aircraft files.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
United States Navy
Lockheed Aircraft
USS Sangamon
Lockheed R7V-1 Super Constellation
Sarris, Frank

Box 1 of 2

Series I: Documents

Folder 1 - Personal Papers

Physical Description: 1. Copy of L.T. Frank J. Sarris Gets Flying Cross article with unknown author and date. 2. Illustrations for Aviation Parachute Riggers1/C by Frank J. Sarris. 3. Stickers and decals for Lockheed Radar Constellation, Air Transron Eight, McDonnel Phantom II, and one unlabeled. 4. Decals for the VR-3 and Silver Eagles with a VIP seating card for the Blue Angels. 5. Papers from the National Museum of Naval Aviation.
Folder 2 - Magazines and Catalogues


Folder 3 - Documents from the U.S. Navy


Series II: Photographs

Folder 4 - Digitized Photos, Sarris_0001 thru 0025
Folder 5 - Miscellaneous Photos

Physical Description: Folder contains 26 photos and 4 postcards, pertaining mostly to aircraft in the Naval Air Transport Service.

Folder 6 - Miscellaneous Photos

Physical Description: Folder contains 32 photos, mostly pertaining to Sarris in uniform, his crash of Bu#58269 (30 MAR 1945), and suited up in parachute gear.

Folder 7 - Miscellaneous Photos

Physical Description: Folder contains 18 photos of group shots of mostly graduating classes and a few squadrons from the 1940s; a “parachuter’s creed;” and three manual pages featuring photos of the “Proper Method of Attaching Q.A.C. Parachutes.” Sarris is featured as a model.

Folder 8 - Duplicate Photos

Series III: Manuals

Folder 9 - Handbook

Series IV: Navigation


Series V: Newspapers

Physical Description: 1. Pensacola News Journal celebrating 75 years of naval aviation, May 4, 1986 (split into three separate sections)

Series VI: Logbooks