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Date (bulk): bulk
Abstract: Joseph Norrbohm was a B-29, B-47 and B-52 pilot.
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Biographical / Historical
Joseph Willard Norrbohm was born the youngest of ten siblings on January 23, 1927 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He completed his undergraduate education at the University of Minnesota, and upon graduation, enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served with the Air Force for nearly thirty years and worked his way up to the rank of Lt. Col. Because of his great love for flying, he served as a pilot during World War II, the Korean, and Vietnam Wars where he flew B-29s, B-47s, as well as B-52s up to his retirement. After his military retirement, he moved his family to Poway, California, and received an MBA in Finance before embarking on his PhD in Business. Before completing his PhD, he was hired by Downey Savings and Loan and worked there for 12 years.
Joseph W. Norrbohm passed away on January 14, 2012 in Poway, California, and is buried at Riverside National Cemetery.
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It also contains a training management manual for the B-47 combat crews. These papers have been digitized for the purpose of preservation.
Related Materials
B-47 Aircraft Files B-52 Aircraft Files
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Boeing B-47 Stratojet
Boeing B-29 Superfortress
Boeing B-52 Stratofortress
Norrbohm, Joseph

Box 1 of 2

Series I: Personal Records & Military Documents

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Physical Description: This folder contains a wide variety of documents including a Red Cross Membership card, officer career objective statement, pilot individual flight records, request and authorization forms, special orders, and more.
Folder 2 - 768th Bomb SQ Rosters & Other Military Documents
Physical Description: This folder contains a few rosters of the 768th Bomb SQ Combat Crew, 768th Alert Rosters, 34th Bombardment Squadron Roster, an Aircrew Flying Schedule from Strategic Air Command, Airborne Duty/Position Symbols, and more.

Folder 3 - Training Management Manual
Physical Description: This folder contains the training management manual for the B-47 Combat Crews of the 22nd Bombardment Wing (M). The folder contains digitized scans of several documents including an organization chart, description of jobs, personnel records, several checklists, instrument status forms, and training requirements.

Folder 4 - Miscellaneous

Series II: Periodicals

Folder 5 - Newsletter 2nd Air Force & Periodicals

Series III: Textbooks, Program Books, and Guides

Folder 6 - Air University Course Textbook
Physical Description: 1. American Foreign Policy in Growth and Action; Course 2A, Squadron Officer School Correspondence Course, Volume 12. Extension Course Institute Air University, May, 1961.

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Series III: Textbooks, Program Books, and Guides (cont)

Folder 1 - Training & Instruction Programs

Folder 2 - Additional Guides
Folder 3 - Air War College Associate Programs


Series IV: Exams

Folder 4 - Emergency Procedures & FAA Exams

Physical Description: This folder contains hundreds of pages of questionnaires, exercises, and examinations for a variety of aircraft. There are two books – Emergency Procedures AF Manual 51-37 with hundreds of exam questions, and an Airline Transport FAA Exams guidebook.

Series V: Traveling Souvenirs

Folder 5 - Traveling Souvenirs

Physical Description: This folder contains souvenirs for Americans visiting Japan including guidebooks, pocket guides, a guide to shooting, a guide to Hawaii and a map of Oahu, Fujiya Hotel menus, a shopping catalog of Noritake China from Japan, and four Japanese woodcut prints.

Series VI: Maps

Folder 6 - Maps

Physical Description: 1. Cutout map of southern Oregon and the California and Nevada Borders. 2. Cutout map of Nevada with a small portion of the Idaho Border 3. Square cutout map of Nevada. 4. Orientation map of the U.S.S.R. containing geographic information, land utilization, economic regions/major industrial areas, administrative divisions, metallurgy, and more. 5. Large map of the world, with facts/numbers about geography, industry, government, and living conditions. 6. Large map from the U.S. Foreign Service Posts, January 1, 1969.