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Paul B. Ryan papers, Hoover Institution Archives
Shirley Mae Stark papers, Hoover Institution Archives
Sybil Bailey Stockdale papers, Hoover Institution Archives
Juliene Williams papers, Hoover Institution Archives
1931 October 14  Born, Quincy, Massachusetts
1947-1948  Enlisted in Massachusetts National Guard
1952-1954  Assigned Private in the 211th Calvary Reconnaissance Squadron
1955  Attended Oblate College
1955  Bachelor of Arts, History and Government, Georgetown University
1957  Enlisted in Navy as naval aviation cadet
1958-1962  Designated Naval Aviator
1958-1962  Joined Carrier Air Group Nine, Attack Squadron Ninety-four aboard USS Ranger; deployed to Western Pacific
1959 April 4  Married Alice M. (Robertson) Stratton
1962  Assigned to Naval Reserve Office Training Corps Unit Stanford

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1964  Master of Arts, International Relations, Stanford University
Commissioned Lieutenant Commander
Assigned as aide and executive assistant to the Deputy Direction, Joint Strategic Planning Staff, Strategic Air
Command Headquarters, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

1966  Joined Carrier Air Wing Nineteen, Attack Squadron One Ninety-two; deployed aboard the USS Ticonderoga to
Tonkin Gulf, Southeast Asia

1967  January 5  Captured as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam within Fourth Allied POW Wing, Hanoi, North Vietnam
1969  May  Commissioned Commander
1973  March 3  Released as part of Operation Homecoming
1973-1975  Executive Officer of Naval Plant Representative Office, Strategic Systems Project Office, Lockheed Missiles and
Space Company
1975  Assigned Commanding Officer, Navy Recruiting District, New York, East Meadow
Commissioned Captain
1977-1979  Commander, Recruiting Area Five, Great Lakes NTS, North Chicago, Illinois
1979-1981  Deputy for Operations, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
1981-1986  Director, Naval Academy Preparatory School, NETC, Newport Rhode Island
1986  Retired from active duty
1988  Master of Social Work, Rhode Island College, School of Social Work
1989-1995  Chairman, Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Prisoners of War
1997-2001  Contract counselor for sailors and families at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia and Naval Station
Mayport, Florida
2001  Retired

Scope and Content of Collection
The Richard A. Stratton papers consist of correspondence, speeches and writings, memoranda, interview transcripts
conference proceedings, printed matter, and audiovisual material relating to American prisoners of war and persons
missing in action during the Vietnam War, and to the treatment of released prisoners in North Vietnam. The collection
includes some papers of his wife, Alice M. Stratton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Force Support and Families
(sometimes also referred to as "Personnel and Families"). The collection reflects Stratton's career both as a Navy pilot and
social worker, as well as Alice Stratton's work for families of Naval officers and American POWs.

The Military Career File contains material relating to Richard Stratton's work in the Navy before and after the Vietnam
War, including his Navy recruitment and courses he taught. The Alice M. Stratton File includes letters she received in
response to a letter-writing campaign she conducted on behalf of Richard Stratton, as well as material relating to her work
as deputy assistant secretary of the Navy after the Vietnam War. The Photographs series includes scenes of Stratton as a
prisoner of war in North Vietnam's "Hanoi Hilton," as well as photographs by American photojournalist Lee Lockwood taken
for Life magazine.

Throughout the collection, Richard A. Stratton is also referred to as "Dick" and "The Beak."

Subjects and Indexing Terms
United States. Navy Department.
Prisoners of war.

Biographical File, 1952-2009
Scope and Contents note
Contains transcripts, news clippings, and other material about Richard Stratton. Arranged alphabetically by physical form.

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**Biographical File, 1952-2009**

**Register of the Richard A. Stratton papers**

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**Arrangement note**

**Arranged chronologically.**

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<td>Three typescript copies of Stratton's interview for the U.S. Naval Institute's Oral History program on the subject of &quot;Experiences in the Vietnam War.&quot; One of the copies is annotated with corrections by Stratton. Also includes correspondence from Stratton to Captain Paul B. Ryan, a historian and research fellow at the Hoover Institution, and a memorandum from Ryan regarding its use.</td>
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| Box/Folder 5 : 2 | "Nobody Asked Me, But...," Proceedings, 1985-1986 |
| Scope and Contents note | Includes terms of publication contract with Proceedings and drafts of the article. |

| Box/Folder 5 : 3 | "Support the President in Getting the POWs Back from Vietnam," 1986 March |
| Box/Folder 5 : 4 | Tales of Southeast Asia, 2009 |
| Scope and Contents note | Includes a USB drive labelled "Richard Stratton, resource material for Tales of Southeast Asia and Prisoner at War." |

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**Arrangement note**

Arranged alphabetically by author.

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| Box/Folder 5 : 8 | Biderman, Albert D., "Dangers of Negative Patriotism" and "Necessary, Permissible, and Obligatory Discourse with Captor Personnel," 1962-1963 |
| Scope and Contents note | Includes typescript copy, correspondence, reviews, and memoranda relating to the publication. |

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| Box/Folder 6 : 6 | Dunn, Joe, "The POW Chronicles," 1983 |
| Box/Folder 6 : 8 | Otten, Michael, "How Americans Look to Others," undated |
| Box/Folder 6 : 10 | Scharff, Hanns Joachim, "Without Torture," 1950 |
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| Scope and Contents note |
| Contains a printed copy of Skelton's lecture series and additional writings. Includes bibliography of lecture series presentation and a curriculum vitae. |
| Box/Folder 6 : 15 | Solzhenitsyn, Aleksander, excerpt of *The First Circle* and review by Stanton Evans, undated |
| Box/Folder 6 : 16, Box/Folder 7 : 1 | Stockdale, James B., 1978-1985 |
| Scope and Contents note |
| Contains writings, articles, speeches, and clippings. |
| Box/Folder 7 : 2 | Webster, Steven D., "Maintaining Leadership Under Adverse Conditions," 2008 October 17 |
| Military Career File, 1950-2013 |
| Scope and Contents note |
| Contains correspondence, records, reports, and printed matter relating to Stratton's military career. Also includes information related to Stratton's biographical documentary, 2251 Days. |
| Box/Folder 7 : 3 | 2251 Days, 1973-1974 |
| Scope and Contents note |
| Contains printed matter and correspondence relating to Stratton's biographical documentary produced by KQED. |
| Box/Folder 7 : 4 | Clearance records, 1955 December - 1975 January |
| "Code of Conduct" coursework, 1974-1987 |
| Scope and Contents note |
| Includes typescript speeches by others, memoranda regarding lectures, printed matter, handwritten notes regarding coursework, "The Military Spouse's 'Code of Conduct'" by Alice Stratton, and a transcript of an interview panel for the U.S. Naval Institute Professional Seminar Series featuring Stratton on the topic of the military "Code of Conduct." |
| Box/Folder 7 : 8 | Command history for the USS Ticonderoga, 1968, 2008 |
| Scope and Contents note |
| A preliminary working draft prepared with the Center for Prisoner of War Studies, Naval Health Research Center. |
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| Box/Folder 8 : 7 | Naval Academy, 1981 |
| Box/Folder 8 : 8-9 | Naval Chaplains School, 1982-1986 |
| Scope and Contents note |
| Contains speeches and writings, printed matter, reports, memoranda, and forms relating to coursework Stratton taught at the Naval Chaplains School. Includes "An Analysis of Factors Involved in Family Adjustments During Separations/Reunions: Opportunities for Ministry" by Paul Pyrch and Alice Stratton's speech for the Navy Chaplains School's senior course. |
Box/Folder 8 : 10
**Naval War College, 1982-1985**

Scope and Contents note
Contains correspondence, memoranda, and printed matter relating to Stratton's work as Director of the Academy of Preparatory School and coursework taught at the Naval War College. Also includes correspondence and articles written by James B. Stockdale.

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**Navy recruitment, 1977-1979**

Box/Folder 9 : 2
**Officer effectiveness reports, 1973-1974**

Box/Folder 9 : 3-7
**Operation Homecoming, 1967-1973**

Scope and Contents note
Contains interviews, correspondence, photographs, and printed matter regarding military orders, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, rosters of returned prisoners of war, homecoming policy, message traffic, and gratuities for prisoners of war. Also see Photograph series for additional photos and slides of Oak Knoll Hospital.

Box/Folder 9 : 8
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Box/Folder 10 : 9
**Miscellaneous, 1950-1983**

Scope and Contents note
Includes material related to the military "Code of Conduct," rules of confinement, POW literature, and Stratton's political views in the 1950s. Also see Military Career File for additional material on "Code of Conduct."

**Alice M. Stratton File, 1955-1994**

Scope and Contents note
Contains material related to Alice Stratton's work advocating for families of American POWs/MIAs and her position as a deputy assistant secretary to the Navy (DASN). Also includes personal documents, correspondence, speeches and writings, and printed matter relating to the Navy, POW/MIA advocacy groups, and the Stockholm Tribunal.

**Biographical file, 1955-1994**

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**Awards and certificates, 1971-1988**

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**Bibliography, undated**

Box/Folder 11 : 3
**Biography, 1985-1987**

Scope and Contents note
Includes prints of Alice Stratton's official Navy portrait photo.

Box/Folder 11 : 4
**News clippings, 1969-1973**
Box 12  
**Diaries, 1985 August - 1989 March**

Scope and Contents note
Contains 10 office diaries that Alice Stratton kept while she served as Deputy Assistance Secretary of the Navy (DASN) for Force Support and Families. This division is sometimes referred to as "Personnel and Families."

**Correspondence, 1967-1972**

Box/Folder 11 : 5  
**Notification of POW status, 1967**
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence related to Richard Stratton's prisoner of war status.

Box/Folder 11 : 6  
**Letters received from Hanoi, 1967-1968**
Scope and Contents note
Contains correspondence from visitors to Hanoi who relayed information and letters to and from Richard and Alice Stratton. Also see Stockholm Tribunal for additional correspondence, writings, and printed matter from visitors of Hanoi.

Box/Folder 11 : 7  
**Ruefle, William J., 1969 August - 1970 September**
Scope and Contents note
Contains correspondence, a photograph, roster of Joint Strategic Target Planning staff, and printed matter collected by Captain William J. Ruefle in his efforts to secure better treatment for American POWs. Also includes correspondence from his wife, Virginia Ruefle, to Alice Stratton.

Box/Folder 11 : 8-9  
**Letter writing campaign, 1969-1972**

Box/Folder 11 : 10  
**Letters received from Shoreland School, 1972**
Scope and Contents note
Contains letters of support for Richard Stratton from third graders of Shoreland School, addressed to Alice Stratton and family.

**Speeches and writings, 1957-1991**

Arrangement note
Arranged chronologically.

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"U.S. Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Personnel," presentation, undated
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Remarks for Department of Defense Family Service Center Program, 1985 November - 1987 October
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Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 1985 November 15
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"Volunteerism Can Be Career Enhancing," speech for Navy Wives Club, 1986 March 10
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Remarks to Marine Corps General's wives, 1986 September 22

Box/Folder 13 : 14
Coast Guard speech, 1986 December 16

Box/Folder 13 : 15
Speeches to Family Service Center Directors Conference, 1987 March 10 - April 9

Box/Folder 13 : 16
Remarks to Navy League National Convention, 1987 April 14 - 1988 June 6

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Remarks at Orlando Family Advocacy Conference, 1987 June 10

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Speech for Fleet and Force Master Chief spouses, 1987 October 13

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Remarks to AirPac Commanders Conference, 1987 October 20

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Speech for Fleet Reserve Association, 1988 March 16

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Speech for Military Spouses Business and Professional Association, 1988 October 3

Box/Folder 13 : 22
Remarks for Navy Education and Training Command, 1990 September 13

Box/Folder 13 : 23
Speech to the Retired Officers Association, 1991 April 6

Box/Folder 13 : 24
"War Time Stress for Parents of Warriors," 1991 May

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy file, 1977-1990

Scope and Contents note
Contains correspondence, speeches and writings, memoranda, reports, and printed matter relating to Alice Stratton's work as Deputy Secretary of the Navy. Arranged alphabetically by subject. See also: Digital Files.

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Box/Folder 13 : 26
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Scope and contents note
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| Box/Folder 15 | Changing Families in a Changing Military System, Military Family Research Conference, 1977 |
| Box/Folder 15 | Description and Evaluation of an Information Outreach Program, Family Assistance Council Annapolis, undated |
| Box/Folder 15 | Final Evaluation Report Family Assistance Council Annapolis: Social Support and Personal Change, 1982 July |
| Box/Folder 15 | The Literature on Military Families, 1980: An Annotated Bibliography, 1980 August 1 |
| Box/Folder 15 | A Literature Review of the Military Family: Some Implications for Policy, undated |
| Box/Folder 15 | Longterm Effects of Parental Wartime Captivity on Children of POWs and MIA Servicemen, 1987 October |
| Box/Folder 15 | Proceedings: Conference on Follow-up Care for Returning Prisoners of War, 1985 March 12-14 |
| Box/Folder 15 | Proceedings of the Navy Family Service Center Workshop, 1982 March |
| Box/Folder 15 | Prolonged Separation: The Prisoner of War and His Family, undated |
| Box/Folder 15 | The Role of the Leader in Taking Care of Our Families, 1986 April |
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Scope and Contents note
Includes remarks by Alice Stratton at the Quality of Life Symposium, 1988 April 27.

| Box/Folder 16 | Travel itineraries, 1986 January - July |
| Box/Folder 16 | Visit to the USS Carl Vinson, undated |
| Box/Folder 16 | Miscellaneous, 1987-1989 |

Subject file, 1967-1974
Scope and Contents note
Contains material related to the Department of the Navy, the Stockholm Tribunal, and several POW/MIA advocacy groups, including some that Alice Stratton was involved in.

| Box/Folder 16 | Big Brother, 1971-1972 |
| Box/Folder 16 | City resolutions to support POWs, 1970 |

Scope and Contents note
Also see Oversize Material for "Resolution Honoring Our Returned Prisoners of War," Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Assembly Rules Committee California Legislature Resolution, relative to Missing in Action and Prisoner of War Tribute Day.

| Box/Folder 16 | Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, 1970-1973 |
Department of the Navy, 1967-1973

Scope and Contents note
Contains correspondence, memoranda, newsletters, and printed matter Alice Stratton received relating to Richard Stratton's status as a POW and other information provided to families of American POWs/MIAs by the Department of the Navy.

Box/Folder 16:
- Correspondence, 1967-1973
- Memoranda, 1967-1971
- Newsletters, 1967-1973
- Printed matter, 1967-1972
- Miscellaneous, 1967

Scope and Contents note
Contains correspondence of Charles A. Stratton, brother of Richard Stratton; undated typescript; handwritten notes; and a September 1969 news briefing of Lt. Robert Frishman and Douglas Hegdahl.

Friends of the POW/MIA League of Santa Clara County, 1967-1974

Box/Folder 17:
- Board meeting files, 1971-1973
- Correspondence, 1971-1973
- News clippings, 1967-1974
- Newsletters, 1971-1973
- Promotional material, undated

Scope and Contents note
Includes Christmas cards, pamphlets, and a poster, several featuring Stratton's photograph as a prisoner of war. Also contains a photograph of the 1972 Roll Call of the States event.


Box/Folder 17:
- Correspondence, 1969 June - July
- Congressional records, 1970 August - November
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- Voices in Vital America (VIVA), 1971-1972
  - Annual report, 1972
  - Bracelet records, 1971-1972
  - Newsletter, 1971-1972
- Stockholm Tribunal, 1967

Photographs, 1960-2015
Scope and Contents note
Also see Oversize Material for additional photographs of Stratton as a POW in North Vietnam.

Box/Folder 18:
- General, 1960-2015

Scope and Contents note
Includes photographs of Alice Stratton, Richard Stratton's Navy portraits, the production of the "Honor Bound" sculpture, and photo negatives of Richard Stratton as a POW in North Vietnam.
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| "Stress of Separation Article and Supporting Documents, July 1978," undated  | **Tales of Southeast Asia, 3 discs, 2009 February 9** |
| **Scope and Contents note** | Contains a digital copy of Tales of Southeast Asia, photos, and Word processing files regarding a memorial in 2003. One of these discs is labeled as "POW SE Asia Misc." |

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| Box 26 | **1/4-inch sound tape reels, 1967-1978, undated** |
Interview of Richard Stratton by Todd McClaskey, 1978 May 1-3
"POW Documentary: Chief of Information Award," 1975
"Stratton 'Confession,'" Voice of Vietnam, 2 reels, 1967 March 3

Scope and Contents note
A broadcast of the "confession" Stratton made while imprisoned in Vietnam, which criticized U.S. military forces. See also: compact sound cassettes.

Compact sound cassettes, 1966-2012, undated

Arrangement note
Arranged alphabetically by tape title. Titles were transcribed from the cassette tape labels when possible.

Box 27

Untitled, 2 tapes, undated
Alcohol lecture, undated
Captain Jerry Coffee interview, undated
Captain Stratton at Centereach High School, Long Island, New York, 1976 November 18
Captain Stratton interview, WOWT & KMTV, 1977 June 6
Captain Stratton interview by Jerry Bowen, CBS Morning News, 1977 July 11
Captain Stratton in Kansas City, 1977 July 14
Scope and Contents note
Side one contains an interview with the Kansas City Kansan and side two contains Stratton's appearance on WDAF-TV's Midday News.

Captain Stratton interview with Kansas City Star, 1977 July 15
Captain Stratton interview by Ken Sinclair, WKRS Radio, 1977 July 7
Captain Stratton's speech, Navy Leave/Joint Service Clubs, 1978 July 27
Cassette #3: "Bombing Reactions"/"POW Return: March 27th, 1973" (side one), "POW's Return/Captain Gene Wilber Interview 60 Minutes"/"President Nixon's Farewell Talk August 9, 1974" (side two), 1973-1974
Commander Fantry, 1974 October 5
Commander Stratton's homecoming at Oak Knoll Hospital, 1973 March
"Community Spotlight: Captain Richard Stratton," WJDA 1300 AM, 1976 June 14
Confession text (side 1) and DIA [Defense Intelligence Agency] taping of Stratton's "confession" (side 2), 1967, 1973
Costa Mesa speech, 1973 May 16
DASN [Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy] (Personnel & Families) interview, 1986
David Dellinger at University of Michigan meeting, undated
Explorer Scout Troop speech, 1974
Fleet Reserve Association Convention, 4 tapes, 1977 September 3
Scope and contents note
Tape 1 contains the 4th Marine Air Wing Flag Pageant and welcome address by Jim and Dot Neal. Tape 2 includes speeches by Dan Kadrovack, Jos. V. D. Rosa, Percy Lemoine, Dr. Madden, Admiral Barrow, General White, Admiral Kamm, and Captain Richard Stratton. Tape 3 is the continuation of Captain Stratton's speech and presentations. Tape 4 contains a continuation of presentations and the conclusion of the opening ceremonies.

Graham Miller interview, 2012 March 15
Sound Recordings, 1966-2012, undated
Compact sound cassettes, 1966-2012, undated

Hanoi Japanese interview (side 1) and Hanoi "confession" (side 2), 1967
Scope and Contents note
Side two includes the Voice of Vietnam broadcast of Stratton's "confession," a statement while he was a POW in Vietnam, in which he criticized U.S. military forces in Vietnam.

Hoover Stratton collection contents, 1992
Interview report with Bernie Patterson by Charlie Stratton, undated
Letter to Alice and family after 1st line period, 1966 December
Mare Isle speech, Chief Petty Officers' Club, 2 tapes, 1973 August 25
"The Military Family," Captain & Mrs. Stratton, 1980 October 9
Molpus/Stratton, MacLeish commentary, Morning Edition, 1986 July 9
"Moral Decision Making: Captain Richard A. Stratton," Command & Staff College lecture, 1981 October 8
"POWS Are No Losers," speech, Lockheed Missiles and Space Company Management Association, 1974 July 17
Shoot down and capture, 2 tapes, 1967 January 5-6
Speaker Richard Stratton, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, 3 tapes, 1978 January 19
Stratton talk at Naval Plant Representative Office, Bethpage, four years after release, 1977 March 10
Summary of selected summaries of Stratton's debriefs, 1973 March - April
Toastmasters Santa Clara speech, 1973 October
Town Topics, WANN 1190 AM, 1979 September 29
Scope and Contents note
Includes guests Captain Richard and Alice Stratton.

Vietnam: Hawk, Dove, Owl by Dolf Droge, undated

Compact sound discs, undated

"Hanoi Hilton: Piracy Today," undated
Scope and Contents note
Part nine of the Empires of Gold & Jade lecture series by Dr. Jay Wolff.

Motion Picture Films, 1973-1974
Scope and Contents note
16mm film. Contains film footage of Richard Stratton, including interviews and his biographical documentary.

2251 Days, PBS KQED-TV, 1973
Scope and Contents note
Also see 2251 Days file in Military Career File and in Videorecordings/Videocassettes.

Arrival at Oak Knoll Hospital, 1973 March
Scope and Contents note
Mislabeled. Actually contains footage of a high school band.

Japanese interview with Lieutenant Commander Richard Stratton, undated
Sacramento TV interview, NBC-KCRA, 1974
Videorecordings, 1973-2009, undated

Scope and Contents note
Contains video footage of Richard Stratton's television appearances, events related to Vietnam POWs, and other family footage. Arranged by format and alphabetically by item title thereunder. Titles taken from item labels.

Box 31
1/2-inch videoreels, 1973

Contact, WBSN-TV, 1973 June 28
Scope and Contents note
Conversation with Commander Richard Stratton and Commander Patrick Carr, National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, moderated by John Corbett.

Box 33
DVDs, 2006-2009, undated
Scope and Contents note
Mainly consists of recordings that were not mass produced. Titles below have been taken directly from the disc labels.

Box 33
"3-5-73 POW Release," disc 2 of 4, 1 hour 26 minutes, undated
Box 26
"1973 Press Conference, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital," undated
Box 26
Box 26
"Attack Squadron 192 (VA 192) and Airforce Carrier Attack 14 (CVA 14) 1966-1967 Clip," 7 minutes, undated
Box 26
"Douglas B. Hegdahl, U.S. Army Special Forces SERE School," lecture, 2008 October 17
Box 26
"Hanoi Taxi Retirement," 5 discs, 2006 May 4
Scope and Contents note
Also see Correspondence series for letter received regarding Vietnam POWs 2006 Reunion where the "Hanoi Taxi" was retired.

Box 26
Box 26
"Navy Recruiting District New York 2nd Reunion: Stratton Keynote Speaker," 2008 March 8
Box 26
"POW Day: Quincy," 2009 October 31
Box 26
QIF [Quincy in Focus] segments, circa 2006
Scope and Contents note
Contains footage of Major Charles L. Bifolchi's burial at Arlington National Cemetery, the Quincy Vietnam Veterans Ceremony, and the Healing Wall's visit to Quincy.

Box 26
"Quincy Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony," 2007 March 29
Box 26
"Richard A. 'Dick' Stratton, U.S. Army Special Forces SERE School," lecture, 2008 May 2
Box 33
Square dedication of Peter J. Gerry, Quincy Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service, 2 discs, 2009
Box 26
"USS Ranger, Aircraft Carrier Attack 61, September 1956 - July 1993," undated
Box 33

Videocassettes, 1973-2003, undated

Box 31
U-matic, 1973-1988
2251 Days, 2 tapes, 60 minutes, 1973

Register of the Richard A. Stratton papers
"A Conversation with Commander Richard Stratton," KNTV - Community Affairs, 1975 May 1
"Ex-POW's Segment with Captain Stratton," ABC Good Morning America, 2 tapes, 1978 February 15
Nine in the Morning, WTOP-TV, 1976 June 16
"Razor Sharp" featuring the U.S. Navy's Flight Demo Team - The Blue Angels, with Roger Staubach, 1982
U.S. Naval Academy honor concept lecture by Captain Richard Stratton, 1980 September 29

VHS, 1973-2003, undated

Box 32
"Anchored," Navy News this Week, Navy Broadcasting Service, 1987 October 17
"Anchored," Navy News this Week, Navy Broadcasting Service, 1988 December 3
At Home with Honor, documentary, 30 minutes, 1988 July 22
"Captain Richard Stratton at Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter," 1986 January 27
"Captain Richard Stratton," television interview at Hanscom Air Force Base, 2 tapes, undated
"CBS Reports: Vietnam," undated
"Code of Conduct," undated
"Family Support Center," 9:18 minutes, undated
The Hanoi Hilton, recording and commercial copies, 1987
"Marist College - Presenter Richard A. Stratton, Professor Ron Gauch, Business Ethics," 1993 April 16
"Operation Homecoming: Joint ANA/MOAA Luncheon," 2003 February 12
"Operation Homecoming: POW Panel Discussion, NAS Whidbey Island Base Theatre," 2003 February 12
P.O.W. Americans in Enemy Hands: World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, 93 minutes, 1986
"Priority: POW," Department of Veterans Affairs, 36 minutes, undated
Stratton family short clip, 1973 March
"Stress of Separation: Odyssey of 7 Years," 41 minutes, undated
Surviving: The Hanoi Experience, Defence Intelligence Agency, 52 minutes, undated
"USS Iowa," Good Morning America, 1988 April 22
"Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale, Naval War College," 1986 May 27

Box 33
Memorabilia, 1972-2014

POW bracelets, undated
Scope and Contents note
Includes two bracelets for Richard A. Stratton, one for Captain John W. Kennedy, and one for Lieutenant Commander Michael Estocin. Estocin was an operations officer for Attack Squadron 192 and friend of Stratton. Also see the Voices in Vital America in the Alice M. Stratton File for additional material on POW bracelets.

POW pins, undated
Scope and Contents note
Three pins supporting awareness for prisoners of war, including one welcoming American POWs home.

POW stickers, undated
Welcome home handkerchief, 1972
World Famous Golden Dragons insignia, 2014
Oversize Material, 1967-1990

Box 29

Disabled American Veterans stamp album, 1973
Friends of POW-MIA League posters, undated
Life magazine, 1967 October - November

Scope and Contents note
Contains the article "U.S. Prisoners in North Vietnam" from the October 20, 1967 issue and the November 24, 1967 issue that contains a letter to the editor Alice Stratton wrote in response to that article.

Photographs, 1967 July
Scope and Contents note
Contains scenes of Richard Stratton as an American POW in Hanoi. Includes original description on the back of photographs regarding POW treatment.

Resolutions honoring POWs/MIAs, 1970, 1973
Scope and Contents note
Contains a resolution passed by the State of California's Assembly Rules Committee on April 29, 1970 and a resolution passed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on April 19, 1973.

Box 30

VIVA scrapbook, 1972
"Welcome Home!" scrapbook, 1973

Oversize tube, Box 19

National League of Families POW-MIA flag, 1990

Scope and Contents note
See Box 19 for information regarding the flag.

Printed Matter, 1946-2010
Scope and Contents note
Contains news clippings, articles, books, periodicals, and pamphlets relating to the condition of American POWs in Vietnam and their eventual release.

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News clippings, 1965-2010

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American Ex-Prisoners of War: A Modern Day Tragedy, 1980 June 17

Box/Folder 21 : 10

Box/Folder 21 : 11
Faith Behind Barbed Wire by Patrick O'Connor, 1954

Box/Folder 21 : 12
Father Kapaun: The Ordeal of Father Kapaun by Lt. Ray Dowe Jr. as told to Harold H. Martin, 1954 January 16

Box/Folder 21 : 13
A Few Notes on the Manipulation of Human Behavior, Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group, Pacific Fleet, undated

Box/Folder 21 : 14
Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, Student Handout, Survival, Resistance and Escape School, 1949 August 12

Box/Folder 22 : 1
Greater Love Hath No Man: Eight Years of Commentary on American Prisoners of War and Americans Missing in Action, 1973

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Hearing on Problems of Prisoners of War and Their Families Before the Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, 1970 March 6
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Flight handbook for the type of aircraft Richard Stratton was shot down in, in January 1967, 15km south of Than Hoa, North Vietnam.

| Box/Folder 23 : 10 | On Strategy: The Vietnam War in Context, 1981 April                             |
| Box/Folder 24 : 1                  | *Prisoner at War: The Survival of Commander Richard A. Stratton* by Scott Blakey, 1978 |
| Box/Folder 24 : 3                  | *USS Ranger, CVA-61: Western Pacific Cruise 1960*, undated |
| Box 25                              | *USS Ranger: Western Pacific 1961-1962*, undated |
| Box 25                              | *USS Ticonderoga, CVA-14*, undated |