Charles E. McGee papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Charles E. McGee papers

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Abstract: This collection contains memorandums, special orders, correspondence, administrative records, and other material pertaining to Charles E. McGee, retired Colonel from the United States Air Force who compiled nearly 30 years of service and a record of 409 aerial fighter combat missions. Includes personnel, financial, and flight records documenting McGee's military career. A photograph of McGee and his military dress jacket are also included.

Languages: The collection is in English.

Access

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Biography

Charles E. McGee was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 7, 1919. His father was a social worker, minister, and teacher, causing their family to move around often during his childhood. In 1942, McGee was in the process of obtaining his degree in engineering at the University of Illinois. However, soon after World War II began McGee enlisted in the United States Army and began his service on October 26, 1942. After graduating from flight school McGee was stationed in Italy where he proceeded to fly 136 missions during World War II. He returned to Tuskegee, Alabama in 1944 where he took post as a twin engine instructor. By the end the 1950, the Korean War had broken out and McGee was now flying planes out of the Philippines, where he was stationed as a Base Operations Officer. He flew 100 low level bombing and strafing missions during the Korean War. In 1953, he graduated from the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base. A few years later McGee was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, causing his wife and three children to relocate with him across the United States and abroad throughout the next several years. In 1967, when the Vietnam War broke out, McGee was once again deployed and flew 173 missions. In 1969, McGee was promoted to the rank of Colonel and on January 31, 1973 he retired from the United States Air Force compiling nearly 30 years of service and a record of 409 aerial fighter combat missions.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

This collection contains memorandums, special orders, correspondence, administrative records, and other material pertaining to Charles E. McGee's military service, and more generally to the Tuskegee Airmen. Includes personnel, financial,
and flight records documenting McGee's nearly thirty year career in the United States military. A photograph of McGee and his military dress jacket are also included.

Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged into three series. The series arrangement of this collection is as follows:


Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
McGee, Charles E.
United States. Army Air Forces. Fighter Squadron, 99th -- History
United States. Army Air Forces. Fighter Group, 332nd -- History
World War, 1939-1945

Genres and Forms of Materials
Correspondence
Documents
Financial records

Series 1. Military Documents 1942-1973
Series Scope and Content Summary
The series contains military documents including memorandums, special orders, correspondence, and other material pertaining to Charles E. McGee's military service.
Series Arrangement
This series is arranged sequentially according to box and folder number.

Box 1, Folder 1
Memorandums, special orders, correspondence, and enlistment records for Charles E. McGee 1942-1945

Box 1, Folder 2
Memorandums, special orders, correspondence 1942-1948

Box 1, Folders 3-4
Memorandums, special orders, correspondence 1948-1953
Physical Description: 2 folders

Box 1, Folder 5
Memorandums, special orders, correspondence, and personnel orders for Charles E. McGee 1953-1958

Box 2, Folder 1
Memorandums, special orders, correspondence, and personnel orders for Charles E. McGee 1958-1963

Box 2, Folder 2
Personnel and flight orders for Charles E. McGee 1963-1965

Box 2, Folder 3
Special orders and correspondence as well as personnel and flight orders for Charles E. McGee 1966-1968

Box 2, Folder 4
Special orders and correspondence as well as personnel and temporary orders for Charles E. McGee 1964-1971

Box 2, Folder 5
Correspondence of Charles E. McGee 1972 & 1983

Series Scope and Content Summary
The series contains administrative records including both military and personal financial records as well as McGee's flight records over the course of his military service.
Series Arrangement
This series is arranged sequentially according to box and folder number.

Box 3, Folder 1
Flight records 1943-1970

Box 3, Folder 2
Flight records 1953-1969

| Box 3, Folder 3 | Financial records 1968-1973 |
| Box 3, Folder 4 | Financial records 1973-1994 |

Series 3. Photographs and Artifacts circa 1942-1973

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains a photograph of Charles E. McGee and his military dress jacket.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged sequentially according to box and folder number.

Box 2, Folder 6

Photograph of Charles E. McGee in uniform (headshot) circa 1942-1973

Series
This collection includes a professional photograph of Charles McGee.

Series
This series is arranged by type of photo in the folder.

Box 4

Military dress jacket of Charles E. McGee (white) circa 1942-1973