

EDINBURG CIVIL AIR PATROL RECORDS
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SUMMARY

Size	0.72 cubic feet
Geographic Locations	Edinburg, Texas
Inclusive Dates	1950-1960
Bulk Dates	1952-1960
Languages	English
Summary	This collection includes photographs, documents, maps, and pamphlets concerning the duties of the personnel office of the Edinburg Civil Air Patrol during the 1950s.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Founded in 1941 days prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was established in the wake of the rising threat of the Axis powers in Europe and Asia. As the civilian auxiliary of the United Army Air Corp, the volunteers of the CAP conducted search and rescue operations, provided disaster relief, established flight training and cadet programs, and other humanitarian services during World War II. As well as providing these services, the CAP also assisted in the war effort by locating enemy U-boats off the coast of South Texas, running courier operations, and coastal patrols. By the end of the war a total of 64 members lost their lives in the line of duty. The postwar era proved to be a rather difficult time for the CAP. The Army Air Force (AAF) assumed control of responsibilities held by the CAP. In 1946, financial support from the AAF was withdrawn due to budget cuts. In 1948 after the creation of the United States Air Force, the CAP became its official civilian auxiliary. To this day, the CAP still assists in search and rescue operations, conducts air shows, and provides educational aerospace programs aimed at young children.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection includes photographs, documents, maps, and pamphlets concerning the duties of the personnel office of the Edinburg Civil Air Patrol during the 1950s. These intuitional records were created organically and collected over the span of ten years by Personnel Officer Lieutenant Chester A. Liljestrang.

LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

- I. Photos**
- II. Personnel 1**
- III. Personnel 2**
- IV. Records, Orders**
- V. Pamphlet**
- VI. Rolodex**
- VII. Bulletins**
- VIII. Maps**
- IX. Applications**
- X. Forms**

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. Photos

This series includes photos taken for identification cards as well as group photos of many prominent senior members and cadets of the Edinburg Civil Air Patrol from the years 1952-1955.

II. Personnel I

Personnel documents from 1951-1955 are contained in this series. These documents range from application forms for senior membership to special orders from superior officers.

III. Personnel II

A continuation from the previous series, different documents and records from members are found here as well. These include pilot information cards and their accompanying fingerprints. There are also letters written from C.A. Liljestrand to Washington D.C., transmittal forms, applications for senior membership, receipts from membership renewal, and announcements from superior officers. A letter signed by Lyndon B. Johnson was photocopied for patron use. The original was removed to the VIP files and may not be accessed without special permission from the archivist.

IV. Records, Orders

Located here are several special orders written by Captain Katheryn Richards as well as fingerprint forms and senior membership renewal applications.

V. Pamphlet

Only one undated pamphlet is located in this series. The pamphlet contains information sent to the Air Force and their auxiliary branches regarding the rules and regulations of air travel for the "Strato" Clipper Civilian Airplane.

VI. Rolodex

The information located here documents the birth date, birthplace, address, height, and weight of a few senior members of the CAP and some I.D. photographs.

VII. Bulletins

Contained in this series are weekly bulletins and announcements made by superior officers Guy D. Barrett, Aley C. Miller, and Rudolf Renfer to their subordinates. A copy of the Air Reservist is included as well as United States Air Force pamphlets.

VIII. Maps

This series contains a few maps of Austin, Corpus Christi, and San Antonio which were used to conduct missions. Also included is a Weems aircraft plotter.

IX. Applications

This series contains mostly applications for the renewal of senior membership as well as transmittal forms and receipts for said applications and photo I.D. cards. Also included in this series are weekly bulletins and special orders appointing and relieving members of their post.

X. Forms

Several blank forms make up this series. Along with these blank forms and applications are special orders requesting some information on personnel.

INDEX TERMS

Civil Air Patrol (U.S)

United States. Air Force. Civil Air Patrol

United States. Civil Air Patrol

United States. Office of Civilian Defense. Civil Air Patrol

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
E:27	RGDOC 65	1	Photos 1950-1955
		2	Personnel I 1951-1955
		3	Personnel II 1952-1953
		4	Records, Orders 1956-1959
		5	Pamphlet undated
		6	Rolodex (Folder 1 of 2) 1953-1958
		7	Rolodex (Folder 2 of 2) 1953-1958
		8	Bulletins 1952, 1954
	RGDOC 42	1	Maps 1952
		2	Applications (Folder 1 of 2) 1953-1960
		3	Applications (Folder 2 of 2) 1953-1960
		4	Forms 1959, 1960