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KIRBY, BURTON
1964-1983

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Woodstown, New Jersey, Burton Kirby grew up in the small farming town of Mullica Hill. He attended North Carolina State University in Raleigh and after college he joined the U.S. Air Force and served in the military for 30 years, retiring from active duty in 1970. Colonel Kirby served in three wars – WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. He was very involved in setting up the DEW line in the Arctic and the Cheyenne Mountain Complex in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Colonel Kirby passed away on May 29, 2014 at the age of ninety-five.

Source: Obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/colorado-springs-co/burton-kirby-5993886>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of materials that Colonel Kirby collected during his military career, primarily that of his time as an airman in the Vietnam War. These materials are primarily printed materials produced at the time of the war, some of which were produced for a general audience and others specifically for the military by the United States or other government entity. This collection also includes photographs, maps, and newspapers. The collection consists of only one series, arranged into folders by region as they were received from Colonel Kirby.

Names: Kirby, Burton

Keywords and Terms: Vietnam War; Bien Hoa Airbase; Sondrestrom Air Base

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

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| Folder 1 | Vietnam (1 of 2). Bien Hoa Airbase. Maps and Pamphlets |
| Folder 2 | Vietnam (2 of 2). "Stars and Stripes" 1967-1969, Life Magazine 1967 |
| Folder 3 | Taiwan. Photographs and Brochures |
| Folder 4 | Cambodia. Newsweek: July 13, 1970 |
| Folder 5 | Thailand. Maps, Booklets, and USAF Correspondence |

- Folder 6 Canada. Photographs, maps, brochures, and historical information
- Folder 7 Iceland. Photographs, postcards, brochures, and maps
- Folder 8 Greenland. Thule Air Base, 4683rd Air Defense Wing, Sondrestrom Air Base. Postcard, brochure, and historical information
- Folder 9 Australia, Macao, and Wake Island. Brochures