

**FSC-22 FLIGHT NURSE SECTION OF THE AEROSPACE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
RECORDS**

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**Dates:** 1943-2000

**Creator:** Flight Nurse Section of the Aerospace Medical Association

**Summary/Abstract:**

The records of the Flight Nurses Section of the Aerospace Medical Association began in 1963 when the Section was created. However, the occupation of flight nursing dates back to the Second World War. While the vast majority of the Flight Nurse Section records deal with the agency itself, they include some additional material on World War II flight nurses and their reunions. The records also contain correspondence and annual meeting files, including some from the 1990s and 2000 after the Flight Nurse Section became the Aerospace Nurses Section.

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**Custodial History:**

The records of the Flight Nurse Section of the Aerospace Medical Association were accessioned into the Fordham Health Sciences Library Special and General Collections in March 1985. They were donated by Col. Melba Gillane, President of the Flight Nurse Section, and Lt. Col. Garnett Shorb, Chairman of the History and Archives Committee of the Flight Nurse Section.

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**Related Material:**

FSC-21, Aerospace Medical Association Archives

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**Arrangement:**

The papers in this collection are arranged into 9 series as follows:

Series I: Administration

Series II: Annual Meetings

Series III: Correspondence

Series IV: Committees

Series V: News Articles and Clippings

Series VI: Photographs

Series VII: Scrapbook

Series VIII: Blueprints

Series IX: Miscellaneous

**Historical Note**

The Flight Nurse Section began in mid-1963 when a group of active duty, retired and allied nurses met at Brooke AFB, Texas, and petitioned the Aerospace Medical Association to establish an affiliated group. The goals of this group were: 1) To contribute to the present space-minded age, 2) To further their knowledge in aeronautics and aerospace medicine, 3) To participate in promoting the science of nursing within aerospace, and 4) To provide a focal point for the flight nurses who were members of the Aerospace Medical Association.

The Flight Nurses originally intended to keep their organization simple, with a Chairman and a Secretary as the only elected officers. However, the Section grew rapidly in its first years, making additional officers necessary. After 1970, the President served for a one year term. The office of Vice-President gave continuity to the organization. The Vice-President was the President-Elect for the following year. In addition to a Secretary and a Treasurer, the Flight Nurses Section had an Executive Board comprised of the three most recent former Presidents, the current President and Vice-President and two members of the Flight Nurse Section.

In the spring of 1971, the Flight Nurse Section became a constituent of the Aerospace Medical Association. Through this action, the Section attained full privileges within the parent organization.

In the late 1980s or the 1990s, the Flight Nurse Section was renamed the Aerospace Nurses Section.

The Aerospace Nurses Section has since become the Aerospace Nursing Society. It is still a constituent of the Aerospace Medical Association.

Membership is open to registered nurses who have an interest in aerospace or environmental health nursing and who are members of the Aerospace Medical Association.

The following information may be helpful to the researcher:

**PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE FLIGHT NURSE SECTION:**

1964-1966	Lt. Col. Agnes Arrington, USAF, NC
1966-1968	Lt. Col. Florence T. Marchitelli, USAF, NC
1968-1970	Lt. Col. Sarah E. Beard, USAF, NC
1970-1971	Col. Claire H. Garrecht, USAF, NC
1971-1972	Lt. Col. JoAnne Seymour, USAF, NC
1972-1973	Col. Anne I. Hines, USAF, NC
1973-1974	Lt. Col. Ethel A. Nelson, USAF, NC
1974-1975	Maj. Jeanne L. Curtis, USAF, NC
1975-1976	Lt. Col. Barbara L. Farrell, USAF, NC
1976-1977	Lt. Col. Dennis J. Kirby, USAF, NC
1977-1978	Col. Helen D. Kopczynski, USAF, NC
1978-1979	Col. Constance R. Sturim, USAF, NC
1979-1980	Lt. Col. Phyllis A. Luttman, USAF, NC
1980-1981	Col. Margaret M. Korach, USAF, NC
1981-1982	Lt. Col. Jane A. Bigelow, USAF, NC
1982-1983	
1983-1984	Lt. Col. Maureen S. Lofberg, USAF, NC

**Scope and Content**

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The records within the collection are divided into nine different record groups or series. Due to the nature of the organization itself, with leadership changing annually and no standardized method of record keeping, there was no consistent method of organization. Originally, all the records for the Section were kept by the President in a single notebook. As the organization grew additional files, for example, correspondence or committees, were added. Yet the President continued to keep an annual notebook. Therefore many of the records may be duplicated in one or more series. The collection is divided into series based upon different functions of the Flight Nurse Section. At the same time, as much of the original order as possible has been maintained.

There is a large gap in the collection coverage. There is no readily available record of when the section changed its name from "Flight Nurse Section" to "Aerospace Nursing Section", nor of when the section became the "Aerospace Nursing Society". A limited number of files from the era of the Aerospace Nursing Section were added from the Aerospace Medical Association Records processed in 2009. Although these additions were provided by the AsMA, the files clearly originated with the Aerospace Nurses Section Representative on the AsMA Council at the time (presumably, also the ANS President/Chair). Thus, these records were accessioned to the Flight Nurses Section Records rather than the AsMA Records.

Series I, Administration, contains administrative records such as the Constitution and By-laws of the Flight Nurses Section. It also contains the minutes of the Flight Nurse Section Executive Committee and Aerospace Medical Association Council documents that originated from the Aerospace Nursing Section's representative on the Council at that time. Series I covers the years 1963-2000, with the bulk of the records coming from the 1970s and 1980s.

The heart of the Flight Nurse Section record is contained in Series II, Annual Meetings, Series III, Correspondence, and Series IV, Committees. Series II consists of the Flight Nurse "Annual." The "Annuals" appear to be the Section's Annual Meeting, which is held each year in conjunction with the Aerospace Medical Association Convention. The main activity of the Flight Nurse Section is their Annual Meeting, and most of the information in the "Annuals" deals with preparations for this meeting. The Flight Nurse Section "Annuals" for 1972 and 1973 contain Newsletters, which apparently were only produced during those two years. Series II dates from 1966-1999. After 1980, correspondence was no longer filed with the "Annuals," with the exception of some annual meeting planning correspondence files that were processed in 2009 and roughly cover the span of 1977-1999.

Series III, Correspondence, begins in 1965 with a file on the WWII Flight Nurse Association. The rest of the correspondence is of a general nature and spans the period 1974 to 2000.

Series IV, Committees, covers the years 1967-2000. Both Flight Nurse/Aerospace Nurses Section and Aerospace Medical Association Committees are represented.

Series V is comprised of news articles and clippings about the Flight Nurse Section. A majority of these articles are taken from Aerospace Medicine. They cover the years 1963-1954. There is also a 1943 article about flight nursing during WWII.

Series VI consists of photographs. Most of the photographs were taken at the Annual Meetings. A few are official photos of members of the Flight Nurse Section. For quick reference, the photographs are indexed in a separate photo name file.

Series VII appears to be a scrapbook. It contains both photos and correspondence which has been filed in its original order. The material dates from 1963-1979.

Series VIII contains blueprints of a C-9 with plans for nursing stations and patient care. The blueprints date from 1965-1966.

Two miscellaneous items, the plaque from the first Flight Nurse Presidents' gavel and the pattern for the Flight Nurse Section Flag can be found in Series 9, Miscellaneous.

**Subject Terms**

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

- Flight Nurse Section, Aerospace Medical Association
- Aerospace Nurses Section, Aerospace Medical Association
- Aerospace Nursing Society

**Subjects (General)**

- Flight Nursing
- Aviation Nursing
- Aerospace Nursing

**Material Types**

- Correspondence
- Clippings
- Meeting Minutes
- Photographs
- Blueprints

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Series I</b>		<b>Administration</b>	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Establishment of Flight Nurse Section	1963
	2	Constitution and By-Laws	1963-1980
	3	Executive Board Rosters	1974-1981
	4	Executive Board Meeting Minutes	1971-1983
	5	Treasurer	1976-1980
	6	Executive Council Meeting	1973
	7	AsMA Policy Compendium (Aerospace Nurses Section Representative)	2000
	8	AsMA Policy Compendium (Aerospace Nurses Section Representative)	1999
	9	AsMA Council Meeting (Aerospace Nurses Section Representative)	Dec. 3, 1997
	10	AsMA Council Meetings (Aerospace Nurses Section Representative)	1998
	11	AsMA Council Meeting – Constitution & Bylaws	1999
	12	AsMA Council Meeting – Aerospace Nurses Section Representative	May 16, 1999
	13	AsMA Council Meeting	Nov. 17, 1999

	14	AsMA Council Meeting	May 14, 2000
<b>Series II</b>		<b>Annual Meetings</b>	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	15	Annual Meeting – Las Vegas	1966
	16	Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C.	1967
	17	Annual Meeting – Miami	1968
	18	Annual Meeting – San Francisco	1969
2	1	Annual Meeting - St. Louis	1970
	2	Annual Meeting – Houston	1971
	3	Annual Meetings	1971-1972
	4	Annual Meeting – Bal Harbour	1972
	5	Annual Meeting – Las Vegas	1973
	6	Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C.	1974
	7	Annual Meeting – San Francisco	1975
	8	Annual Meeting – Bal Harbour	1976
	9	Annual Meeting – Las Vegas	1977
3	1	Annual Meeting – New Orleans	1978
	2	Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C.	1979
	3	Annual Meeting – Anaheim	1980
	4	Annual Meeting – San Antonio	1981
	5	Annual Meeting - Houston	1983
	6	Annual Meetings	1977-1985
	7	Annual Meetings	1986-1992
	8	Annual Meetings (Part 1)	1996-1997
	9	Annual Meetings (Part 2) – Planning Correspondence	1997-1999
	10	Annual Meetings (Part 3)	May 1998
<b>Series III</b>		<b>Correspondence</b>	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	11	Correspondence re: WWII Flight Nurses Association	1965-1966
	12	General Correspondence	1974
	13	General Correspondence	1975
	14	General Correspondence	1976
	15	General Correspondence	1979
4	1	General Correspondence	1980
	2	General Correspondence	1981
	3a	General Correspondence	1982

	3b	General Correspondence	undated
	4	AsMA Correspondence (E-mail). Fletcher, Maj. Diane L.	Oct. 5, 1999-Dec. 1, 1999
	5	AsMA Correspondence (E-mail). Fletcher, Maj. Diane L.	Dec. 6, 1999-Mar. 20, 2000
	6	AsMA Correspondence (E-mail). Fletcher, Maj. Diane L.	Feb. 22, 2000-Apr. 16, 2000
	7	AsMA Correspondence (E-mail). Fletcher, Maj. Diane L.	Apr. 17, 2000-May 10, 2000
<b>Series IV Committees</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	8	Flight Nurse Section Reports	1968-1969
	9	Committee Rosters	1975-1982
	10	Aviation Safety Committee	1979-1980
	11	Air Ambulance Committee	1976-1980
	12	Awards Committee-E.A. Hoefly Award	1975-1982
	13	Awards Committee-Flight Nurse of the Year/Mary T. Klinker Award	1967-1982
	14	Constitution and Bylaws Committee	1975-1980
	15	Convention Arrangements Committee	1978-1981
	16	Editorial/Publicity Committee	1976-1981
	17	(AsMA) Education/Training Committee	1976-1981
	18	Ad Hoc Committee on Flight Nurse Chair	1980-1981
	19	Ad Hoc Committee on Flight Nurse Programs	1978
	20	Historical Committee (includes AsMA Historical Committee)	1975-1980
	21	Long Range Planning Committee	1975-1981
5	1	Membership Committee and Membership Rosters	1975-1981
	2	Nominating Committee	1976-1980
	3	Scientific Program Committee	1975-1981
	4	Awards Committee	1997-2000
	5	Education and Training Committee	1997-2000
	6	Constitution & Bylaws Committee (Aerospace Nursing Section)	1997-1998
	7	Convention Arrangements Committee	1999-2000
	8	Aerospace Nurses Section Membership Rosters	Dec. 1997, May 1998
	9	Flight Nurse of the Year Award	1972
	10	Flight Nurse of the Year Award	1973
	11	Flight Nurse of the Year Award	1974
	12	Flight Nurse of the Year Award	1975

<b>Series V</b>		<b>News Articles and Clippings</b>	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	13	WWII Flight Nursing	1943
	14	News Articles and Clippings	1963
	15	News Articles and Clippings	1964
	16	News Articles and Clippings	1965
	17	News Articles and Clippings	1966
	18	News Articles and Clippings	1967
	19	News Articles and Clippings	1968
	20	News Articles and Clippings	1969
	21	News Articles and Clippings	1970
	22	News Articles and Clippings	1971
	23	News Articles and Clippings	1973
	24	News Articles and Clippings	1974
	25	News Articles and Clippings	1975
	26	News Articles and Clippings	1976
	27	News Articles and Clippings	1977
	28	News Articles and Clippings	1978
	29	News Articles and Clippings	1979
	30	News Articles and Clippings	1980
	31	News Articles and Clippings	1981
	32	News Articles and Clippings	1982
	33	News Articles and Clippings	1983
	34	News Articles and Clippings	1984
<b>Series VI</b>		<b>Photographs</b>	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	1	First Flight Nurse Luncheon	1963
	2	Flight Nurse Honorary Award	1966
	3	Annual Meeting	1967
	4	Annual Meeting	1968
	5	Annual Meeting	1969
	6	Annual Meeting	1970
	7	Annual Meeting	1972
	8	Flight Nurse Section Leaders	1973-1974
	9	Annual Meeting (1 of 2)	1979
	10	Annual Meeting (2 of 2)	1979
	11	Flight Nurse Section Leaders	1966-1979
	12	Unidentified Photographs	

	13	Unidentified Photographs	
	14	[AsMA Honors Night]?	
<b>Series VII Scrapbook</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	15	Scrapbook (part 1 of 3)	
	16	Scrapbook (part 2 of 3)	
	17	Scrapbook (part 3 of 3)	
<b>Series VIII Blueprints</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	18	Blueprints (C-9?)	1965
	19	Blueprints (C-9?)	1966
	20	Blueprints (C-9?)	1966
	21	Blueprints (C-9?)	1966
	22	Blueprints (C-9?)	1966
	23	Blueprints (C-9?)	1966
<b>Series IX Miscellaneous</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	24	Plate from the President's Gavel	1963-1971
	25	Pattern for Flight Nurse Banner	
	26	Negatives	
	27	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Seal. Artist's rendering and various-sized reproductions	