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HISTORY

Robert Meyer was born December 20, 1940. He served in the U. S. Air Force and Air National Guard from 1963 - 1972.

As a SAC base, Lincoln was selected to host Atlas ICBMs. Operational sites at both Lincoln and Schilling AFB, Kansas, were originally slated to receive horizontal launchers. Site selection for three complexes of three missiles each (3 x 3) was completed in the fall of 1958. In early 1959, a decision to deploy missiles to nine separate sites required additional site surveys. As these surveys proceeded, Bechtel and Convair contractors achieved design advances on vertical launchers.

On November 27, 1959, Headquarters, United States Air Force determined that Lincoln and Schilling would receive the silo-lift configuration. During the subsequent bidding process, the number of silos to be built was increased to 12. These launchers were sited at Elmwood, Avoca, Eagle, Nebraska City, Palmyra, Tecumseh, Courtland, Beatrice, Wilber, York, Seward, and David City. On April 12, 1960, Western Contracting Corporation earned the contract with a bid of \$17.4 million for nine sites. A month later the contract price increased another \$6.6 million to cover construction costs of three additional sites. Construction began on April 29, 1960.

In June 1962, the Strategic Air Command accepted the first silos at Lincoln for operational deployment of the Atlas F missile. On May 16, 1964, Secretary of Defense McNamara directed the accelerated phaseout of Atlas and Titan I ICBMs. Later that year, the 551st Strategic Missile Squadron received the last Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) for such a unit. The Lincoln Atlas F missiles were deactivated on April 12, 1965, completing the phaseout of this weapon system.

Meyer then transferred to the Minuteman IB sites based out of Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota. On August 21, 1961, construction began on the Minuteman IB facilities-The contract to build the 150 silos and associated launch control facilities was executed by Peter Kiewit Sons' Company of Omaha, Nebraska, using designs developed by Parsons-Stavens, Architect Engineer, in Los Angeles.

Activation of the 44th Strategic Missile Wing on January 1, 1962, marked the initiation of SAC's first Minuteman "IB" wing. Seven months later, the activation of the 66th Strategic Missile Squadron marked the beginning of SAC's first Minuteman IB squadron.

As men trained for their new duties, progress continued on the silos being constructed on the South Dakota prairie. The work force peaked in September 1962 as the Peter Kiewit work force reached 2,915 workers. While these men worked out on the prairie, construction proceeded at Ellsworth AFB on converting a hanger for a missile support facility. In April 1963, the first missile was emplaced into a prepared silo. Two months later, SAC accepted the first flight of 10 Minuteman IB ICBMs and in July, some of these missiles were placed on alert status.

SCOPE AND CONTENT**ROBERT MEYER PERSONAL PAPERS
1963 - 1972**

<i>CATALOG NUMBER</i>	MIMI 2503
<i>VOLUME</i>	0.5 LF
<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	Maps, technical orders, correspondence, and other papers, relating to the professional life of donor.
<i>ORGANIZATION</i>	Arranged by folder keeping to the original order provided by donor. Folders names were kept during processing.
<i>PROVENANCE</i>	Collection was created and maintained by the donor as part of his military career. These items were then donated 2006 to Minuteman Missile NHS.
<i>RESTRICTIONS</i>	NO
<i>ASSOCIATED MATERIALS</i>	

HIERARCHY

- I. SERIES I: TRAINING FILES (10 March 1964 - 18 February 1965)
- II. SERIES II: AWARDS AND COMMENDATION (23 September 1963 - 18 January 1969)
- III. SERIES III: MEDICAL RECORDS (November 1964 - 9 January 1969)
- IV. SERIES IV: ASSIGNMENT ORDERS (21 June 1963 - 31 January 1972)
- V. SERIES V: PROMOTION ORDERS (6 September 1963 - 12 October 1968)
- VI. SERIES VI: INSURANCE AND FINANCE (21 June 1963 - 5 July 1967)
- VII. SERIES VII: LEAVE RECORDS (30 June 1964 - 21 March 1967)
- VIII. SERIES VIII: MISCELLANEOUS (21 June 1963 - 3 November 1970)
- IX. SERIES IX: STANDBOARD AND TRAINING RECORDS (22 January 1965 - 13 January 1967)
- X. SERIES X: MEYER, R. A. DMCCC (18 July 1964 - 5 March 1965)
- XI. SERIES XI: OFFICIAL RECORDS (8 February 1963 - 30 August 1965)
- XII. SERIES XII: CREWMEMBER NOTEBOOK (1962 - 1965)
- XIII. SERIES XIII: HGM-16F TECHNICAL ORDER (1964)

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. SERIES I: TRAINING FILES (10 March 1964 - 18 February 1965)

Unarranged.

Records of skill level and tasks trained in.

II. SERIES II: AWARDS AND COMMENDATION (23 September 1963 - 18 January 1969)

Unarranged.

Certificates and lists of training and insignia.

III. SERIES III: MEDICAL RECORDS (November 1964 - 9 January 1969)

Unarranged.

Flying duty and immunization forms and physiological training course test.

IV. SERIES IV: ASSIGNMENT ORDERS (21 June 1963 - 31 January 1972)

Unarranged.

Letters, temporary duty orders, permanent change of station, and orders.

V. SERIES V: PROMOTION ORDERS (6 September 1963 - 12 October 1968)

Unarranged.

Orders.

VI. SERIES VI: INSURANCE AND FINANCE (21 June 1963 - 5 July 1967)

Unarranged.

Payroll, permanent change of station, cash collection voucher, travel voucher, temporary duty orders, life insurance, and retirement forms.

VII. SERIES VII: LEAVE RECORDS (30 June 1964 - 21 March 1967)

Unarranged.

Leave slips and leave balance charts.

VIII. *SERIES VIII: MISCELLANEOUS (21 June 1963 - 3 November 1970)*

Unarranged.

Training request, retirement, personnel action request, processing checklist, entry and destruction certificate, and letters.

IX. *SERIES IX: STANDBOARD AND TRAINING RECORDS (22 January 1965 - 13 January 1967)*

Unarranged.

Crew evaluation and certificates.

X. *SERIES X: MEYER, R. A. DMCCC (18 July 1964 - 5 March 1965)*

Unarranged.

Evaluation forms.

XI. *SERIES XI: OFFICIAL RECORDS (8 February 1963 - 30 August 1965)*

Unarranged.

Base clearance form, correspondence, record of training, agency check request, transcript, human reliability certificate, and assignment preference statement.

XII. *SERIES XII: CREWMEMBER NOTEBOOK (1962 - 1965)*

Unarranged.

Checklists and notes.

XIII. *SERIES XIII: HGM-16F TECHNICAL ORDER (1964)*

Arranged in book order.

Instructions and drawings on how to use the Atlas F missile system.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

Folder 1 - Training Files

Folder 2 - Awards/Commendations

Folder 3 - Medical Records

Folder 4 - Assignment Orders

Folder 5 - Assignment Orders

Folder 6 - Promotion Orders

Folder 7 - Insurance and Finance

Folder 8 - Leave Records

Folder 9 - Miscellaneous

Folder 10 - Standboard and Training Records

Folder 11 - Meyer, R. A. DMCCC

Folder 12 - Official Records

Folder 13 - Crewmember Notebook Contents

Folder 14 - 21M HGM16F-1 DMCCC Technical Order

Folder 15 - 21M HGM16F-1 DMCCC Technical Order