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## Richard Rash Color Slide Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Richard Rash Color Slide Collection
<b>Date:</b>	[ca. 1949-1960s]
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.1989.0131
<b>Creator:</b>	Rash, Richard
<b>Extent:</b>	0.1 Cubic feet ((10 slide boxes))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

John Fry, gift, 1989, 1989-0131, NASM

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

Richard Rash was a Marine Corps aviator who flew in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. During World War II, Rash flew Grumman F4F Wildcats and Corsairs, as he accompanied dive bombers and torpedo bombers on their missions. After World War II, Rash opted for duty in China, and reported to VMF-211. His tour of China ended with the Communist takeover in 1949. He then went on several tours of duty in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean, including service in Greece, Turkey, Spain, and Italy. Subsequently, Rash was called to duty in the Korean war, and later the Vietnam war, before retiring in 1973. During the Korean and Vietnam eras, he flew the following aircraft: North American Sabre F-86, Grumman F9F-5, McDonnell F2H-2, North American FJ-2; Grumman F8F-8, Douglas AD, and Beechcraft SNB.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 187 color slides documenting Rash's military career and his tours in China, Korea, and Viet Nam. The collection is divided into the following series: China, 1947-1948; USA 1948-1949; Korea, 1952-1954; Vietnam, 1966; and Vietnam 1968-69. Marine Corps aircraft are represented.

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## General

Other material: One copy of the "Pacific Beach Historical Society Newsletter," which includes a biography of Rash.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Air pilots
- Beech SNB Family
- Douglas AD (A-1, BT2D) Skyraider Family
- Fighter pilots
- Grumman F4F Wildcat Family
- Grumman F9F-5 Panther
- Grumman F9F-8 (F-9J) Cougar
- Korean War, 1950-1953 -- Aerial operations
- McDonnell F2H-2 Banshee
- North American F-86 Sabre Family
- North American FJ-2 Fury (NA-181)
- Vietnam War, 1961-1975
- Vought F4U Corsair Family
- World War, 1939-1945
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

- Color slides
- Newsletters

Names:

- Rash, Richard