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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	United States Navy Reserve VP-661 Homecoming Scrapbook
Date:	1961-1962
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0584
Extent:	0.1 Cubic feet ((1 scrapbook))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

No donor information, Gift, unknown, XXXX-0584, unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

Due to the escalation of international tension brought on by the erection of the Berlin Wall in 1961, several naval reserve squadrons were involuntarily recalled (Public Law 87-117) to meet the threat of further Soviet aggression. Patrol Squadron (VP) 661 of the United States Navy Reserve (USNR) was one of these squadrons called to serve on active duty in support of the Berlin Crisis. The squadron was placed under the operational control of Commander Fleet Air Wing FIVE, of the United States Atlantic Fleet. During nine months of duty, the squadron's distinctive orange markings on their Lockheed P2V-5F Neptunes could be seen as far north as Nova Scotia and as far south as the Panama Canal Zone. On June 29, 1962 the squadron returned to the Naval Air Reserve Training Unit (NARTU) Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. This was the VP 61's second call to active duty; the earlier time had been during the Korean Conflict in 1952.

Scope and Contents

This scrapbook pertains to the homecoming of Patrol Squadron 661 in 1962. The scrapbook includes the following: narrative, tentative plan of execution, and schedule of events for the homecoming ceremonies; letter of appreciation to families; notification to personnel of ceremonies; press release/fact sheet/unit history; newspaper clippings; notification of radio and television coverage; ten black and white photographs; land etter of appreciation to employers.

General

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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
- Lockheed P2V-5F (P-2E) Neptune
- Naval aviation

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- United States. Navy -- Reserve fleets -- Flying Corps
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