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Wallace M. Beakley Collection

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Creator: Subic Bay Naval Station

Extent: 8 boxes

2.7 cubic feet:

Date Range: 1940-1964

Classification: Collection had a Kyl-Lott review in April 2008. A few records are exempt from declassification and some records have been referred to other agencies for further review.

Access: Open

Biographical Note

A native of Vineland, New Jersey, Admiral Beakley is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, the Naval Postgraduate School, California Institute of Technology, Army Industrial College, National War College and Naval War College, and hold the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science (Aeronautical Engineering). He was designated a Naval Aviator on 24 November 1926.

Early in his career he served in the battleship *Utah*, the destroyer *Mahan*, and with fighting, torpedo and scouting squadrons attached to the aircraft carrier *Langley*, the seaplane tender *Wright*, and the cruisers *Trenton* and *Marblehead*. He was assigned to the carrier *Lexington* in 1935-1937, and for a year thereafter served as pilot, engineer officer and Executive Officer of Patrol Squadron 14-F, attached to the minesweeper *Owl*. He completed a tour of duty in the Bureau of aeronautics, Navy Department, before his assignment in July 1941 to command Fighting Squadron 5, based on USS *Yorktown*.

Fighting Squadron 5 was transferred to the USS *Wasp* in January 1942, just after the United States entered World War II, and he subsequently served as Air Group Command, Air Officer, and Executive Officer of that carrier. He was awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism in action connected with the reduction and capture of Tulagi-Gavutu-Tanambogo in the Solomon Islands area on 15 September 1942. The Legion of Merit was awarded him for exceptionally meritorious service as Assistant Operations Officer on the Staff of Commander air Force, Pacific Fleet from November 1942 to November 1943.

During the latter period of the war he served as Air Officer on the Staff of the Commander in

Chief, U.S. Fleet, Washington, D.C., and in August 1945 assumed command of the carrier escort *Block Island*, which, as a member of a Naval Task Unit, steamed into Formosa to liberate 1,200 Allied military personnel from prison camps. He was detached in June 1946, and after brief duty as Plans Assistant in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, and instruction at the National War college, he became a member of the Joint staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff, in July 1947. He commanded the carrier *Midway* for a year, then in July 1950, returned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, to serve a year as Assistant Director for aviation, General Planning Group.

After a tour of duty as Chief of staff and Aide to the President of the Naval War College, he reported in July 1953 as Commander Middle East Force, and in January 1954 was transferred to command of the Hunter-Killer Force (later redesignated Anti-submarine Force), Atlantic Fleet. In July 1955 he again returned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, this time as Assistant Director, Strategic Plans Division, and on 7 May 1956, was appointed Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Plans and Policy), with his former assignment as additional duty. While so assigned he was promoted to the temporary rank of Vice Admiral, which he held for almost seven years.

On 28 January 1957 he became Commander SEVENTH Fleet and in November 1958 assumed duty a Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and readiness). On 21 September 1961 he reported as Deputy Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet and Chief of Staff and Aide to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and the Commander in Chief, Western Atlantic. "For exceptionally meritorious service . . . during the period September 1961 to August 1963 . . ." he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

On 9 September 1953, he reported, in the rank of Rear Admiral as Commandant of the First Naval District, with additional duty as Commander of the Naval Base, Boston, Massachusetts. He served as such until relieved of active duty pending his retirement, effective 1 January 1964, at which time he was advanced to the rank of Vice Admiral (the highest rank he held on active duty).

Scope and Content Notes

Personal papers collection of Vice Admiral Wallace M. Beakley.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

CORRESPONDENCE FILES:

Beakley Family Correspondence - 3 folders:

 Family Personal Correspondence - 1940-1949 and 1950-1958

 Family Business Correspondence - Sep-Dec 1963

Vice Admiral W. M. Beakley's Personal Files

 1954-1958 - Chronological - 10 folders

 Classified: 1954-1956

Box 2

CORRESPONDENCE FILES (Cont.):

Vice Admiral W. M. Beakley's Personal Files
1954-1958 - Chronological - 10 folders
Classified (Cont.): Jan 1957-Mar 1958

Box 3

CORRESPONDENCE FILES (Cont.):

Vice Admiral W. M. Beakley's Personal Files
1954-1958 - Chronological - 10 folders
Classified (Cont.): Apr 1958-Sep 1958
Civilian Correspondence Files – A to Z - 1958-1963
21 folders - Personal/Private/Official Corres.: A thru Q

Box 4

CORRESPONDENCE FILES (Cont.):

Civilian Correspondence Files - A to Z - 1958-1963 21 folders - Personal/Private/Official Corres.
(Cont.):
R thru Z
Military Correspondence Files - A to Z - 1958-1963 22 folders - Classified:
A thru L

Box 5

CORRESPONDENCE FILES (Cont.):

Military Correspondence Files - A to Z - 1958-1963 22 folders - Classified (Cont.):
M thru Z

SPEECH FILES - UNCLASSIFIED 1958-1963:

Book 1.

- a. Speech to be Given by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Before The Fall Meeting of the Navy League of the United States, Miami Beach, Florida, 14 November 1958
- b. Speech to be Given by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Before The American Ordnance Association, Baltimore, MD., 8 December 1959
- c. Speech to be Given by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Before the Rotary Club of Vineland, NJ., at a Luncheon on Tuesday, 20 January 1959
- d. Speech to be Given by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, to Midshipmen of the Class of 1959 at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD., on Monday, 26 January 1959
- e. Missing
- f. Missing
- g. Notes for Vadm W.M. Beakley's Luncheon Talk at Patuxent Naval Air Station on 23 April 1959
- h. Missing
- i. Speech Given to Students of the Command and Staff College Air University, Maxwell Field, Ala. on 1 May 1959
- j. Remarks by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Before the Defense Orientation Conference Association, NAS Quonset Point, RI., 19 May 1959

k. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Before the National Security Commission of the American Legion, Sunday, 23 August 1959

Box 6

SPEECH FILES - UNCLASSIFIED 1958-1963 (Cont.):

Book 2.

1. Missing

m. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness) Before the Society of Commodore John Barry, USN, Philadelphia, PA., Sunday, 13 September 1959

n. Speech Given by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, at Birmingham, Ala. to the World Peace Luncheon, National Veteran's Day, Tutwiler Hotel, 11 November 1959 (Given at request of Adm. Burke who found it impossible to attend.)

o. Missing

p. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, to The Bristol County Navy League of the United States at Providence, RI. on 20 April 1960

q. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness) to the ROTC Units, Purdue University on 4 June 1960

r. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, to The Camden County Chamber of Commerce, Camden, NJ., on 9 May 1960 "Our Busy Navy"

s. Informal Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness) Before the Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, 8 August 1960

t. Introductory Remarks by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, to Rear Admiral Selectees at Briefing on 22 August 1960

u. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, to Armed Forces Staff 'College, 19 September 1960

v. Luncheon Speech by Vadm W.M. Beakley, IJSN, at Joint Navy League Meeting, Montreal, Canada on 21 October 1960

w. Missing

x. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness) Office of the Chief of Naval Operations Before the Jackson, Mississippi Rotary Club, Jackson, Mississippi, 20 March 1961

Book 3.

y. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness) to Boston Chapter, Naval Academy Alumni Association, 11 April 1961

z. Speech at Ceremony for Transfer of USS BOWERS (APD-40) to the Republic of the Philippines, 21 April 1961

aa. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness) to Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA., 24 April 1961

bb. Speech by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, at Ceremony for Transfer of USS BURRFISH (SS-312) to Royal Canadian Navy, 11 May 1961

cc. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, to Graduating Class, Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI., 12 May 1961

dd. Missing

ee. Address of Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Deputy Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet 'Before Interfleet Amphibious Type Commanders Conference, 4 October 1961

ff. Address by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, to Officers Graduating Class U.S. Naval Submarine School, New London, Conn., 15 March 1962

gg. Lecture at the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, 4 April 1962

Book 4.

hh. Remarks by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Deputy Commander in Chief Atlantic Fleet, at the 1962 Navy Supply Conference, Williamsburg, VA., 14 May 1962

ii. Presentation to Naval War College, 11 December 1962 jj. Missing

kk. Remarks by Vadm W.M. Beakley, USN, Deputy Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet to the Intern's Graduating Class, U.S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA., 28 June 1963

Statement of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness), Vadm W.M. Beakley, Before the Department of Defense Subcommittee, Senate Committee on Appropriations, in Connection with Appropriation Estimates for Shipbuilding and Conversion, Department of the Navy for Fiscal Year 1961, 4 March 1960

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECT FILES:

Addresses (Lists of Personal Addresses)

Aviators Flight Log Books:

September 1946-January 1954

February 1954-December 1959

Box 7

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECT FILES (Cont.):

Biographical Summaries/Personal Data: 3 folders

21 February 1957

12 June 1963

9 September 1963

Daily Schedule - Admiral Beakley's: November 1958-October 1963

Fitness Reports from 7th Fleet: 1956-1958

House and Housing - Vadm Beakley: September 1958-July 1963

Nurse for Mrs Beakley - Mrs Fryns - 1955

(Working Agreement and Correspondence)

Official/Personal Files: (Official Orders, Correspondence, and Reports) 10 folders

1945-1958

1949-1951

1953

1955-1957

Box 8.

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECT FILES (Cont.):

Official/Personal Files (Cont.): (Official Orders, Correspondence, and Reports) 10 folders -

1958-1963 - 2 folders

1959-1963

1963 - 2 folders

1963-1964

Thank You Notes by 03 - November 1960-July 1963

The Uncertain Trumpet by George Fielding Eliot - no date

USS Triton (SSRN-586) - 1960

(First Submerged Circumnavigation)

Visa Applications (Various) - 1958

Vouchers, Travel, Etc. - September 1963