



## Joe Greer Collection

1916-1983

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Joe Greer was an officer, trainer, administrator, student, writer, teacher and an airplane pilot. Joe Greer was born in Perris, CA on February 29, 1916. Mr. Greer's family moved to Corona a year later and he never moved away. He graduated from Corona High School in 1934. Following his graduation he worked at local service stations then turned into selling automobiles. In 1940, Mr. Greer married Winifred (Judy) Sutter of Corona and had one daughter Mary Ann. He had a step-daughter Dr. Carene Davis-Stitt of Eugene, Oregon and one step-grandson David Cakmar-Stitt of Tucson, Arizona.

In 1941 at the age of 25 he joined the Corona Police Department. He worked as the police chief from 1966 to 1976 after starting out as a patrolman. Mr. Greer worked for the Corona Police Department for 35 years and worked for the city until 1989.

Even with all his accomplishments with the Corona Police Department, Mr. Greer was most proud to have served with General George S. Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army in World War II. He was a military police officer and part of a group that helped Patton's army wheel about and attack the German army during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.

Mr. Greer was also a teacher. In 1950, adult education decided to offer a peace officers' science program and Mr. Greer was selected to teach. In 1955 he began teaching Criminal Law through the State Department of education. He also taught classes at Chaffey College, Riverside City College, Sheriff's Academy and special classes for the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards, division of investigation, at both Riverside and Pasadena. He also wrote a 275 page text and a 60 page manual for the State Departments Fish and Game department.

After his retirement from the police force, Mr. Greer continued to serve the city as general manager of the Corona Municipal Airport, a job he took on in 1972, while still police chief. Mr. Greer was a pilot since the age of 18. In the early 1950's Mr. Greer and several other pilots established the city's first public airport near what is now the Highway 91-Interstate 15 Interchange. Mr. Greer and the other pilots continued to push the city for an airport and in 1960 Corona began leasing a 96 acre site that is now the Corona Municipal Airport off Butterfield Drive.

Mr. Greer died at the age of 83 at Loma Linda University Medical Center of brain cancer.

This collection consists of two series. Series one includes records and correspondence related to the Corona Police Department. Series two consists of records, photographs, and correspondence from the Corona Airport.

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**Gifts of:** Joe and Judy Greer

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		Certificate of Attendance of a training Course in general law enforcement - November 25, 1949	
		Certificate of Extension course in Technique of Municipal Administration - November 10, 1955	
		Adult Education Credential for teaching of Auxiliary Police Training California State Board of Education - December 2, 1953	
		Adult Education Credential for teaching of Auxiliary Police Training California State Board of Education - October 17, 1956	
		Adult Education Credential for teaching of Auxiliary Police Training California State Board of Education - November 7, 1958	
		Credential Registration Certificate Class "D" Vocational Peace Officer Training - March 23, 1959, Chaffey College	
		Credential Registration Certificate Class "D" Vocational Peace Officer Training - September 8, 1959, Chaffey College	
		Certificate of Instruction on Supervisory Personnel Development State Department of Education - November 9 to November 20, 1959	
		Credential Registration Certificate Class "D" Vocational Peace Officer Training - July 22, 1960, Chaffey College	
		Credential Registration Certificate Class "D" Vocational Peace Officer Training - October 7, 1960, Chaffey College	
		Credential Registration Certificate Class "D" Vocational Peace Officer Training - December 4, 1962, Chaffey College	
		Teacher copy of Credential for Class D Vocational Peace office training - Police Science - August 25, 1962	
		Credential Registration Certificate Class "D" Vocational Peace Officer Training - August 25, 1962 Chaffey College	
		Teaching Credential State of California Police Science - May 19, 1964	

		Certificate of Attendance Arrest, Search and Seizure Orange Coast Junior College District - December 8, 1965	
		State of California Department of Justice Certificate for Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training - July 12, 1966	
		University of Southern California Diploma for Police Executive Leadership Service - March 6-10 and 27-31, 1972	
		State of California Department of Justice Certificate for Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training - March 31, 1972	
		YMCA Certificate for support of one year of at least one youth in the YMCA Program - May 5, 1981	
		Circle City Hospital Contribution certificate - January 18, 1990	
		Certificate of appreciation for guest speaker at the Corona High Twelve Club - March 27, 1991	
		Certificate of Appreciation for Presenting the program at the Kiwanis Club - September 13, 1994	
		State of California Department of Justice Executive Certificate for Chief of Police, City of Corona - April 4, 1972	
		Photocopy of Certificate from University of Southern California School of Public Administration - March 1972	
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		Office Memo March 27, 1985	
		Law Enforcement Code of Ethics	
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		Corona Police Department Notes	
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		Former Police Chiefs Corona Police Department 1923-1940	
		Corona Police Department Annual Report 1969	
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		Circle City Motorcycle Club letter to Joe Greer October 19, 1947	
		Corona Senior High School Complimentary Invitation for Corona Police Department 1967	
		Retirement dinner for Sgt. Joe McMackin Invitation October 10, 1967	
		Contribution thank you signed by Richard "Dick" Deininger	
		Empty envelope from Corona Public Library addressed to Miss Harriet Joseph	
		Airport Manager Memo May 17, 1979	
		Memo regarding an article Joe Greer had dropped off signed by Diane Berkley 4/17	
		Hand Written note about the 5 Corona trustees 1902	
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		Letter to Judge of Municipal court from Joe Greer	
		Memo to Mrs. Teta Smith from Joe Greer on the eve of his departure from Chief of Police Feb 27, 1976	
		Memo to Mrs. Josie Gutierrez from Joe Greer on the eve of his departure from Chief of Police Feb 27, 1976	
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		Liberty Magazine of religious freedom, July - August 1970	
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		Rangers Report & Review, volume 3, number 7	
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		Newspaper Article- Corona Officers appreciated for their good works - The Press Enterprise - June 2, 1996	
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		Newspaper Article - The scoop on city's police chiefs - The San Diego Union - Tribune (Date unknown)	
		Newspaper Article - Murder Theory Discounted - (Date unknown)	
		Newspaper Article - Police given samples of drugs to aid law enforcement - (Date unknown)	
		Newspaper Article - Members of Corona Police Department - Corona Daily Independent - May 15, 1947	
		Newspaper Article - 4th Annual Rodeo for Police Benefit to be held in June - (Date unknown)	
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		Long Beach City Council letter to Joe Greer on leasing of airport property July 12, 1982	
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		Procedure booklet for filing airport incident report	
		City of Los Angeles Department of Airports Letter July 9, 1982	
		Airport growth article - Airport Services Management April 1982	
		Red Lion Ontario Convention and Meeting Facilities Brochure	
		Ontario Airport has come a Long way since 1928 Article - The Daily Report - May 23, 1982	
		While you were out papers	
		Flood Emergency Information	
		Flight Line CCFA July-August 1982	
		Empty envelope to City of Corona Public Works Department Attn: Sandra Neely	
		Handwritten note to landscaper	
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		18th Airport Management Short Course Jan 18-20, 1978	
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		List of City owned tie downs	
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		Newspaper Article - Joe Greer got his start in aviation's struts-and-strains era. (Date unknown)	
		Newspaper Article - Escaping convicts, lost children rarely elude Corona Aero Squadron (Date unknown)	
		Newspaper Article - \$50G Theft at airport - Corona Daily Independent - Jan 24, 1983	
		Newspaper Article - Pilots site danger in airport thefts - Corona Daily Independent Feb 10, 1983	
		Newspaper Article - Norco man arrested for stealing gas at Corona Airport - Corona Norco Independent Jan 12, 1983	
		Newspaper Article - Long Beach loses millions on leases at airport - (Date unknown)	
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**Item List of Relocated Oral History Interviews, Artifacts & Photographs**

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Photograph Drawer	GOV-pol-040b	Police Department Photo - Joe Kurtz, Benny Compton, Scott Thursby, Joe Greer, Elmo Switzer, Gene Maxwell, Jack Farnham	Photograph
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