Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum Collecting Policy:

Does FLAM accept donations?
FLAM encourages the public to help broaden and enrich the history of Marine Corps Aviation through donated items. The generosity of the public provides many items used by the museum to create, sustain and continually enhance its many exhibits and study collection. We review every donation offer individually to see if it meets our collection needs and fits our mission.

What kinds of items does the museum look for?
Common objects of interest include uniform items, flying clothing, equipment, memorabilia, photographs, documents and more. We collect objects broadly related to the history of Marine Aviation from 1912 to present. We incorporate these items into our exhibits and educational programs, and make them available to scholars and researchers.

How can I contact the museum about items I wish to donate?
For donations, please email the Museum Curator, Steve Smith at steve.d.smith@usmc.mil or the Museum Archivist, Linda Apodaca at linda@flyingleathernecks.org Please provide any biographical and/or background information that you have about the item(s) you wish to donate.

Can I mail or drop off a donation to the museum?
No, the museum does not accept unsolicited donations. Please do not drop off donations without first discussing the donation with the museum curator or archivist. Once accepted, you will be given instructions on mailing or delivering the donation.

Who reviews donation offers?
All donations are reviewed by the FLAM Collection Committee prior to acceptance. Accepted donations are retained either for exhibit, loan or preservation in our research/study collection. If the committee approves the donation offer, you will be contacted and provided with further instructions. The museum reserves the right to forward items/objects to other organizations where appropriate.

Why is the museum selective in what it accepts?
The museum has neither the storage capability nor the staff resources to accept everything. Our collecting focuses on filling gaps in our collection.

What is the process once I donate something to FLAM?
Once approved you will be notified, the accession process begins and you will receive a Deed of Gift at the time the donation is received. The Deed of Gift serves as your acknowledgement letter. Again, we reserve the right to forward items/objects to other organizations where appropriate.

Does the museum accept long term loans?
Loans are accepted on occasion for exhibit purposes.

Does the museum accept artwork?
*Original* artwork may be accepted on a case by case basis.

Will my items be exhibited?
There is no guarantee that donated items/objects/artwork will be placed on exhibit. We can promise that the objects will be preserved and valued as part of the FLAM collection.

Can the museum do an appraisal of my donation?
No, we are prohibited from providing monetary appraisals to individuals and cannot refer to outside sources.

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum.