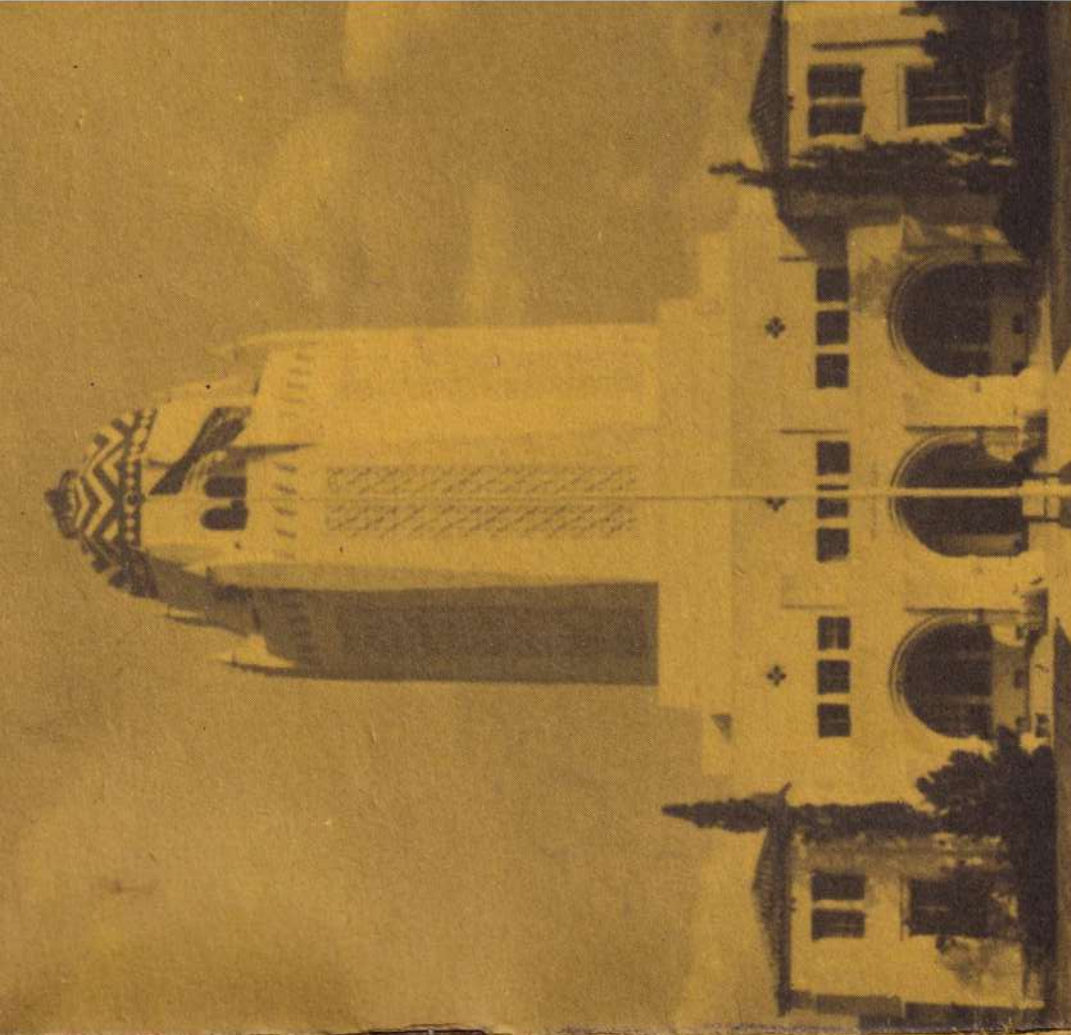




WELCOME

TO

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE

"The Nation's Largest Aircrew Training Center"



MAJ. GEN. J. K. LACEY
Commanding
Crew Training Air Force



BRIG. GEN. J. H. DAVIES
Commanding
Randolph Air Force Base

A NOTE FROM THE COMMANDER

It is the desire of the base commander that permanent, student, and visiting personnel at Randolph Air Force Base enjoy and profit by their stay at this famous installation. All must consider it a personal trust to help maintain the standards set in the past by looking to the appearance of the base and their persons. A positive, cheerful attitude toward the job to be done and a neighborliness toward the nearby communities are recommended.

The primary base mission of training medium bombardment aircrews is contributing to the buildup of airpower that will help keep our nation free; and the tenant organizations have vital missions in the Air Force training and medical phases. The best is required of all personnel contributing to these missions.



The flying training center constructed at Randolph Field was one of the first major developments in the growth of airpower.

On August 18, 1928, the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce purchased 2300 acres of land from 19 Bexar County farmers and turned it over to the United States Government for the construction of a super flying school. Thus Randolph, named after Captain William H. Randolph of Austin, Texas, was born. Dedication ceremonies took place on June 20, 1931.

Originally, Randolph was a primary-basic flying school, and continued as such until July, 1939, when it became the nation's largest basic flying school. Randolph was then designated the Gulf Coast Training Center and later the Headquarters of the Central Flying, Training Command. During this time basic flying training continued.

In the spring of 1943, Randolph gave up its role of basic flying training to become the Central Instructors School. At the same time another Randolph Field institution, the School of Aviation Medicine, played a role no less vital in equipping the Air Force for aerial warfare.

Randolph continued its triple-mission as headquarters for the Central Flying Training Command, home of the Central Instructors School, and the site of the School of Aviation Medicine until very heavy bombers came along. With the birth of the B-29, Randolph changed

over to B-29 transition training and graduated three-man crews composed of pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer, until the end of the war in August, 1945.

In December, 1945, a new primary and basic flying program went into effect for student officers who had seen war service. In the spring of 1946, Randolph taught primary and basic flying to foreign students, from China, Guatemala, Bolivia, Honduras, Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela.

The fall of 1946 brought another new development when a school was started for instructors in both primary and basic flying training. The purpose of this school was standardization of instruction so that the cadets coming through would be taught the same procedures of flying, regardless of how many different instructors they might have during the training.

In August, 1950, the B-29 combat crew training program was instituted at Randolph. Eleven-man aircrews have been graduated under this program to service in the Korean conflict and to meet the medium bombardment requirements of the expanding Air Force.

A large portion of the officer personnel on these crews were reserves recently recalled to active duty from the reserve component to gallantly meet the need of the nation.

On April 1, 1952, Headquarters, Crew Training Air Force was activated at Randolph to supervise combat aircrew training activities within the Air Training Command. This organization joined the School of Aviation Medicine as important tenants on the base.



The training group's course of training is divided into two phases. The first is transition when the initial crew is formed consisting of the aircraft commander, pilot, flight engineer and two gunners. In 30 days this crew will be familiarized with and trained in the operating procedures of the B-29, utilizing eight local flying missions and considerable ground school training. Some of the crews will be shipped to duty stations at the end of this phase.

The next phase of the program is combat crew training lasting approximately 60 days, with the navigator, bombardier, radar observer, radio operator, central fire control gunner, and tail gunner being added. This course utilizes eight simulated combat missions ranging from 7 to 14 hours in length to coordinate the crew into an efficient bombing team. Celestial navigation, live bomb drops, camera bomb attacks, camera gunnery, malfunction firing, and radar bomb scoring attacks are required on each mission.

Three squadrons provide these phases of training with supervisory and instructor personnel of the highest caliber, most of them possessing considerable combat experience, including many returnees from Korean service. Student administration is done by military training squadrons.

Although these squadrons provide normal administration, the aircraft commander is technically the detachment commander of each crew and should fully assume this responsibility to and for the men assigned to him.

Schedules of flying and academic training for students are published semi-monthly with a copy for each and every member of each crew. Complete crew schedules are placed in boxes assigned to each crew that must be checked daily for any necessary schedule changes or messages for members.

Students are cautioned to maintain the best possible physical condition in order to more successfully complete the rigorous course of training at Randolph and at future duty stations.

All in and out student processing will be accomplished within the 3511th Combat Crew Training Group. The appropriate day or days for processing will be published on organizational bulletin boards. Students are responsible for checking bulletin boards regularly.



PRIMARY MISSION

The major endeavor at Randolph AFB is the training of combat ready medium bombardment aircrews. This involves the assembly, qualification and team training of individual specialists graduated by other schools. Academic and flying training is provided in the "post graduate" course of training, utilizing the B-29 aircraft.

The parent unit of this activity and the base organization is the 3510th Combat Crew Training Wing with the 3511th Combat Crew Training Group carrying out the primary mission, supported by the 3510th Maintenance and Supply, Medical and Air Base Groups and detachments for weather, airways communication, and human resources research.

The supporting units are of the highest quality with outstanding performance records in their own right, all designed to assist in the base mission.

Since a bomber is a teamwork airplane in which specialists contribute toward the success of the crew as a whole, the success of the crew and safety of the student depends not only on the individual's role but also on how well the crew is organized and functions as a team. Every cooperation possible is afforded to aid voluntary crewing of properly qualified specialists.

HEADQUARTERS, CREW TRAINING AIR FORCE

Activated at Randolph AFB on 1 April 1952 under the command of Major General J. K. Lacey, the Crew Training Air Force, (Crew TAF), functions largely in the role taken during World War II by continental-based air forces with their Operational Training Units (OTU's) that trained aircrews and then sent them in units to the battlefronts.

The requirements of the expanding Air Force made necessary the assumption of such duties again, this time by the Air Training Command's Flying Training Air Force. Crew TAF was established to take over the supervisory responsibilities for the complex crew training program in view of FlyTAF's growing flying training for individuals.

Bases assigned to CrewTAF at the time of activation were: Randolph AFB; Wichita AFB, Kan., medium bombardment; Luke AFB, Ariz., and Nellis AFB, Nev., fighter-bomber-escort; Moody AFB, Ga., and Tyndall AFB, Fla., all-weather fighter-interceptor.

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SCHOOL OF AVIATION MEDICINE

The US Air Force School of Aviation Medicine has its headquarters at Randolph AFB. A separate command under the Air University, the school performs two major functions. It trains medical officers, nurses and technicians in the special fields of medicine that have to do with flight. Also it is the central Air Force laboratory for research in the medical aspects of flying.

The range of its inquiries necessarily extend far beyond the ordinary boundaries of medical science. The school conducts experiments not only in physiology and psychology, but also in the rarer reaches of other fields related to its basic studies. The sum total of its purpose is to enable human beings to fly in safety and comfort so that they will carry out their tasks with the utmost efficiency wherever their machines may take them.

THUMBNAIL BASE REGULATIONS

Traffic regulations concerning speed limits, auto registration, and parking, deserve careful attention. A 20 mile-per-hour speed limit on most drives is enforced, with 15 mph limits in housing areas. Proper safety equipment and insurance is necessary for registration of privately owned vehicles.

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Uniform regulations should be carefully adhered to by military personnel to provide a favorable appearance and avoid reprimand. Military courtesy should be of the highest level. It should be remembered that thousands of visitors pass through Randolph each month, and every courtesy should be extended to these citizens.

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Duty hours are normally 0800 to 1700 with seasonal variations given proper notice. The work load of various sections may dictate wide variations.

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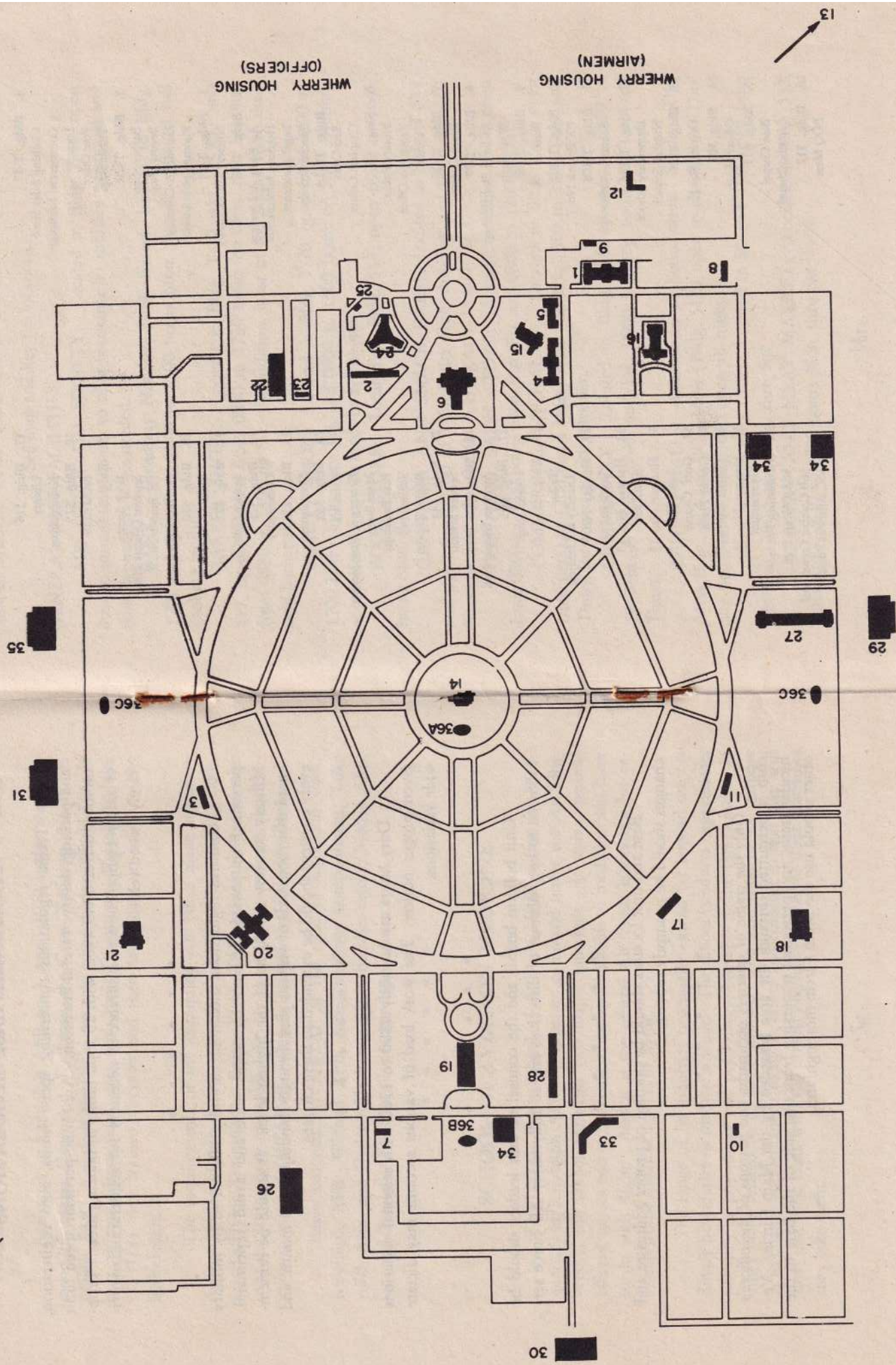
Unit bulletin boards and the counsel of unit leaders should be followed to keep abreast of directives and to fully enjoy Air Force service.

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Base and unit locators should be notified of proper addresses and changes should be promptly reported.

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Only the traffic of quarters occupants and patrons of the officer's club is permitted through the area bounded by the Main Circle. Vehicular traffic and personnel traversing from one side of the base to the other should use the Main Circle thoroughfares.



WHERRY HOUSING
(OFFICERS)

WHERRY HOUSING
(AIRMEN)

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KEY TO MAP

1. Bldg. T-17
Clothing Sales Store
Commercial Exchange
Locator
Post Office
Thrift Shop
2. Bldg. T-20
Barber Shop
Beauty Shop
Laundry & Cleaning
Photographic Studio
3. Bldg. T-25
Nursery (Stork Club)
4. Bldg. T-41
Air Force Aid Society
Housing Information
Legal Assistance
Special Services
5. Bldg. T-41A
Red Cross
Chaplain Center
6. Bldg. 44
Notary Public
Telegraph Office
Theater
7. Bldg. T-70
South Chapel
8. Bldg. T-97
Radio & Electric Shop
Washeteria
Bank
9. Bldg. T-98
Bank
10. Bldg. T-101
PX Branch No. 7
11. Bldg. T-108
Education Office
12. Bldg. T-184
Elementary School
Nursery School
13. Bldg. 229
Driving Range
14. Bldg. 509
Officers Club
15. Bldg. 511
Base Chapel
Catholic Chapel
16. Bldg. 512
BOQ Mess
17. Bldg. 516
Library
Kindergarten
18. Bldg. 515
NCO Club
19. Bldg. 517
Book Store
Student Officers Mess
PX Branch No. 2
Bowling Alleys
20. Bldg. 520
Medical Facilities
21. Bldg. 521
Service Club
22. Bldg. 526
Commissary
23. Bldg. 527
Veterinarian
24. Bldg. 532
Cafeteria
Grocery & Meat Market
Mens Store
Post Exchange
Tailor Shop
Watch Repairs
25. Bldg. 533
Service Station
26. Bldg. 600
Airmens Dining Hall
27. Bldg. 463
Hobby Shop
28. Bldg. 457
Tailor
Laundry & Cleaning
29. Hangar No. 5
Snack Bar
30. Hangar No. 13
Snack Bar
31. Hangar No. 23
Snack Bar
32. Golf Course
33. Grater Field
34. Tennis Courts
35. Hangar No. 24
Gymnasium
36. Swimming Pools
36A Officers Pool
36B Combat Crews Pool
36C Airmens Pools

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU AND YOUR CONVENIENCE

(See map and key for locations)

GENERAL BASE FACILITIES:

AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY: Located in Bldg T-41, open during normal duty hours to offer assistance to military personnel and their dependents when needed.

BANK: Broadway National Bank Branch located in Bldg. T-98 and open from 1000 to 1500 hours Mon. thru Fri. Offers full banking facilities.

BARBER SHOPS: Located in Bldg. T-20, 451 (BOQ) and 517, normally open from 0830 to 1730 hours on Mon. thru Fri. and from 0830 to 1300 on Sat. In addition, most of the Sqdns. have their own barber shops.

BEAUTY SHOP: Located in Bldg. T-20, open from 0800 to 1700 hours Mon. thru Fri. and 0800 to 1300 hours on Sat. Evening appointments may be made by telephone.

BOOK STORE: Located in Bldg. 517, open 0900 to 1645 hours Mon. thru Sat.

CAFETERIA AND SNACK BARS: Located in Bldg. T-532 and open from 0700 to 1430 hours Mon. thru Sat. and 0800 to 1430 hours on Sun. Snack bars in Hangars 5, 13 and 23.

CLOTHING SALES STORE: Located in Bldg. T-17, open from 0800 to 1600 hours Mon. thru Fri. and 0800 to 1200 on Sat.

COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE: Located in Bldg. T-17, open from 0800 to 1700 hours Mon., Wed. and Fri., 1300 to 2100 Tues. and Thurs. for contracts with salesmen.

COMMISSARY: Located in Bldg. 526, open from 0900 to 1830 hours Mon., Wed. and Fri., 0900 to 1400 hours on Tue. and Thurs.

DINING HALLS: Located in all Sqdn. areas. Student Off. Mess Bldg., 517 and BOQ Mess (Bldg. 512) open to all officers. Dining hall No. 10, Bldg. 600 open all night.

EDUCATION OFFICER: Located in Bldg. T-108, open from 0800 to 1700 hours Mon. thru Sat.

GROCERY AND MEAT MARKET: Located in Bldg. 532, open from 0830 to 1730 hours Mon. thru Sat.

HOUSING INFORMATION OFFICER: Located in Bldg. T-41, open during normal duty hours.

LAUNDRY AND CLEANING: Located in Bldg. 457 and T-20, open from 0800 to 1700 hours Mon. thru Fri. and 0800 to 1300 Sat.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE: Available at Legal Office in Bldg. T-41, open during normal duty hours.

LIBRARY: Located in Bldg. 516, open from 0800 to 2100 hours Mon., Wed. and Fri., 1230 to 1630 hours Sat. and Sun.

MEDICAL FACILITIES: Located in Bldg. 520, open 24 hours daily; hospital, dental clinic, attending surgeons, Ob-Gyn, T-4, Pediatrician. Dependent treatment by appointment except in case of emergency.

MEN'S STORE (PX): Located in Bldg. 532, open from 0900 to 1730 hours Mon., Wed. and Thur., 0900 to 2100 hours Tues. and Fri. and 0900 to 1300 hours Sat.

NOTARY PUBLIC: Service in Base Adjutant Office, Bldg. 44, room 300 during normal duty hours.

NURSERY (STORK CLUB): Located in Bldg. T-25, open from 0745 to 2330 Mon. thru Fri., 0745 to 0130 Sat. and 1800 to 2330 on Sun. Care of children only, no school.

PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO: Located in Bldg. T-20, open 0900 to 1730 hours Mon. thru Fri. and 0900 to 1330 hours Sat.

POST EXCHANGE & BRANCHES: Main sales store located in Bldg. 532; branch No. 2 in Bldg. 517 and branch No. 7 in Bldg. T-177, all open normally from 0900 to 1730 hours Mon. thru Fri. and 0900 to 1300 Sat.

POST OFFICE: Located in Bldg. T-17 and open during normal duty hours. Branch in Bldg. 517.

RADIO & ELECTRIC SHOP: Located in Bldg. T-97, open normally from 0900 to 1730 hours Mon. thru Fri. and 0900 to 1300 on Sat.

RED CROSS: Located in Bldg. T-41A during normal duty hours and can be reached through the Air Police desk Sgt. for emergencies after duty hours.

SCHOOL: Nursery School, located in Bldg. T-184; Kindergarten, Bldg. 516; Office, Elementary Bldg. T-184.

SERVICE STATION: Located in Bldg. 533, open from 0900 to 1730 hours Mon. thru Sat. Mechanics on duty.

SHOE REPAIR SHOP: Located in Bldg. 532, open from 0830 to 1730 hours Mon. thru Fri. and 0830 to 1700 Sat. Shoes repaired while you wait.

TAILOR SHOP: Located in Bldg. 457, open from 0800 to 1700 hours Mon. thru Fri. and 0800 to 1300 Sat.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE: Located in Bldg. 44, open twenty-four hours daily.

THRIFT SHOP: Located in Bldg. T-17, open from 1230 to 1700 hours, Mon., Wed. and Thur.

TRANSPORTATION: Available at motor pool for official use. Periodical base bus service available. Regular 30 minute bus service to San Antonio by Randolph Field Transportation Co., available at marked stops.

VETERINARIAN: Located in Bldg. 527, treatment hours 0800 to 1000 Mon. thru Fri. For emergencies, contact Veterinarian at his quarters.

WATCH REPAIRS: Located in Bldg. 532, open from 0900 to 1600 hours Mon. thru Fri. and 0900 to 1300 Sat.

WASHETERIA: Located in Bldg. T-97, open 24 hours daily. Do your own washing.

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RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES

BOWLING ALLEYS: Located in Bldg. 517 and Hangar 24, open from 0900 to 2230 hours Mon. thru Sat. and 1300 to 2200 on Sun.

CLUBS: Officers Club located in Bldg. 509, open 0700 to 2330 hours Mon. thru Fri., 0700 to 0130 Sat. and 0800 to 2330 Sun.; swimming, cocktails, stag nights, dances, bingo, etc. Calendar of events posted in club. NCO CLUB located in Bldg. 515, open from 0700 to 2300 daily except Sun. & Holidays which is from 0800 to 2300 hours. Sat. open from 0700 to 0130. Short orders, beer, soft drinks, dining & dancing, bingo, etc.