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AND GUIDE**

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Westover Air Force Base Commander

I wish to extend to you a personal welcome together with my sincere hope that your stay at Westover Air Force Base will be both enjoyable and worthwhile.

The personnel at Westover take pride in the base and their job. We work together as members of the Air Force team and I am sure that you will soon actively participate in the teamwork which makes Westover one of the finest bases in the Strategic Air Command.

EDWARD D. WOOTEN
Colonel, USAF



WELCOME
TO
WESTOVER
AIR
FORCE
BASE

Home of Headquarters Eighth Air Force
and the
27th Air Division



AND SO IT BEGAN

HISTORY OF WESTOVER

In early August, 1939, Congress appropriated some \$3,698,000 for the construction of an Army Air Base on a seven and one-half square mile plot of tobacco flat in the Connecticut Valley within the boundaries of Chicopee, Massachusetts.

From this insignificant beginning, Northeast Air Base, renamed Westover Field in honor of the late Army Air Corps Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover, began its role in the national defense effort of the Northeastern United States.

On April 6, 1940, the dedication of the base was made and the first shovel of dirt turned on the first permanent building, which is now the 8th Reconnaissance Technical Sq. photographic laboratory annex.

Although original plans called for the construction of all permanent buildings, temporary buildings mushroomed to meet the needs of the nation as it prepared for defense and later war.

The first unit activated at Westover was the Tenth Signal Platoon on June 6, 1940. By July, Army Air Corps personnel from Maxwell Field, Ala., arrived and the first aircraft to use the once tobacco flat airstrip was an A-17 which landed on December 7, 1940.

During the past 19 years, the mission of Westover has changed four times. First, it was to be a bastion of defense for the Northeast States region. With the arrival of troops and personnel it became a training base for fighter pilots and anti-submarine crews. In December, 1943, it became a combat B-24 crew training and staging station.

Following the war, in February, 1946, the Air Transport Command, forerunner to the present Military Air Transport Service (MATS), took command of the installation and turned it into one of the largest aerial ports of embarkation on the eastern seaboard. From Westover's POE, millions of passengers and countless tons of high priority cargo were airlifted

to the far-reaching corners of Europe, Saudi Arabia, and even to the shadow of the North Pole.

Westover's role in the now famed Berlin Airlift and Operation Blue Jay, the Thule AB project, received highest acclaim in the annals of air transport history.

In April, 1955, an entirely new concept of what the Air Force is today, came upon the scene. The Strategic Air Command (SAC), after a lengthy programming period, took over command jurisdiction of the base and a new mission was born. SAC's global round-the-clock bomber operations and mid-air refueling tasks were undertaken by elements of the 57th Air Division.

General Westover



This is the photo lab annex, first permanent building here.



FROM MAINE TO FLORIDA AND OVERSEAS

One of four numbered Air Forces within the Strategic Air Command with headquarters at Westover, the Eighth Air Force stands as a powerful bulwark against any aggressor that might threaten the security of the United States.

Currently a sprawling defense network with 16 combat-ready bases stretching from the snow-swept northeast overseas area to sunny Florida, the Eighth Air Force was born in January, 1942, under the command of Brig. Gen. Asa N. Duncan in the National Guard Armory, Savannah, Ga.

From an original nucleus of 74 officers and 81 enlisted men, the Eighth grew into a 200,000 man organization during World War II when it was instrumental in bringing Nazi Germany to its knees.

Sent to England in May, 1942, the Eighth Air Force surprised military aviation experts by advocating and proving that daylight precision bombing against German targets was advantageous despite previous unsuccessful trials.

During the remainder of the war the Eighth Air Force struck by day and the RAF by night. The command was paramount in obliterating the Luftwaffe from the skies and concepts developed during the action helped establish the present strategic long-range precision bombing program utilized by the Strategic Air Command.

The two-year period from 1946-48 found the Eighth Air Force becoming integrated into SAC in 1946 with headquarters at Carswell AFB, Tex., and receiving the first B-29 intercontinental heavy bombers in 1948.

In 1949 the Eighth Air Force distinguished itself when a B-50 "Lucky Lady II" took off from Carswell and returned four days later having completed the first non-stop flight around the world. This fact, which won the McKay Trophy for the year, was accomplished by mid-air refueling four times by KB-29 tankers.

The Korean War found an Eighth F-84 wing in action. The command won the McKay Trophy again in 1951 and took the top wing bombing and wing navigation awards in the SAC Bombing and Navigation Competition, for 1952 and 1954.

The year 1955 saw the Eighth Air Force receiving the all-jet B-47s and moving headquarters to Westover in a realignment of bases. Maj. Gen. Walter C. Sweeney, Jr., present commander, assumed command at the new headquarters.

A year later the Eighth Air Force added the power-



Maj. Gen. Walter C. Sweeney, Jr.
Eighth Air Force Commander

ful eight-jet B-52 to its inventory of long-range bomber aircraft, and gave its existing capabilities new refinement with the addition of the all-jet tanker, the KC-135.

In 1957 the Eighth Air Force made its entry into the missile field when Headquarters USAF announced that the numbered Air Force would receive the first Intercontinental Guided Missile Sq. The Squadron was assigned to Frosque Isle AFB, Me., in 1958, and uses the SM-62 Snark missile. During a previous firing, in November, 1957, the Snark demonstrated its ability to place a nuclear warhead on targets anywhere in the world.

The Eighth Air Force continues to grow. Included in its present sphere of operations are several bases in Greenland, Newfoundland, Labrador and Puerto Rico. Making up Eighth's present complement of bases are Westover AFB; Dow AFB, Me.; Goose AB, Labrador; Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland; Hoesens AFB, Fla.; Hunter AFB, Ga.; Lockbourne AFB, O.; Loring AFB, Me.; MacDill AFB, Fla.; McCoy AFB, Fla.; Pease AFB, N.H.; Pittsburgh AFB, N.Y.; Ramsey AFB, P.R.; Sordstrom AB, Greenland; Thule AB, Greenland; and Turner AFB, Ga.

Name of Headquarters Eighth Air Force





Aerial refueling adds to SAC's striking capability.

MISSION OF THE 57TH AIR DIVISION

The 57th Air Division, composed of two tactical wings and an air base group, has as its mission "the combat training of the assigned wings" . . . but this concise description does not tell the full story.

One of the assigned tactical organizations is the 99th Bombardment Wing (Heavy Jet) which utilizes the B-52 jet bomber. This unit is charged with the training and equipping of crews for long range strategic bombing, to which end, men and material of the 99th are dedicated.

Mid-air refueling of B-52, and B-47 aircraft of the Strategic Air Command, at any time and at any place in the world, is the mission of the 4259th Air Refueling Wing. Fleets of KC-97 and KC-135 all-jet tankers from Westover provide "flying filling station" service to these tactical aircraft whenever and wherever needed.

The enormous task of furnishing base facilities to some 29 organizations on the base falls to the 814th Air Base Group, which supports the tactical organizations in the fulfillment of their part in the SAC mission: "maintenance of peace by discouraging war through poised strategic air power."



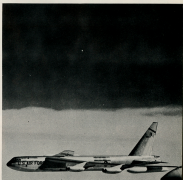
Brig. Gen. Perry M. Hixington, II
57th Air Division Commander



Col. G. R. Lescher
99th Bomb Wing Commander

THEIR MISSION . . .

" . . . The organization and training of a force capable of immediate and sustained long-range effective bombardment . . . in any part of the world and to perform such special missions as may be directed by higher headquarters."



SAC's Mighty Punch Is The B-52

THE 99TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H) . . .

The 99th Bombardment Wing (H) has an enviable past dating back in aviation history. As early as World War II, the 99th Wing started breaking records for outstanding performances.

During the second World War, the 99th Bomb Wing won battle honors for action in Normandy, Tunisia, North and South France, Sicily, Po Valley and in other parts of the European Theater. Probably the most famous raids took place over the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania, where low level attacks obliterated the rich oil reserves of the German Reich.

After the war, reactivation as the 111th Bomb Wing officially took place. After several redesignations, the 111th Bomb Wing officially became the 99th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing of the Strategic Air Command Jan. 1, 1953.

During September, 1955, the Wing was designated a Bombardment Wing. The Wing continued to demonstrate a high level of proficiency in performing all phases of its mission. During the training mission, "Operation Sea King," the 99th Bombardment Wing was selected as the winner of the "Payne Jennings Trophy." Twice winning this coveted prize was a real tribute to the outstanding performance of all 99th Bombardment personnel.

More laurels were accorded the 99th Wing during its operations from an overseas base in 1956. The best performance record ever attained by the wing,

and outstanding when compared to similar wings in SAC, was achieved while operating from an overseas base. New gunnery records were made and crew proficiency was demonstrated repeatedly.

The 99th Wing was formerly stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Washington and the aircraft utilized were B/RB-36s. Early in 1956 an announcement was made that the Wing would become the third Air Force Bomb Wing to receive the B-52, all-jet bombers. The move from Fairchild began in June, 1956, a few months later the first of the Wing's new bombers arrived.

In December, 1957, the Wing received the last of its B-52s and was declared combat-ready shortly after, and was now prepared to take its place in SAC's powerful air armada, designed to preserve the peace.

HELP FROM ABOVE'

THE 4050TH AIR REFUELING WING



Col. Henry E. Suvall
4050th Air Refueling Wing Commander



KC-135 AB Jet tanker



KC-97 tankers of refueling

The 4050th Air Refueling Wing is a distinct tactical organization under the 57th Air Division. Based at Westover, its mission is to provide aerial refueling in the Northeast and to any and all SAC bomber units, both in support of their war mission and to fulfill their training requirements.

The 4050th Wing includes two air refueling squadrons, the 96th Air Refueling Squadron equipped with the KC-135 aircraft, and the 384th Air Refueling Squadron equipped with the KC-97 aircraft.

The concept of an independent air refueling wing is a relatively new one in SAC. The 4050th was the first such wing to be formed, and two others are now operational, one at Dow AFB, Me., and one at Malmstrom AFB, Montana. Before the inception of these refueling wings, each SAC bombardment wing had its own air refueling squadron. Many still operate that way.

At Westover, however, all tanker operations come under the 4050th Wing, and although the 96th Air Refueling Squadron shares the same number as the 56th Bomb Wing, there is no connection otherwise. By the same token, no connection exists between the wing and the 4050th USAF Hospital, which happened to be numbered at the same time, when the 4050th was the only wing at Westover.

In addition to its two tactical squadrons, the 96th and 384th, the wing has its full complement of support organizations, the 4050th Field Maintenance Squadron, 4050th Periodic Maintenance Squadron and 4050th Armament and Electronics Squadron. These carry the difficult burden of maintenance support of two totally different types of aircraft with widely differing problems.

The 4050th Wing in its short history of less than four years has made a number of lasting accomplishments. During 1955 and 1956 the Wing posted an enviable record of accomplishing all refueling missions scheduled. The totaling up of the SAC Management Control System points for excellence in all areas of operation for the period August—November 1957 showed the 4050th Air Refueling Wing tops for all Combat Ready Wings in Eighth Air Force.

The advent of the KC-135 opened up new vistas for the wing. Since the first KC-135 was received in January, 1958, the following records have been established by the 96th Air Refueling Squadron:

- New York to London—5 hours, 27 minutes (Major Earl B. Davenport)
- London to New York—5 hours, 51 minutes (Major Earl B. Davenport)
- Los Angeles to New York—3 hours, 20 minutes (unofficial) (Captain William H. Howell)
- World's record aerial payload—70,000 pounds (Captain William H. Howell). This last record stood until Dec. 16, 1958 when a MATS C-133 surpassed it.

At the time of the Lebanon crisis, U.S. State Department trouble-shooter Robert Murphy was flown non-stop from Westover to Beirut by Major Davenport in a 96th KC-135. Later, Captain William G. McDonald of this squadron flew Secretary Dulles to Rome and from Rome to Taipei, Formosa and home again.

In SAC, air refueling has been developed into a fine art. It is a routine feature of everyday training missions, and an indispensable part of SAC's war plan. "Auxilium ab Alto" — wherever and whenever "help from above" is needed in furtherance of SAC's mission, the 4050th Air Refueling Wing stands ready to deliver it.

UPON ARRIVAL



Through these periods pass SAC's best.

For The Family Man . . .

. . . The Bachelor Alumn's Quarters.





Houses Headquarters 57th Air Division and the 814th Air Base Group.

SO YOU ARE AT WESTOVER

REPORTING IN . . .

Airmen and officers arriving at Westover for assignment to organizations of the 57th Air Division should report directly to the processing section of Group Personnel Bldg. T-239. Here personnel will be given their incoming clearance and notified of their squadron assignment.

Those arriving after duty hours report to the Base Billing Office, Bldg. T-159, for registering and billing. They must then report to the Base Clearance Section on the following work day at 0900 hours.

All officers and airmen assigned to Headquarters Eighth Air Force and any of the tenant units are registered and processed in Bldg. 306.

Personnel assigned to non SAC tenant units will report to the orderly room of their assignment. The location of the various tenant unit orderly rooms is available by contacting Air Police Headquarters or the charge of quarters, located in base headquarters.

SEPARATE RATIONS . . .

Those airmen who prefer and are eligible may apply to ration separately and reside off base. Provisions are outlined in Base Supplement #1 to Air Force Regulation 24-1. Applications should be made immediately after arrival on 814th ABG Form 31. The base commander exercises final approval.

However, airmen living in quarters beyond reasonable commuting distance from the installation will not be granted authority to ration separately or reside off-base. Exception to this ruling will be granted only at the discretion of the base commander.

BILLETING . . .

The Base Housing Office stands ready 24 hours a day to accommodate personnel needing quarters when they arrive at Westover.

Government quarters are available for bachelor

officers or married officers not accompanied by their dependents. Assignment to quarters can be made at the Base Housing Office in Building T-159. Quarters will be assigned in the order of application.

Visiting male officers who desire on base quarters may also apply for billet at the Base Housing Office.

No facilities are available for the quartering of female officers other than those assigned to the 4050th USAF Hospital.

In most cases, female officers are assigned on non-availability of quarters basis and transported to a civilian hotel. Female officers may, however, apply for quarters in the hospital area on a space available basis. Married personnel arriving at Westover with their families may apply for family housing at the Base Housing Office.

Transient NCO's and NCO's awaiting squadron assignments will be billeted in barracks reserved for that purpose.

FAMILY QUARTERS . . .

Construction is progressing rapidly on some 310 Capehart Housing units which will help alleviate the housing shortage here. The project calls for 94 buildings which will be divided into six types of units, three different types of quarters for officers and three types for airmen.

Presently, there are 1150 housing units in use. These units are one, two, three and four bedroom type for officer and airmen personnel. These units include garage space, stove and refrigerator. Heat and hot water are included in the monthly rent.

Housing units have been allocated to major organizations on a pro-rata basis of personnel assigned and housing available.

Applications will be submitted to the squadron of assignment, if known, or to the Westover Family



Proper identification for dependents . . .

Services Office who will attempt to contact the appropriate organization and initiate action for you. Applications must include name, grade, date of rank, duty assignment, number of dependents to reside with applicant and a copy of assignment orders.

Waiting periods for assignment to a unit may vary from one to six months dependent on the applicant's rank and type of unit desired, in spite of advance application. One bedroom units are least in demand and the most readily available.

The new units will all be of the two-story type. Of the 310 units, 124 are allocated for officers quarters and 186 as airmen units.

The housing units will have two, three or four bedrooms with hardwood flooring throughout the apartments, with the exceptions of kitchens and bathrooms, which will have ceramic and vinyl tiling, respectively.

DOMESTIC PETS . . .

Domestic animal pets may be kept on base provided they are registered at the Air Police Headquarters and have received the required inoculations as specified by pertinent base regulations and the veterinarian's section.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS . . .

The DD Form 3 AF, Identification Card, is required for all military personnel for personal identification. Dependents must secure an identification pass from the Air Police Registration and Identification section in Bldg. T-300.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS . . .

Information regarding the shipment, arrival and storage of household goods may be obtained at the Commercial Transportation Office, Bldg. T-61 on Hangar Avenue, Extension 21238.



. . . Best in room comfort.

Persons reporting to Westover, who have shipped goods, must check with the CTO as soon as possible to facilitate the proper storage of goods without additional commercial charges to the individual. Government storage facilities for uncrated household goods are not available at this station.



Latest in dining . . .



He never forgets his safety measures.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

DUTY HOURS . . .

Every hour is a duty hour at Westover. In keeping with the Strategic Air Command's constant readiness program, Westover remains on a permanently prepared status. There's actually no need for alarm though, for every individual is afforded appropriate time off.

The hours from 0800 to 1700 have been established as normal duty hours. This schedule applies to all sections where the situation permits.

Sections required to function around-the-clock operate on a shift basis. Thus, the mission is accomplished and everyone gets time off. Each section which falls into this category determines the duty schedule for assigned personnel.

DETAILS . . .

While at Westover there will be times when you will be called upon to perform other than your normal duties. Everyone pitches in and shares these details, officers, NCO's and airmen.

For officers, they come in the form of staff duty officer, Officer-of-the-Day, customs officer and traffic officer. All company grade nonrated officers and navigators, except medical, chaplain and WAF, can expect to perform most of the duties, with the exception of airbase officer. It is performed by all company grade officer-pilots.

Officers detailed to these duties usually are notified in writing at least five days prior to the day of detail.

Airmen of the lower four grades are required to perform various squadron details, i. e., dining hall attendants, heat control, mess checker, ground detail, and any necessary details that may be prescribed by their squadron commander or first sergeant.

In addition, noncommissioned officers are assigned to such details as noncommissioned-officer-of-the-day, staff duty NCO, escort duty, and other supervisory details assigned by unit commanders.

LEAVES AND PASSES . . .

As the saying goes, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Although Westover's military strength is made up of men instead of boys (and WAF), the saying holds true here also. Personnel are encouraged to make good use of their leaves and passes.

Request for leave must be submitted through proper channels to the squadron commander. This is done on Air Force Form 1164, available in each orderly room.

Leave in advance of accrued is granted only when conditions warrant, and leave in excess of accrued and advanced leave is granted only in extreme emergencies.

The Armed Forces Liberty Pass, most commonly known as the Class "A" pass, is required for off-base travel during normal time off. Information on its time and distance limitations may be obtained at all orderly rooms.

Misuse of the Class "A" pass is highly frowned upon at Westover. Gross abuse could cause the privilege to be revoked.

WEARING OF THE UNIFORM . . .

A good rule to remember in uniform wear, wear it right. Being out of uniform could result in a discrepancy report which is forwarded to the individual's commander or supervisor.

The service uniform will be worn during duty hours by all personnel except those whose duties necessitate the wearing of authorized fatigue uniform flight clothing, hospital or dining hall whites. All authorized uniform combinations may be worn off base in performance of duty or directly enroute to and from duty.

CIVILIAN DRESS . . .

Civilian clothing is authorized for wear by personnel during off-duty hours, however, it is expected that

all personnel will exercise good judgment and choose civilian clothing appropriate to the occasion or activity.

Appropriate civilian dress for male members after 2800 hours, at all functions on or off base, except athletic, is considered to be a suit, or sport coat and trousers, with shirt and tie, or sport coat and trousers with sport shirt buttoned at collar and no tie. Exceptions may be made for specific events listed in open mess calendars which specify required dress, or as stipulated in the Daily Bulletin.

Blue-jeans and T-shirts are not considered appropriate dress on or off Westover by military or dependent personnel of this command. Mixed wear of civilian and military clothing also is prohibited.

Wearing of abbreviated clothing such as shorts and halters by female personnel in public places and official business areas is not authorized.

AWOL . . .

An all-out effort is on here to make a good AWOL rate a perfect one. Naturally, this would mean no AWOLs at all.

Personnel absent without authority will be carried on the morning report as AWOL, and are subject to courts martial under provisions as prescribed by Article 95 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

SECURITY LINE BADGES . . .

A splendid formula for staying healthy is staying in the right place. Restricted areas are the wrong places without proper permission to enter, or identification.

Restricted area badges are required for all personnel entering the flight line areas, and will be worn only in those areas. Badges may be secured by authorized personnel after proper application has been accomplished through an individual's squadron. Disregard for existing policies relative to the handling of classified information will not be tolerated and corrective action will be taken on all offenses.

LIQUOR AND GAMBLING . . .

Consumption of alcoholic beverages or gambling of any nature is airmen's barracks, dayrooms, offices, warehouses, hangars, etc., is prohibited.

MILITARY COURTESY . . .

No mention of military courtesy would emerge without the thought of the salute entering a person's mind. For this undoubtedly is a form of courtesy that has been prized for generations in the military services.

The military salute is a respectful salutation exchanged between two self-respecting members of the same honorable profession. It is the desire here at Westover that all officers exchange salutes, and that all airmen salute all officers.

It is also the policy here that all staff cars be saluted when officer passengers can be recognized.

COMMANDER'S CALL . . .

Westover believes highly in a well informed force. Never has the concept of the military demanded more that each individual keep abreast of pertinent policies, procedures and such.

Monthly Commander's Calls are one of the most efficient forms exercised by commanders in keeping their personnel informed. Each squadron or unit commander personally conducts a Commander's Call once a month. Attendance of all officers and airmen is mandatory. Commanders have the opportunity to present policies, objectives, and problems and to disseminate information of Air Force objectives during these gatherings.

Air Force News Review and Commander's Call films give a wide-range of happenings of fellow airmen around the world.



Revised Area Badges a must . . .



Manning the bombers . . .

. . . Everything must be perfect.





Obey the rules of road on and off base.

SO YOU DRIVE

Hot-rodders, drag racers and showoffs are taboo at Westover. Nowhere will the words "drive safely" be heard more than here.

The stern stand taken towards completely eliminating traffic accidents and violations among base personnel will be heard over and over again; in squadrons, duty sections, snack bars and everywhere there is a congregation of people.

Safe driving is considered an obligation, on or off base.

AUTO REGISTRATION . . .

Automobile registration is rather simple, providing a few proper technicalities have been taken care of. Registration will be made at the Air Police Registration and Identification Section within 48 hours, or two normal duty days after arrival on base. The facility is located in Bldg. T-301, off Central Ave., on Griffith Rd.

Airmen first class with less than four years service and airmen below that grade must have their vehicles inspected on-base prior to registration.

The requirement for obtaining a Westover Auto Decal are: operator's license; auto insurance policy with a minimum of personal liability of \$5,000-\$10,000 and property damage liability in the minimum amount of \$1,000, and valid safety inspection sticker from any state. Decal fee is 20c.

Personnel are advised to contact the Staff Judge Advocate when in doubt of the legality of their registration, license and insurance documents. A synopsis of the Massachusetts Motor Vehicle Laws and Regulations is available at the Staff Judge Advocate, Bldg. T-104 adjacent to the theater. It is strongly advised that every automobile operator on Westover AFB secure a copy.

SPEED LIMITS . . .

The speed limit on base is 20 MPH on all roads except where otherwise posted. Extreme caution should be exercised while driving within the family housing areas and children's play areas. When approaching a school bus, regardless of direction of motion, all motorists will come to a complete stop and proceed only after the bus resumes motion and all passengers are clear of traffic.

AUTO ACCIDENTS ON BASE . . .

In the event an automobile accident occurs on base, the Air Police desk sergeant should be notified immediately at Ext. 4200 or 4265. The automobile should not be moved unless an emergency exists.

In the event of accidents off base, strict compliance

Every Car Needs A Base Decal . . .



to Massachusetts vehicle laws is advised and military personnel involved will notify their respective first sergeants.

TRAFFIC TICKETS . . .

Traffic tickets for violators are given by authorized Air Police personnel and spotters assigned by the base commander.

REPORTING CHANGES . . .

Changes in registration, ownership, plate numbers, insurance (cancellation or renewal) will be made known to the Air Police registration and identification section within 48 hours. Failure to comply may result in suspension of on-base driving privileges.

Each person stationed at Westover must read and become familiar with Base Supplement #1 to Air Force Regulation 125-14, which covers in detail the rules governing the operation of privately owned

motor vehicles at this base. The military member is responsible for his dependents and will insure that they are familiar with this regulation.

MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS . . .

Westover drivers are constantly reminded that their driving conduct must be superb 24 hours a day. This applies on base as well as off. One of the surest routes to happy motoring is to know the laws of the location in which you are driving.

All personnel who own or operate an automobile at Westover are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the motor vehicle laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Civil law enforcement agencies are constantly on the alert against improper registration of motor vehicles, operating without a driver's license, operating an unregistered vehicle or operating without liability insurance.

New or Old They Must Pass Inspection.





Place To Worship As One Church.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Services (Communion 1st Sunday each month) (Chapel 2)	9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Junior Church (Westover School 1)	11:30 a.m.
Episcopal Service (Chapel 2)	12:30 p.m.
Country Church (Chapel 2)	7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School (Westover School 1 and 2, for 3 year olds and up)	9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class (Service Club)	9:30 a.m.
Alman's Bible Class (Religious Center) ..	9:30 a.m.

PROTESTANT WAF

Pi Chi Sigma (Second Sunday of each month) Service Club	9:30 a.m.
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YOUTH SUNDAY

Protestant Youth Fellowship (Religious Center)	6:30 p.m.
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MONDAY

Couples Club (Religious Center)	7:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY

"300" Club (Religious Center)	7:30 p.m.
Christian Science Service (Chapel 2)	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Protestant Forum (Chapel 2) ..	7:30 p.m.
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THURSDAY

Sister Choir Rehearsal (Chapel 2)	7:00 p.m.
Protestant Women's Guild (Second Thursday of each month at the Religious Center) ...	1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Protestant Men's Association (Second Friday of each month at the Religious Center) ...	7:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY

Young People's Choir Rehearsal (Chapel 2)	10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
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SPECIAL

"Family Night" (Second Sunday night in October, December, February, April and June, Westover School 1)	6:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts (Chapel 2, Saturday), 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	

CATHOLIC

Sunday Masses	8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 (High Mass)
Daily Masses	12 noon and 5:05 p.m.
Confessions	Saturday—4 till 5:30 p.m. 7:30 till 9 p.m.

Before all daily Masses

Holy Name Society, Communion, Sunday, 2nd of Month	
Business-Social, 4th of month	
Sodality (female)	Communion, 1st Friday
Business-Social, 3rd Monday	
Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Catechism for public school children, Saturday 9 a.m.	
Adult instruction classes	
Classes on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday	by appointment.

JEWISH

For information, call the Chaplain's Office at Ext. 4315

YOUR BASE EXCHANGE

MAIN EXCHANGE . . .

The Main Exchange is located in Bldg. T-136, Ext. 21139, hours of operation are 0600 — 1800 Monday through Thursday, 1200 — 2100 on Friday and 0600 — 1430 on Saturdays.

Stocked with a large assortment of merchandise such as household goods, clothing, cameras, luggage, toilet articles, etc., the exchange is a wise choice for money-saving shoppers.

Dependents Identification (ID) cards, obtained at the Air Police section, are required for dependents. The cards give unlimited privileges for purchases in the Main Exchange and for admission to all other base facilities where identification is required.

EXCHANGE OFFICE . . .

Adjacent to the Main Exchange is Bldg. T-43, the Exchange Office where all executive business is transacted. Checks may also be cashed here by military personnel. A \$50 minimum is placed on personal checks. Hours of operation are 0745—1645 Monday through Friday. The Accounting and Personnel Sections are located in this building.

BASE CAFETERIA . . .

Located in Bldg. T-120, the main cafeteria is open from 0630—2300 Monday through Saturday, and 0600—2300 Sundays. From a full meal to tasty sandwiches and milk shakes, the cafeteria is prepared to accommodate approximately 300 patrons. Beer is served after duty hours.

BRANCH EXCHANGES . . .

Three branch Exchanges are additional facilities located in various locations for the convenience of personnel base-wide. Branch #3, the Hospital Exchange, is located on the first floor of the hospital and offers all items needed by the patients including time passing items, such as model aircraft, numbered picture paintings and a large assortment of magazines and books. Hours of operation are from 0900—1700 Monday through Friday and closed on weekends.

The Eighth Air Force Exchange, a smaller version of the Main Exchange is located in Bldg. T-262 and is open from 0830—1700 Monday through Friday. This location is within the Eighth Air Force area.

A third Exchange is the 3086th Aviation Depot

First Class Service . . .



Well Stocked . . .

Group Snack Bar located in Bldg. P-108 and the hours of operation are from 0900—1730 Monday through Friday and 0600—1300 Saturday and Sunday.

There is also a Hospital Snack Bar on the first floor of the Base Hospital with hours of operation from 0800—1630 Monday through Friday. The Bowling Alley Snack Bar located in Bldg. P-610 is open from 1700—2300 Monday and from 0900—2300 Tuesday through Sunday.

BEAUTY SHOP . . .

A Beauty Shop is located in Bldg. T-124 and is open from 0600—1900 Monday through Friday and 0900—1430 on Saturdays. Experienced operators are available for all beauty aids required by military.

In addition to the regular beautifying treatments a spot reducer and exerciser is provided for the patrons. The figure conditioning aid is designed to relieve muscular tensions as well as to assist in weight control and figure measurements. An attendant, trained in this world-famous "Aid to Beauty" system is on duty during the normal hours of operation.

TOYLAND . . .

A fairyland for the younger set is Toyland, located in Building T-18. To please the little lass are golden haired dolls with mama voices and to bring joy to the heart of a small boy are tricycles or electric trains. Ranging in between are toys of every variety and description too numerous to mention.

Hours of operation are 1200—2100 Monday through Thursday and 0900—1430 Saturday.

CLOTHING STORE . . .

An Exchange Clothing Store is located in Bldg. T-145, at the rear of the Main Exchange. In order to provide added space to the Base Exchange, a separate building is maintained for a large assortment of ladies', men's and children's clothing. This includes civilian clothing for all, as well as military clothing

for the military personnel at retail prices.

Hours of operation for this facility are the same as the Main Exchange hours.

BARBER SHOPS . . .

The main barber shop is located in Bldg. T-147, near the Main Exchange, and offers complete barber service. Hours of operation are 0830 to 1730 Monday through Friday and 0830 to 1200 Saturday. Three other shops are as follows: The Eighth Air Force area shop is located in Bldg. T-541 and is open from 0800 to 1700 Monday through Friday. One is located in the 327th area, Bldg. P-660 and is open from 0800-1630 Monday through Friday. Another is in the base hospital and the hours are from 0830 to 1730 Monday through Friday.

LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS . . .

There are two laundry and dry cleaning plants and two facilities for laundry service only, on base. Gordon's Cleaners is located in Bldg. T-137 behind the Main Exchange store, and Nonotack Cleaners has two stores, one is in Building T-116, near the base library and the other is located in T-259 near one of the dining halls.

Hours of operation for both the facilities are from 0900 to 1800 Monday through Friday and 0900 to 1430 on Saturday. Both plants provide dry cleaning and laundry service.

The Same Day Laundry, which provides all types of laundry service is located in Bldg. T-190 and the hours of operation are from 0900 to 1730 Monday through Friday.

In addition, bundle laundry service is provided

where bundles of laundry can be picked up and returned in two days, as flat, dry, type of service. This facility is located in Bldg. T-138 and is open from 0900 to 1730 Monday through Friday, and from 0900 to 1300 on Saturdays.

SERVICE STATION . . .

A well-equipped Service Station located beyond the main rotary in Bldg. P-25 provides a variety of service required to keep the car in running condition.

In addition to gas and oil, one may obtain tires, tubes, batteries and other accessories that may be required.

There is also car washing service, lubrication, and minor repairs among others that can be obtained here.

The station is open from 0700 to 1800 Monday through Friday, 0700 to 1600 Saturday and 0900 to 1500 Sunday and Holidays.

SHOE REPAIR . . .

The Base Shoe Repair is located near the Base Library in Bldg. T-116 and is open for all types of shoe repair work from 0800 to 1730 Monday through Friday and 0800 to 1200 Saturday.

TELEVISION REPAIR . . .

A Television Repair Shop is located on base for all types of television repair work. A technician is available by calling Ext. 24141 and the shop is located in Bldg. T-105. Hours of operation for this facility are from 0900 to 1500 Monday through Friday, and from 0900 to 1430 Saturdays.

Everything from Soup to Men.



WATCH REPAIR . . .

A Watch and Jewelry Repair Shop staffed by two expert repairmen is available for all types of watch, clock and jewelry repair work. The shop is located in Bldg. T-124 and is open from 0845 to 1645 Monday through Friday.

OPTICIAN . . .

Recently established, the Base Optical Shop is operated by a registered optician and is prepared to perform necessary eye examinations and fit the individual for the proper type of opticals required. The shop is located in Bldg. T-267 and is open for business from 1230 to 1730 Monday through Friday and 1000 to 1400 on Saturdays.

CLOTHING SALES STORE . . .

The Military Clothing Sales Store is located in Bldg. T-305 on Anderson Rd. and is open from 0600 to 1600 hours Monday through Friday. All military type mandatory uniform clothing is available for both male and WAF personnel.

A tailor is employed who will perform necessary alterations free of charge on clothing purchased at the Clothing Sales Store.

COMMISSARY . . .

All necessary food items are stocked in large supply at the Base Commissary. Every type of canned foods are available as well as fresh vegetables and meat which are received daily as well as fresh fruit, milk, bread and other perishables.

The store is open from 1000-1800 Monday through Friday and 1000-1400 Saturday. It is closed Sundays and holidays. Located near the Service Station, the Bldg. number is T-592.



Neatness Everyday Habit . . .



. . . For The Well-Dressed Man.



The Base Exchange has an
on-base service station for military
personnel and their dependents only.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL . . .

SERVICE CLUB . . .

A spacious modernly furnished Service Club consisting of game rooms, music rooms, large ballroom and other recreational facilities is open daily to all personnel and their families with a diversified recreational program offered for all.

A weekly program is available at the club, which is also posted on Squadron bulletin boards, scheduling the various activities.

Located near the Fairview gate, the club is open Monday through Friday from 1100 to 2300 and Saturday and Sunday from 1400 to 2230

NCO OPEN MESS . . .

NCO Open Mess membership is open to all NCO's and facilities are available to members, their guests and families.

The Club caters to all forms of military parties, receptions, banquets, etc., and affords the best in entertainment, service and foods possible.

Entertainment includes an orchestra on weekends and special occasions, Bingo games with carefully selected prizes on Monday nights and a variety of other enjoyable programs.

Delicious meals may be obtained in the Club Dining Room. Breakfasts are served Monday through Friday starting at 0800 hours. The Dining Room is open from 0800 to 1500 and 1600 to 2300 Monday through Friday and from 0800 to 2400 Saturday, Sunday from 0900 to 2300.

A Sunday night speciality is a Smorgasbord dinner which has proven popular with servicemen and their families.

Other facilities are, a spacious ballroom, main bar, cocktail bar, TV room and other relaxation areas. Monthly activity schedules and information concerning membership are available at the Club. The bar is open from 1130 to 2330 Monday through Friday and Sunday. Saturday, the bar is open one hour later.

The telephone is 5200 and location is building T-266 on Central Avenue, just off the main rotary.

OFFICERS OPEN MESS . . .

The Westover Officers Open Mess is equipped with a main dining room, two smaller dining rooms, ballroom and two cocktail lounges all of which are of modern decor and elegantly furnished.

Housed in building T-225, the Club is located just south of the main rotary and across the street from Base Headquarters.

The spacious cafeteria is open Monday through Saturday from 0700 to 1400 and 0800 to 1400 on Sunday. Complete breakfasts and hot lunches are available. The main dining room of the club is open every day from 1700 to 2300 hours for full course dinners.



. . . For Your Dancing Pleasure.



The Best in Bands . . .

Monday through Friday the bar is open from 1130 to 2300; Saturday from 1000 to 0100 and Sunday from 1130 to 2300.

Dancing to some of the leading bands in the country is enjoyed by officers and their ladies in the grand ballroom as well as a host of various social activities the year around.

NCO WIVES CLUB . . .

Participating in both welfare and social activities, the NCO Wives Club maintains a very active and interesting schedule. Assisting various groups such as Gray Ladies, Girl Scouts, Family Services, and others participating in welfare programs, the Wives Club also promotes friendship and understanding through luncheons, dance and card parties and other informal social gatherings.

Another activity conducted by the club is the sponsoring of the Base Nursery. Their regular business meeting is held every Tuesday night at 1930 at the NCO Club, Phone 3200.

OFFICERS WIVES CLUB . . .

Members of the Officers Wives Club maintain interests similar to the NCO Wives Club, serving two purposes, one of charity and welfare work, and one of social activity.

Composed of officers' wives stationed here, the members extend a cordial welcome to all new arrivals and invite them to attend club functions and become a part of this activity group, both as a means of assisting in welfare activities as well as furthering friendships and forming new ones.

Their activities include, managing the Thrift Shop, assisting Gray Ladies, Family Services, the Chaplains office and other charity projects. On the social calendar are the regular newcomers luncheon, meeting coffee, card parties, fashion shows and other entertainment.

The wives hold a business meeting and luncheon the second Tuesday of each month at the Officers Club at 1200 hours and a card meeting the other Thursdays of the month at 1830.



. . . Officers Open Mess.

OFF DUTY SERVICE CENTERS . . .

A number of off-duty service centers are located in the surrounding area of Westover where service personnel and their guests may attend for hours of relaxation and entertainment. These include the following: the Springfield YWCA, 26 Howard St., conducts Thursday evening dances from 2000 to 2300 hours. The Holyoke YWCA is located at 313 Maple St., no scheduled activities are planned here but the organization coordinates with the other centers in entertainment activities.

The Springfield USO, 8496 Hillman St., holds open house on Sunday afternoons and is open during the week providing ping-pong, television, records and on occasion, theater tickets. The Holyoke USO holds weekly Friday evening dances at the War Memorial Bldg, 310 Appleton St., from 2000-2300 hours.

The Chicopee USO holds a Tuesday evening dance at the Community Center, 110 Church St., Chicopee Falls, from 2000 to 2300 hours.

NCO Open Mess . . .



Weekly Inaugurations . . .





Family Services—ready when needed.

SERVING YOU AND YOURS

AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY . . .

The Air Force Aid Society stands ready to assist with those unforeseen emergencies that often arise.

Their mission is to better the morale and welfare of all Air Force personnel and their dependents by rendering assistance in the form of non-interest bearing loans and cash grants in such times. The local office is located in Bldg. T-239.

Personnel have the advantage of four types of membership: Associate Member, Sustaining Member, Benefactor Member, and Member-at-Large.

AMERICAN RED CROSS . . .

The Westover Field director of the ARC is located in Bldg. T-121. In general, the ARC will provide counseling service, direct communication through ARC channels and financial assistance in case of emergency. ARC can also be called upon to assist in expediting emergency leaves and extension of leaves due to emergency cases.

The ARC office is open 0800 to 1700 hours daily, 0800 to 1200 hours Saturday. During off duty hours and Sunday, the base telephone operator can contact the ARC person on stand-by duty.

ARC AT THE HOSPITAL . . .

The Red Cross also has a resident professional unit at the Base Hospital, which provides social case work services and a medically approved recreation program and a channel through which Red Cross volunteers from other organizations assist in the hospital program.

Social case work services include counseling for individual and family problems; reporting and communications; financial assistance in emergencies and referral to specialized agencies; personal and incidental services. All patients, and their families are eligible for Red Cross service. The social worker is available for consultation with patients, and their visitors during regular office hours 0800 to 1700. A Red Cross worker is on call for emergencies 24 hours a day. Outside of regular office hours, she may be reached through the base operator.

FAMILY SERVICE . . .

The Family Services Program is set up to relieve emergencies and undue hardships of Air Force families, especially when first reporting in to a new base or during the absence of the military member of the family.

Westover's Family Services Center is located in Bldg. T-278, across the street from the NCO Open Mess. Hours of operation are from 0745 to 1645 Monday through Friday, Phone Ext. 5138.

When you arrive, we suggest a visit to the Family Services Center. The center can furnish the following services for you and your family.

1. Emergency household items which you may borrow until your household goods arrive.

2. Listing on off base housing. These listings are from all surrounding communities.

3. Information on other Air Force Bases—both in and overseas.

4. Emergency baby sitting, emergency transportation and other emergency assistance to your family in case of need.

CREDIT UNION . . .

The Westover Federal Credit Union is a non-profit organization offering savings and loan service to military personnel and their families plus civilian employees and their families. It is located in Bldg. T-113.

In order to become a member, a person must open an account with a minimum deposit of \$5 plus membership fee of 25 cents.

A savings account can run as high as \$10,000 for each member of a family, with each account fully covered by federal protection. The rate of interest can fluctuate up to six percent or down, depending on the numbered accounts on hand.

Dividends are prorated according to date of deposits and payable annually at the end of the calendar year.

Savings can be withdrawn at the depositor's request. When a member is transferred to another base he has the privilege of retaining his savings account with the Westover Credit Union and can mail in regular

deposits. Savings accounts cannot be transferred from base to base.

Each account is covered with a free life insurance policy up to \$2,000 for permanent disability or death.

Two recent Credit Union attractions have been the addition of an auto loan service and an increase in the amount of money a member can borrow.

Instead of the \$300 loan granted to a member of legal age, on the members signature, the amount has been upped to \$400.

On larger loans, requiring co-signers, the amount of money a member may borrow has been hiked from \$600 to \$2500. Loans can be repaid through a Class E allotment.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS . . .

The serviceman's personal affairs file is one of great importance to be kept in current status.

A review of this file, important to be accomplished at various times, should also be checked at times of change of station.

New arrivals may obtain necessary information concerning their personal affairs status by contacting the personal affairs section located in Bldg. T-289.

Assistance in such matters as dependents benefits, allotments, insurance and other important statistics is available to those requiring it. Squadron orderly rooms will also provide assistance in some matters.



Heading while you're looking for a permanent home.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE . . .

Legal assistance for all personnel requiring aid in such matters as wills, leases, debts, contracts, tax problems and other matters may be obtained by visiting the Staff Judge Advocate's Office in Bldg. T-104.

Consultation on legal matters is conducted Tuesday and Thursday from 1300-1600 hours. Notarial services are also available during the same hours. Emergency cases will be heard at any time during the normal duty hour week.

BASE LOCATOR . . .

The Base Locator in Bldg. T-240, is a required destination for all personnel clearing in or off Westover AFB. Necessary forms as prescribed by current regulations are completed by the new arrivals, and information recorded as a means of locating each individual stationed here.

BASE REENLISTMENT . . .

Open during normal duty hours, 0745 to 1645 Monday through Friday, the Base Reenlistment Section is located in Bldg. T-238. When required, reenlistments are also made on Saturday or Sunday.

MARS STATION . . .

A Military Affiliates Radio System (MARS) station is maintained at this base staffed by trained personnel. Officially a military amateur radio station, the MARS system is also a means of aiding military personnel and their families in making direct contact while at some distant location, without cost.

Messages may be sent from, and for, Westover personnel during normal duty hours, throughout the United States and most territorial possessions.



A Place To Live . . .

THRIFT SHOP . . .

Operated on a volunteer basis by Officers and NCO Wives as a service for military and civilian personnel on base, the shop carries articles from clothing, household goods and furnishings, to any type of personal equipment.

Personnel wishing to sell articles may utilize this facility by setting a price on the article to which 10 percent service charge is added by the Thrift Shop.

It is located in Bldg. T-108 near the base bank and is open Monday through Friday from 0930-1230. Phone 5124.

Particularly helpful to military families, the Thrift Shop is a convenient means of selling no longer needed items or buying a much needed article at a great savings.

BANKING FACILITIES . . .

A local branch of the Hadley Falls Trust Co., serves Westover's banking needs. It is located adjacent to the Base Library in the main exchange parking area. Hours of operation are 0900 to 1500 hours daily except Saturday or Sunday.



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THEFT SHOP . . .

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A huge athletic plant for both women and W&P.



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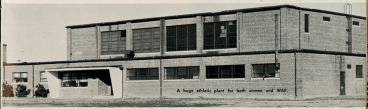
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A huge athletic plant for both women and men.



... A Picturesque View.



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WAF basketball ...

RECREATION . . .

SPORTS . . .

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These teams made up of squadron intramural members in basketball, softball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, ping pong, baseball and golf vie with other Air Force bases and represent Westover in tournament play, SAC-wide.

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GOLF COURSE . . .

Work recently was completed on a 18-hole golf course at Westover. All personnel and their families use the course during the seasonal months. Professional instructions are offered to all personnel and families by the base's top-notch golf pros.

An indoor driving range is located in the base hangar.

BOWLING . . .

Ten alleys are available for both league and open bowling in the bowling center. All operate during the October-May season in Bldg. P-610. Hours of operation are from 0900 to 2300 Monday through Saturday and 1300 to 2300 on Sundays.

SWIMMING POOL . . .

Swimming is a favorite summer sport at Westover. The base pool is open during the summer months. Qualified lifeguards are always present to make for a safe as well as pleasant swimming. Special hours are reserved for dependent's use of the pool.

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A wood working shop is adjacent to the model shop and auto area. Hand and powered woodworking tools are available.

SAC AERO CLUB . . .

Operating from on base, the Westover chapter of the SAC Aero Club has a fleet of three aircraft, with more expected shortly.

Aircraft utilized now are a four-place Cessna, A T-34 Air Force trainer and a Piper Comanche. Present membership is around 100.

Expert instructions are given in flying, navigation, maintenance, radio procedures, and other phases of light aircraft flying. Instruction leads to the acquisition of private licenses of varying degrees up to and including commercial license. Instruction is given by club personnel and civilian instructors.

The club office is located in the Base Hangar in the lower Southwest corner. Anyone interested in obtaining further details of this organization may contact club officials at EXT, 25134.

ROD AND GUN CLUB . . .

Outdoor types will find much to their liking as a member of the Rod and Gun Club. Membership is open to all military personnel assigned or attached to Westover.

Recreation includes hunting, deep sea and fresh water fishing, skeet shoots, pistol shooting, and outdoor barbecues.

The Special Services section may be contacted for detailed information on how to become a part of this organization.



A future champion . . .



. . . A Study Session

Fun for the Family . . .



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MEDICAL FACILITIES . . .

MILITARY PERSONNEL . . .

Sick Call—Sick Call for non-flying personnel is held Monday through Friday at the Outpatient Dispensary, base hospital. Phone 20-251, 252, or 253. Personnel must report to their first sergeant for inclusion on a DD Form 96 and be at the Outpatient Dispensary between 0800 and 0815.

Flight Surgeon—Sick Call for flying personnel is held Monday through Friday from 0900 to 0930 and from 1300 to 1330 at the Flight Surgeon's Office, located in Bldg. T-109, Phone 252591.

Emergency Sick Call—Personnel with bona-fide medical emergencies at other than sick call hours will be seen at the Outpatient dispensary. Phone 20-251 or 252. Emergency phone for off-base personnel is LY 3-6411, extension 251, 252, or 253.

Dental Care—Bldg. P-1600 between the hours of 0800 and 1200 and 1300 and 1700. Phone 20-251.

DEPENDENT PERSONNEL . . .

Sick-Call—For routine semi-acute, non-emergent conditions, appointments will be made by calling 20-251, 252, or 253, Monday to Friday 0800 to 1630. Bona-fide emergencies will be seen anytime in the Outpatient Dispensary.

Obstetrical Patients—Care is limited to 60 patients monthly on a first come, first served basis. A permit will be issued for civilian care by the Obstetrical Department when our quota is full. Appointments may be made by calling the Outpatient Department 20-251, 252, or 253.

Dental Care—Care is limited to emergencies only. Call the Outpatient Dispensary 20-251, 252, or 253.

Emergency Ambulance Service—Phone on base 20-251, 252, 253, Off Base, LY 3-6411, extension 251, 252, 253. The ambulance will only be dispatched if the Medical Officer of the Day deems it necessary.



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Dental Care—Bldg. P-2600 between the hours of 0800 and 1200 and 1300 and 1700. Phone 20-351.

DEPENDENT PERSONNEL . . .

Sick-Call—For routine semi-acute, non-emergent conditions, appointments will be made by calling 20-251, 252, or 253, Monday to Friday 0800 to 1630. Bonafide emergencies will be seen anytime in the Outpatient Dispensary.

Obstetrical Patients—Care is limited to 60 patients monthly on a first come, first served basis. A permit will be issued for civilian care by the Obstetrical Department when our quota is full. Appointments may be made by calling the Outpatient Department 20-251, 252, or 253.

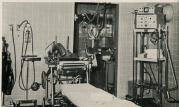
Dental Care—Care is limited to emergencies only. Call the Outpatient Dispensary 20-251, 252, or 253.

Emergency Ambulance Service—Phone on base 20-251, 252, 253. Off Base, LY 3-6411, extension 251, 252, 253. The ambulance will only be dispatched if the Medical Officer of the Day deems it necessary.



Dependent's well-taken care of . . .

. . . Newest equipment





Educational heights at Westover are admitted.

SO YOU WANT TO GET AHEAD

EDUCATION SERVICES . .

As important factor in the military career of each individual is that of bettering ones education for the purpose of advancing in his particular field.

In the military service every opportunity is made available to personnel who desire to take advantage of educational benefits from a small scale to an extensive study program.

The Base Education Office is prepared to assist Westover AFB personnel in any and all matters involving education from the reviewing of basic arithmetic to completing a college degree.

Located in Bldg. T-193 the scope of educational opportunities offered and assistance given includes the following:

Opportunity for learning is provided through USAFT correspondence and group study classes. Included under this program are courses in vocational-technical fields.

A large variety of both technical and academic subjects from elementary through college sophomore level are also included.

One initial enrollment fee of \$5.00 entitles military personnel on active duty to enroll in any course in which they are interested and for which they are qualified to do the work. The original fee allows a student to complete the series of courses without additional charge, contingent upon successful completion of each successive course.

Courses designed to increase knowledge and improve

skills within specific AFSCs and to develop greater proficiency among airmen and officers are offered through ECI correspondence.

Under "Operation Bootstrap", Air Force personnel through individual initiative may complete requirements for high school diploma or college degree. A student may complete work leading to a degree by attending full-time classes at the college of his choice under the six-months TDY provisions of "Bootstrap".

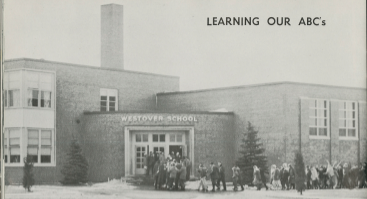
"Operation Midnight Oil" is a program based upon career study plans whereby airmen (including Warrant Officers) may improve their general educational qualifications in a career field during off-duty time. The Education Office may be contacted for complete information.

The Education Services Office arranges off-duty classes at both off-base and on-base schools in a variety of subjects on the basis of demand. There is no charge for enrollment in these classes. Beginning dates are announced in the Base Newspaper and on bulletin boards.

A testing service is also maintained through which military personnel may apply for and be administered a variety of tests including the high school and college GED tests. A counseling service is available to help develop and plan a continuing program. High School diplomas may be obtained by completing procedures outlined by the Educational counselor.

Counseling is also given those requiring additional credits for completing high school or college.

LEARNING OUR ABC's



*The Air Force provides the best schools for youngsters here.
Everybody trying hard to learn.*



'... SO GOES THE TREE'

BASE NURSERY SCHOOL . . .

Children of ages three and four, of base personnel may attend the Base Nursery School, a non-profit organization. Instruction by four trained teachers includes games, basic art work, and visual instruction.

A charge of \$15.00 a month is made, and youngsters may be brought here during the weekdays from 6:00 to 11:30 hours.

The school is located in building T-437, and will accommodate a maximum of 50 children.

DAY NURSERY . . .

A Base Nursery is maintained at Westover which is operated by qualified civilian and dependent personnel for the convenience of all personnel and their dependents, residing on and off base.

Located in Bldg. T-218 the regular Base Nursery hours are as follows: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. and Sunday from 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

A nominal charge is made for the care of children. Hourly rates for one child are 35 cents, two children, 45 cents, and three children, 50 cents. Hot lunches and suppers are available at 35 cents per meal.

The nursery offers a baby feeding service for 25 cents if parents supply the food.

Special working and hospital rates for a nine hour, five-day week are also available.

KINDERGARTEN . . .

The Base Kindergarten is part of the Westover School System and located in the main school, Bldg. P-224, just off Central Ave., near the Fairview Gate. It is available for children who are four years and nine months on or before Sept. 1.

GRADES ONE TO EIGHT . . .

The Westover Schools, operated under the Chocopee,

Mass. school system conducts classes in kindergarten and grades one through eight. New personnel at Westover may register their children at the school office Monday through Friday, 0830 to 1600 hours.

Pupils attending Kindergarten through grade eight receive an aptitude instructional program. The primary aim is to provide a background in basic skill subjects with enrichment through music, physical education and social studies. The latest instructional materials available are used.

One school has a shop, home economics, and general science rooms all fully equipped. Also included in the school is a spacious 50 by 79 feet by 20 feet high gymnasium, with folding stage and sports equipment for basketball.

Bottled milk is available on a weekly basis and hot lunches are served in the school cafeteria at a nominal charge. Pamphlets and further information regarding the Westover Schools are available at the school or can be had by writing or phoning school officials.

Military bus transportation is available for dependent children attending Westover Schools One and Two.

HIGH SCHOOL . . .

Children of high school age may enroll in one of the many local high schools. All of the area high schools are of the highest caliber and each is a qualified prerequisite for higher education.

The central office of the Springfield school system is located at 32 Spring St., telephone REpublic 3-2132, of the Chocopee school system at 125 Grape St., telephone LYcom 4-4711, and of Holyoke at 98 Suffolk St., telephone JEFFerson 4-5678.

It will be necessary to have immunization records, transfer cards and report cards for your children when you move to this area.

They learn young . . . 'As The Tree Is Bent . . .'





Supervised recreation for the young.

FOR TOTS AND TEENS

YOUTH CENTER . . .

The dependent youth activities program on West-over provide an active and varied program for youngsters ranging from seven to 19 years of age.

Supervised by trained personnel, the various age groups participate in such activities as arts and crafts, seasonal sports, and social groups.

Located in Bldg. T-29, near the Springfield Gate, the John F. Rand Memorial Youth Center includes a spacious clubhouse, snack bar and facilities for such activities as ping pong, badminton, tennis and table games.

The Youth Center sponsors a boys' soccer team, girls' basketball team, Saturday gym classes, and a wrestling and judo clinic, as well as seasonal sport teams. Instructions are given by qualified personnel in the various sports.

A very active group is the Senior Teen Club, a

self-supporting unit with officers elected by the members who also plan the program. Holding meetings in the Youth Center, the well rounded teen activities include: special parties, dancing, TV, Disc Jockey shows, roller skating, charity drives and other programs.

Available to all youngsters attending the center are various games, juke box music, special weekend parties and other entertainment. Dancing instructions are also offered in ballet, tap and ballroom styles.

Also sponsored by the center are the various scouting groups. Boy scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies hold weekly and monthly meetings here or at the Base School.

Hours of operation are from 0600 to 1700 during the week plus scheduled evening activities and from 0600 to 2200 on Saturday.



They study and play the game young.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

LIBRARY . . .

The Base Library is located in Bldg. T-115, across from the main exchange. Well stocked shelves offer a large selection of fiction, non-fiction, periodicals, and newspaper reading materials.

Those who prefer not to read are still welcomed to the library's study room. The room is complete with phonograph and headphones and includes stereophonic sound.

The library is open weekdays from 0800 to 2100 hours, and on weekends from 1400 to 2100 hours.

BASE NEWSPAPER . . .

The "YANKEE FLYER" is the unofficial base newspaper. Deadline for news copy is 1200 Wednesday and photo deadline is 1200 Tuesday. The paper is distributed each Friday morning. The newspaper office is located in Bldg. T-121. Phone Ext. 2-3309.

FIREARMS . . .

Personnel bringing privately-owned firearms and ammunition on the base must register these items immediately and obtain a permit from Air Police Headquarters.

CARE OF PETS . . .

Westover's Veterinary Clinic for pets is located in Bldg. T-268. The section offers vaccination services by appointment the first four Wednesdays of each month. Personnel desiring to have their pets vaccinated are urged to call in advance to make an appointment for one of these days.

POST OFFICE . . .

A branch of the Chicopee Falls Post Office is located on base near base headquarters. Money orders and registry window is open 0830 to 1645 hours weekdays. The stamp window is open from 0815 to 1645 hours weekdays. The post office is closed on Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

WESTERN UNION . . .

Western Union telegraphic service is available in the Base Communications Bldg. P-1866. Hours of operation are 0800 to 1700 hours weekdays. Telephone connection may be made after office hours.

You can't beat the food . . .



The well-dressed mess . . .



Man at work . . .

. . . A new paint job.



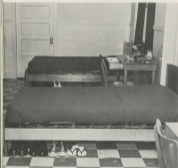
CONATA SUSTINEMUS



Home of the Eighth Air Force WCO Academy.

Inspection order . . .

. . . The memo card.



Report



EIGHTH AIR FORCE NCO ACADEMY

NCO ACADEMY . . .

Located at Westover is the Eighth Air Force Non-commissioned Officer Academy, one of three such academies in the Strategic Air Command.

Classes, each five weeks in duration, are conducted year round. Quotas are established by Headquarters Eighth Air Force for all stations within the command, based on the assigned strength of master sergeants.

The mission of the Academy is to assure that the Noncommissioned Officer is aware of his full responsibility and to increase his ability to fulfill his proper role in the Air Force.

All courses in the Academy curriculum are considered a part or phase of overall leadership development. At the Academy, students are expected to accept and seek opportunities where their leadership abilities can be demonstrated. Thus, students of past classes share much credit for the successful program experienced since its beginning at Westover.

New students are required to report not earlier than 0600 nor later than 1200 the Friday preceding their class starting date. Should it become necessary to arrive at Westover before the date specified, students are accommodated at the Transient NCO Quarters, Building T-150, on a space available basis.

Students reporting at the time specified are registered in the Administration Building, T-163. Members of the staff are on duty to receive and brief students on Academy policies and procedures, issue equipment, and assign rooms.

All students are required to live in the Academy dormitory and eat in the Academy Dining Hall. Since no on-base family quarters are available for TDY personnel, students are advised not to bring their families.

Quarters consist of two-story "barracks-type" buildings which have been remodeled for 1, 2, and 3 man rooms. Rooms are furnished with dressers, chairs, desks, lamps, three quarter beds with inner-spring mattresses, and wall closets.

Hours are long at the Academy. A student starts his day at 0500 daily. Instruction begins at 0700.

The training schedule normally ceases at 1200 on Saturday. One daily 30 minute coffee period is included in the schedule. Students are required to be in quarters by 2300 each night except Saturdays and evenings preceding holidays; however, they normally are free after the noon meal on Saturday until 2300 Sunday.

Classrooms are air conditioned and provide space for 120-man lectures or 20-man group activities.

The vast curricula includes Military Justice, Air Force History, Human Relations and Leadership, Supervision and Management, Communicative Skills, Training, Military Courtesy, Drill and Ceremonies,



Solely . . .

Physical Training and Conditioning, and World Affairs.

A total of 220 academic hours make up the course. Though undergoing a packed schedule, students do find time for recreation. The Base Theater is a short walking distance from the Academy area and schedules are posted on quarters bulletin boards.

In addition to the Academy's equipment, students also utilize the swimming pool, tennis courts, and gymnasium which offers handball, basketball, weight lifting and judo. Both Chapels are also located in the Academy area.

The Base Library maintains a reserve section of the main library for the NCO Academy. Books are available on a loan basis for students' use in conjunction with their subjects. A professional reading section is also provided.

Graduation exercises are held on the last day of the course. Exercises consist of a graduation address and presentation of the diplomas by a senior officer.

A graduation banquet is held on the evening preceding graduation day. Although this banquet is generally a stag affair, wives and guests are encouraged to attend other graduation ceremonies.

Occasionally a military ball and banquet are held prior to graduation. Students are notified well in advance and are encouraged to invite wives and guests to this function.

Special recognition goes to those students graduating with distinction. The Honor Graduate Award is presented to the student who distinguishes himself as the most outstanding student of his class. He must have proven himself an outstanding leader in all phases of the Academy program.

Next in line is the Academic Achievement Award, presented to the student who graduates with the highest academic standing of the class.

The Commandant's Award is bestowed upon the student who, in the opinion of the Commandant, assisted by faculty and student evaluation, is considered to have shown the most outstanding leadership qualities of his class.

GETTING HERE AND THERE

AIRLINES . . .

Bradley Field, located in Windsor Locks, Conn. is the major commercial airport serving the Springfield area. The major airlines are American Airlines, Inc., phone ST8-4571; Eastern Airlines, Inc. phone ST8-0691; Mohawk Airlines, Inc., at Barnes Field, Westfield, Mass., phone RE 7-0107; Slick Airlines, Inc., ask operator for Enterprise 1289; Transocean Airlines, phone NA 3-6475 and United Airlines phone RE 9-385L.

BASE BUS . . .

The mass shuttle buses operating to and from dining halls P-5100 (99th Bomb Wing) and P-5905 (4650th Air Refueling Wing) run from 0600 to 0800 hours, 1100 hours to 1300 hours and 1600 to 1800 hours. The long route takes approximately 28 minutes and the short route takes 20 minutes to complete.

Buses operate along the following routes:

a. **Long Route for Shuttle Bus #1.** From 4650th Chow Hall down Johnson Drive turns left onto Anderson Road, up Anderson Road turns right onto Austin Road, down Austin Road turns left onto Third Avenue, up Third Avenue turns right onto Outer Drive, down Outer Drive turns left onto Hangar Avenue, down Hangar Avenue turns left onto Sullivan Street, up Sullivan Street turns right onto First Avenue, up First Avenue, turns left onto Eureka Street, up Eureka Street turns left onto Cowan Avenue, down Cowan Avenue, turns right onto Inter Drive, turns right onto Third Avenue and back over Austin Road onto Anderson Road, and then to Johnson Drive back to the 4650th Chow Hall.

b. **Short Route for Shuttle Bus #2.** From 4650th Chow Hall down Johnson Drive turns left onto Anderson Road, up Anderson Road turns right onto Austin Road, down Austin Road turns left onto Third Avenue, up Third Avenue turns right onto Outer Drive, down Outer Drive turns left on Hangar Avenue, down Hangar Avenue turns left onto Melvin Avenue, up Melvin Avenue turns left onto Second Avenue, down Second Avenue to Outer Drive and turns onto Third Avenue and back over Austin Road, onto Anderson Road, and then Johnson Drive back to the 4650th Chow Hall.

BUS LINES . . .

There are four major bus lines serving the Springfield Area. The Greyhound Bus Depot is located at 99 Worthington St., Springfield, and information on the schedules may be obtained at RE 6-8331.

The Interstate Bus Corp. operates their schedule bus runs through upper New York State, and the New England area. The Interstate Bus Terminal is located at 137 Bridge St., Springfield, and information may be obtained at RE 9-3826.

Direct connections for Boston and other New England areas is scheduled at the Peter Pan Bus Line located at 144 Bridge St., Springfield. Information and reservations may be obtained at RE 2-3173.

Buses to New York, Washington and points south, and Lowell, Hampton Beach, Portland and points

north, are available at the Trailways Bus System located at 137 Bridge St., Springfield. The phone number is RE 9-3826.

RAILROADS . . .

There are three railroad companies serving the Springfield area. They are the Boston and Albany Railroad; the Boston & Maine Railroad and the New Haven Railroad, all of which are located at the Union Station in Springfield. Information and reservations may be obtained for the three railroads at RE 4-1341.

TAXIS . . .

The ABC Taxi Company and its subsidiary, Victoria Cab Company, serve Westover AFB and Story Brook Air Force Station. This is the only line that carries passengers from Springfield into the base. Their rates are 75c for a one way trip anywhere on the base, and \$1.50 to Story Brook.

Off-base rates are \$2.00 to Chicopee Falls, \$2.50 to Chicopee or Holyoke, and \$3.50 to Springfield.

This company also maintains 24-hour service on base with a taxi stand located at the Main Exchange. Phone LY 4-6688 for service.

Other cab companies delivering passengers on base are the Holyoke Auto-Livery, Holyoke Yellow Cab Co., and the Hampden Cab Co., these companies do not carry passengers to or from Springfield. Taxis other than these lines will discharge their passengers coming into Westover AFB at the base gates.

When Do You Want To Go?



OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE PIONEER VALLEY

Newcomers to Westover will find a wealth of activities and interesting points in the several large and small near-by cities. Largest of all is Springfield, with a 1957 population of about 165,000, which is seven miles from the base. Springfield is noted as the home of the George Walter Smith Gallery, Museum of Natural History, William Pynchon Memorial Museum, United States Armory (established in 1785 by George Washington), and the Small Arms Museum, the largest in the world.

Holyoke, population some 54,000, is located but five miles from Westover. Known as a "city in the country," it is unique in that it was the first planned industrial city in the nation. It was actually planned on paper—blueprinted—before a building was erected. In 1848, the Hadley Falls Co., forerunner of the present Holyoke Water Power Co., began development of the area to take advantage of the power of the Connecticut River.

Holyoke today boasts one of the finest industrial parks in Western Mass., and industrial development and expanding industry testifies to its progressiveness. More than this, it is a city too of beautiful homes. It has fine hotels, and some of the best restaurants in New England.

Its excellent downtown shopping area features newly developed off-street parking and all goods and services.

The Holyoke Chamber of Commerce is a source of information and service to Westover AFB personnel and is ready at all times to assist them with many of their problems.

Chicopee, comprising Chicopee center, Chicopee Falls, Aldersville, Fairview and Williamansett, is the site of Westover Air Force Base.

The town is a growing industrial center of Western Massachusetts and traces its growth to 1825 when the first tools and fine metal products were produced in the town. A local manufacturing firm is reported to have been the first factory to cast bronze statuary castings and these castings are still in evidence to this day in many large cities. The first friction matches in this country also came from Chicopee in 1934.

Many nationally known individuals have come from this small Western Massachusetts town. Most notable perhaps was Edward Bellamy, who attained fame

throughout the literary world with his book, "Looking Backward." He and his brother, Edward, founded and published the first edition of the Springfield Daily News in 1880. General Arthur MacArthur, father of General Douglas MacArthur, Mary Garden, Forest Lamont, George Rowdon, Charles O'Connell and Sylvia Zarembo, are other prominent Chicopee natives that attained national fame.

RECREATION AREAS . . .

Several state parks and reservations in the Westover area offer personnel year-round recreation. Mount Tom State Reservation, located just south of Holyoke, is noted for bridle trails, picnic areas, outdoor theaters, skating and skiing.

The Berkshire Hills, noted as one of the most scenic spots in New England, is just a short drive from Westover. Mohawk Trail, renowned as a vista of contrasting colors in fall season, winds through the Berkshires.

In the summer season, recreational areas for swimming and camping include Hampton Ponds, Lake Congamond, Hampton Beach in New Hampshire, and the not-too-far beaches of Cape Cod and Rhode Island.

AMUSEMENT PARKS . . .

Two large amusement parks are located in the general Westover area. Mountaintop Park in Holyoke offers the usual amusements plus weekly attractions of name bands and specialty dances. A summer stock theater is located in the park and presents approximately ten productions of Broadway shows.

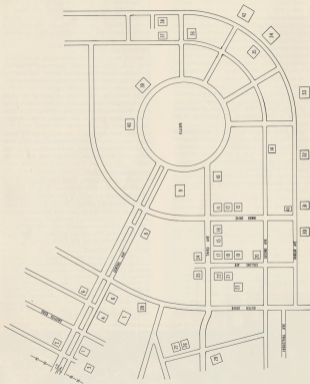
Riverside Park is in Agawam just outside of Springfield. This park is noted for its many novelty rides as well as special shows and picnic areas.

POINTS OF INTEREST . . .

As a crossroads of New England, the Westover area is noted for historical and colorful points of interest. Local colleges and universities include Smith College (female) in Northampton, Amherst College in Amherst, University of Massachusetts in North Amherst, Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley (America's first female college), American International College in Springfield, Springfield College (birthplace of the sport of basketball), and a State Teachers College in Westfield.

An Aerial View of the City of Springfield.





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CODE FOR BASE MAP

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| 1. Visitor Control Office | 22. Base Barber Shop |
| 2. Identification and Registration—T-399 | 23. Cleaners/TV Repair |
| 3. Service Club—T-486 | 24. Base Billing Office |
| 4. Veterinarian—T-368 | 25. Eighth Air Force NCO Academy |
| 5. Family Services | 26. Catholic Chapel |
| 6. NCO Open Mess—T-266 | 27. Protestant/Jewish Chapel |
| 7. Base Hospital—P-3700 | 28. Base Dental Clinic |
| 8. Officers Open Mess—T-225 | 29. WAF Officer's Room |
| 9. Base/Division Headquarters—T-240 | 30. Hangar 9 |
| 10. Separation/Reenlistment, Central Processing—T-238 | 31. Hangar 7 |
| 11. Base Post Office—T-241 | 32. Hangar 5 |
| 12. Base Theater | 33. Hangar 3 |
| 13. Base Finance/Comptroller | 34. Hangar 1/Base Tower |
| 15. American Red Cross/ISO—T-121 | 35. Base Fire Department/Base Guard House |
| 16. Base Cafeteria | 36. Base POV Gas Station |
| 17. Shoe Repair Shop | 37. Commissary |
| 18. Base Library | 38. 99th Bomb Wing |
| 19. Base Bank | 39. Base Gymnasium |
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