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Governor



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To the Personnel of Westover Air Force Base:
I am pleased to have this opportunity to welcome you and members of your family to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The citizens of Massachusetts are well aware of the vast responsibility involved in manning the SAC installation at Westover. I am certain you will find their appreciation of your dedication to your duty expressed in countless ways.

It is my hope that you will have the opportunity to take advantage of the many benefits available to those living in Massachusetts. In this great Bay State of ours, with its historical past blending with its promising future, there is opportunity for all to join us in our way of life, which is designed for the benefit of all residents of Massachusetts.

You have my best wishes for a pleasant and fruitful tour of duty.

Sincerely,

John A. Volpe
JOHN A. VOLPE
Governor

WELCOME TO WESTOVER AFB

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Wade Lake, a fine base recreational facility, is named after the former 8th Air Force commander, Lt. General David Wade (Retired).

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LT. GEN. WILLIAM B. KIEFFER

Commander Eighth Air Force

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

Lieutenant General Kieffer's command consists of a vast defense network of bombers, tankers, and intercontinental ballistic missiles on 11 Eighth Air Force bases as well as 5 additional tactical units which are tenants on other major Air Force installations. General Kieffer's command, geographically, extends north as far as Goose Bay, Labrador, west to Oklahoma and south to Puerto Rico.

The Eighth Air Force has been a major factor in our national defense posture since its inception in January of 1942.

The SAC Story



The Strategic Air Command . . . known by its clipped designation "SAC," is the global retaliatory striking force of the United States Armed Forces. This major combat command was activated March 21, 1946 and was given the responsibility for developing an atomic striking force under the command of General George C. Kenney.

SAC aircraft participated in an atom-bomb drop off Bikini Atoll in 1946. The following year the first production model of the B-36 and an experimental model of the jet B-47 medium bomber flew. In October 1948, General Curtis E. LeMay took command of SAC, and moved the headquarters from Andrews AFB, Md., to its present location, Offutt AFB, Nebr. That same year in-flight refueling was used in organized missions to extend the range of tactical bombardment units for the first time in

Air Force history, and in June the first of SAC's annual bombing competitions was held at Castle AFB, Calif.

SAC gained a new commander in chief on December 1, 1964. On that day General John D. Ryan became the new CINCSAC after General Thomas S. Power retired.

The Strategic Air Command mission is to maintain a force instantly ready to conduct strategic air warfare and related operations on a global basis. The primary objective of SAC's mission is to maintain strength in being with which to deter war . . . big or little war . . . on terms acceptable to the United States and its allies. Should deterrence fail, SAC's objective then becomes to destroy the aggressor's will and capability to wage war, and to insure that the outcome is favorable to the United States and its allies. To do this, SAC maintains a secure and effective force, capable of instant response to any of the demands of national policy.

SAC's most valuable asset is its people. The most advanced weapon systems are worthless without the trained man-power to use them effectively. Money cannot buy the experience, time and professional knowhow found among SAC's trained and dedicated aircrew members and maintenance technicians. SAC's people are a special breed, dedicated to the preservation of world peace through constant preparedness. In order to achieve this mission, SAC's men and women work in many parts of the world and in varying climates.



8th Air Force

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 present strategic long-range precision bombing programs utilized by the Strategic Air Command.

After World War II, Eighth Air Force faced demobilization and extinction. But the decision to maintain a combat ready bomber force . . . The Strategic Air Command . . . gave Eighth Air Force a new lease on life. 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-36's in 1948.

The Korean War found an Eighth F-84 wing in action. The command won the McKay Trophy in 1951 and took the top wing bombing and wing navigation awards in the

SAC bombing and navigation competition, for 1952 and 1954.

By 1955 Eighth Air Force had taken on a different look . . . geographical responsibility, was moved to the northeast. The KC-97 tankers entered the inventory along with the new all-jet B-47's. Also at this time, in direct defiance of Horace Greely's famed advice, Headquarters Eighth Air Force moved east to Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts. It relinquished its control of southwest bases while assuming control of several in the Midwest.

A year later the Eighth Air Force added the powerful eight-jet B-52 to its inventory of long-range bomber aircraft, and gave its refueling capabilities new refinement with the addition of the all-jet tanker, the KC-135.

Effective 1 July 1963, a third realignment of the Strategic Air Command's numbered air forces resulted with the present day configuration. This served to plunge Eighth Air Force directly into a mixed-forces environment, the bomber and tanker force plus the inter-continental ballistic missile.

Today Eighth Air Force, commanded by Lt. Gen. William B. Kieffer, has an inventory of bombers, tankers and missiles. Geographically the command bases extend along the East Coast from Goose Air Force Base, Labrador, southward to Ramey Air Force base, Puerto Rico, and inland as far as Oklahoma.

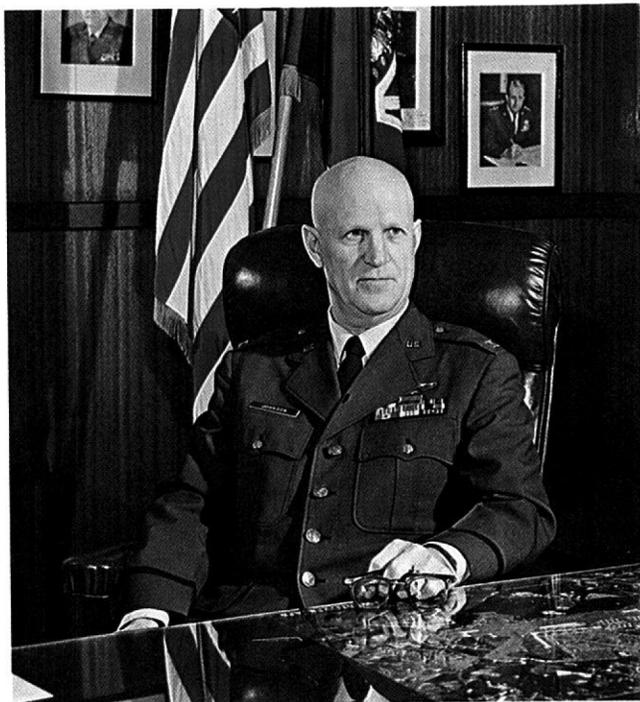
The 57th Air Division

"Providing for sustained combat readiness while operating under a condition of continuous alert" is the mission of the 57th Air Division. Composed of three tactical wings, a combat support group and a medical group, the division's operations are diverse and span of control is far reaching.

The 99th Bombardment Wing (H), flying the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress and the Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker, has as its mission "providing a force for immediate and long-range offensive bombardment." The 99th is Westover's primary tactical unit.

The 17th Bombardment Wing (H) at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, flies the B-52 Stratofortress, and the 301st Air Refueling Wing at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, is the Air Force's first all-jet refueling wing. These two units fill out the tactical complement of the 57th Air Division.

At Westover there are some 37 organizations which require facilities, supplies, and other important support. This task is the responsibility of the 99th Combat Support Group, the largest organization at Westover. Complete medical service to military personnel and their dependents in the local area is the responsibility of the 814th Medical Group. Through their support of the tactical mission of the 57th Air Division, these units carry out their part of the deterrent mission of the Strategic Air Command.



COLONEL WARREN D. JOHNSON
57th Air Division Commander



SAC's striking capability is the result of a coordinated team effort. Aerial refueling has extended the range of the big SAC B-52's to limits that were unbelievable a few years ago.

The 99th Bombardment Wing (H)

The mission of the 99th Bombardment Wing (H) is the organization and training of a force capable of immediate and sustained long-range effective bombardment in any part of the world, and the performance of such special missions as may be directed by higher headquarters. In 1966 the capability to engage in aerial refueling has been added to the tactical mission of the wing. The 99th Bomb Wing is assigned the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress and the Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft.

The outstanding record of the 99th Bomb Wing dates back to World War II, when it won battle honors for action in Normandy, Tunisia, North and South France, Sicily, the Po Valley, and other parts of the European Theater, including the raids on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania. Reactivated as the 111th Bomb Wing, the wing was redesignated as the 99th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, SAC, in January 1953. Designation as a Bombardment Wing took place in September 1955.

While at Westover, the 99th Bomb Wing has twice won the Air Force's coveted Payne-Jennings trophy for competitive bomber stream missions. In 1963 the wing won the Major General James C. Selser Memorial Trophy as the outstanding bombardment unit in Eighth Air Force.



COLONEL ROBERT E. BROFFT
Commander

The 99th Air Refueling Squadron, formerly part of the 499th Air Refueling Wing, has set several records since its formation at Westover in January 1958. These records include:

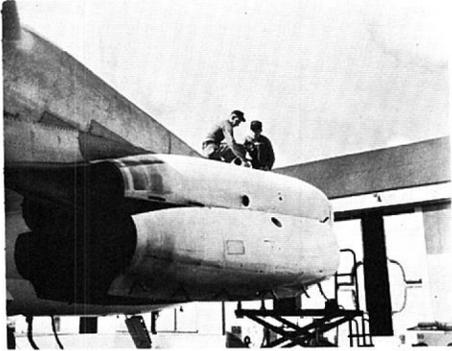
New York to London—5 hrs, 27 min, (Maj. Burl B. Davenport)

London to New York—5 hrs, 51 min, (Maj. Davenport)

Los Angeles to New York—3 hrs, 20 min, (unofficial)

Capt. William H. Howell)
World's record aerial payload—78,089 lbs. (Capt. Howell). This record stood until Dec. 16, 1958 when a MATS C-133 surpassed it.





Maintenance



Pipe-Line in the sky



Security is everyone's business



Specialist at work



Military Honors



SAC's one, two punch



Reflection of peace



Westover Remembrance



Combat Defense Force

99th Combat Support Group

The 99th Combat Support Group provides the "Power Behind the Power" for the 99th Bomb Wing, the 814th Medical Group and the large variety of other organizations based at Westover.

The largest organization on the base, the support group maintains over 1,160 buildings, 88 miles of roadway, 4,700 acres of land, 31 hangars, and over 2 million square yards of airfield pavement.

The 99th Combat Support Group include six squadrons and a WAF squadron section. However, the variety of duties performed by the combat support group exceeds the number of squadrons assigned by tenfold.

Such important functions as the supply of fuel for all of Westover's aircraft and the security of this Strategic Air Command installation are among the group's duties. They also provide personnel functions for the 57th Air Division and tenant units.

Other functions of the combat support group include civil engineering, accounting and finance, legal services, materiel and supply functions, security and law enforcement, transportation, food service, exchange and commissary services, education, and religious activities.

Among the more unusual functions of the combat support group are those performed by its four-legged members, the German Shepherds assigned to the Security Police sentry dog unit. These canine "airmen" patrol sensitive areas of the base and are alert to warn their handlers of potential sabotage acts.

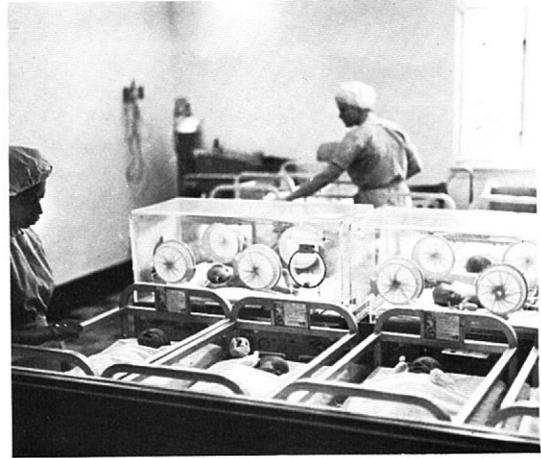
The group also operates the recreation facilities of the base, including the Officers and NCO clubs, the theater, bowling alleys and the Service Club.



COL. ROY J. SOUSLEY JR.
Commander
99th Combat Support Group



WAF Marching Unit



COLONEL JOSEPH D. McGEARY
Commander

Medical Facilities

Westover's Hospital is a fully accredited medical facility located in an area off Central Avenue. A modern building of permanent construction, the Hospital is well staffed and provides treatment for all eligible personnel in almost all specialties.

As the Hospital has one of the largest out-patient workloads in the Strategic Air Command, prudent use of the Air Force Clinic's Emergency Out-Patient Services will be of the greatest assistance to the Medical Staff and will permit them to continue to provide the most efficient care and treatment to base personnel and their dependents.

Out-Patient Care

Out-Patient care is best provided on an "Appointment Basis" and may be arranged for by calling the Central Appointment Desk, Ext. 7278, Monday thru Friday, from 0800 to 1700 hours.

Non-acute emergency complaints may come to the Air Force Clinic without an appointment any weekday, during the hours listed below. These Clinic hours are titled "Doctors Clinic."

- 0730-0900 Military Personnel
- 0800-0900 All categories of personnel
- 1530-1630 All categories of personnel

Emergency Medical Care

BONAFIDE emergency patients will be seen at any time. If the situation permits, please call Ext. 7260 or 7358 in order to alert the Medical Personnel prior to reporting to the Hospital.

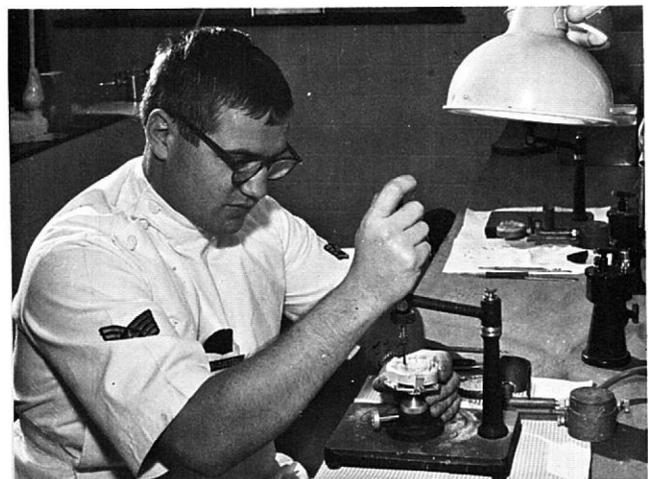
AMBULANCE service may be requested by calling the Hospital at Ext. 7260 or 7358. Ambulance will be dispatched only by the Medical Officer on duty.

Dental Services

Located in building P-5600 on Outer Drive, adjacent to the Hospital, this modern Dental facility is fully accredited by the American Dental Association and provides military personnel complete care in all dental specialties. An Area Dental Laboratory, fully accredited is also located in this building which provides service to 21 Satellite bases.

Military personnel desiring routine dental treatment may report directly to the Clinic during duty hours. Emergency treatment after normal duty hours may be obtained by reporting to the Air Force Clinic, located in the Hospital. Consistent with current Air Force policy, dependent care is limited to emergency dental treatment only.

Military personnel who desire information relative to dental appointments are invited to call the Dental Reception Desk, Ext. 7351.



Dental Laboratory



Upon Your Arrival

Reporting In

Airmen and officers arriving at Westover for assignment to organizations of the 99th Bombardment Wing should report directly to the processing unit of Base Personnel, Hangar 5. Here personnel will be given their incoming clearance and notified of their squadron assignment.

Those arriving after duty hours report to the Base Billeting Office, Bldg. 2701, for registering and billeting. They should report to the Staff Duty Officer at Bldg. 1510 to sign in. They must then report to the Base Processing Center, Hangar 5 on the following work day at 0745 hours.

Personnel assigned to non-SAC tenant units will report to the orderly room of their organization. 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 Air Force Manuals. Applications should be made during in-processing in most cases.

Airmen living in quarters beyond reasonable commuting distance (35 miles) from the installation will not be granted authority to ration separately or reside off-base. Exception of this ruling will be granted only at the discretion of the organization commander.

Household Goods

Information regarding the shipment, arrival and storage of household goods may be obtained at the Commer-

cial Transportation Office, Bldg. S-228 on Hangar Avenue, Extension 3138.

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.

Identification Cards

The DD Form 2, AF, Identification Card, is required for all military personnel for personal identification. Dependents must secure an identification pass from the Base Police Registration and Identification section in Hangar 5.

Domestic Pets

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

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.

Firearms

Personnel bringing privately-owned firearms and ammunition on the base must register these items immediately and obtain a permit from Base Police Registration and Identification Section, Hangar 5.

Upon Your Arrival . . .



Wherry Housing

Billeting

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

Government quarters are available for bachelor officers or married officers not accompanied by their dependents. Assignment to bachelor and transient quarters is accomplished at the Base Billeting Office in Building 2701. Quarters will be assigned in the order of application.

Visiting male and female officers who desire on-base quarters may also apply for billet at the Base Billeting Office.

No facilities are available for the quartering of female officers, PCS, other than those assigned to the 814th Medical Group.

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.

There are no guest house facilities for officers arriving with their dependents. NCOs and airmen accompanied by dependents are authorized guest housing for a maximum of seven days, but space is severely limited and is assigned on a "first come first served" basis. Incoming personnel should note that off-base housing can be considered expensive. Motels in the area usually cost not less than \$10 per day for two persons.

Also located in Building 2701 is a Housing Referral Office which maintains listings of available rentals in the area and will assist incoming personnel in obtaining quarters.



Barracks Interior



ECR

Eastern Communications Region

Eastern Communications Region, headquartered at Westover, is a major sub-command of the Air Force Communications Service. As such, the Region is tasked with three primary missions: (1) on-base communications, (2) long line continental and inter-continental communications, and (3) air traffic control and navigational aids.

With 2 groups, 28 Squadrons and 7 Detachments from Thule, Greenland to the tip of Puerto Rico, and from the Eastern Seaboard to the Azores Islands, the Region's personnel face an extreme of climates and working conditions.

"Providing the Reins of Command" for the Air Force, the Region maintains and operates Flight Facilities such as radar approach control, air traffic control towers, ground control approach and other electronic devices. It is also charged with operating air route traffic control centers which control international commercial air traffic and military air operations.

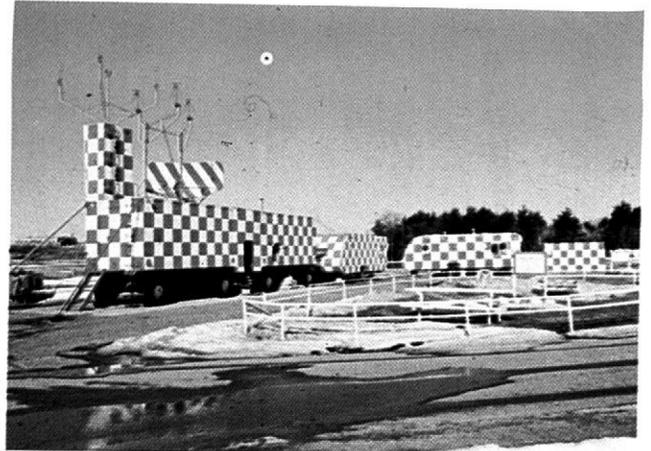
The Region also plays a direct role in the defense of the United States by supervising the operation of submarine cables, low and high frequency radio and tropospheric scatter systems in support of the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS), and point-to-point communications for all USAF Commands.

Other Region activities include operation of the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) station on base and the supervision of those stations within the ECR MARS area. In early 1968, all MARS stations were placed under AFCS Command.

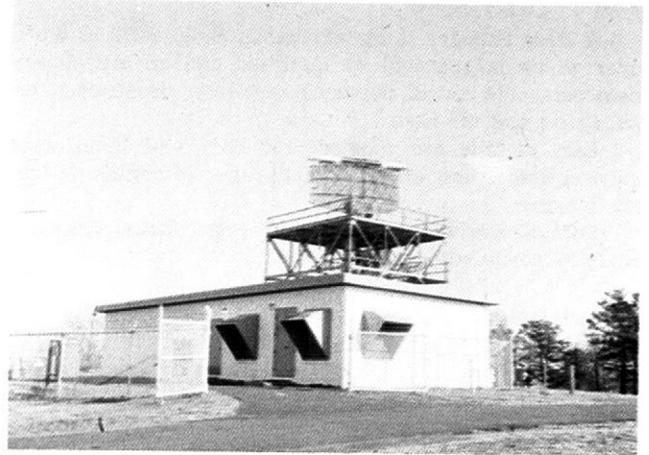
The Automatic Digital Network (AUTODIN) system is capable of handling both data and teletype messages in a common media. Fast and efficient, it handles messages at a rate of 200 cards per minute on each circuit between centers, with an error rate of less than one character on each 119 thousand cards. Within its area of responsibility, the Region manages AUTODIN service among some 24 tributary stations.

The Presidential Aeronautical Station, operated by the 2045th Comm Gp, Andrews AFB, Maryland, provides communications to Air Force One, the Presidential aircraft, and other VIP aircraft.

In an age when jets, missiles and rockets make the world so much smaller, a faster, more reliable communications system is needed. It is the Region's job to provide that system.



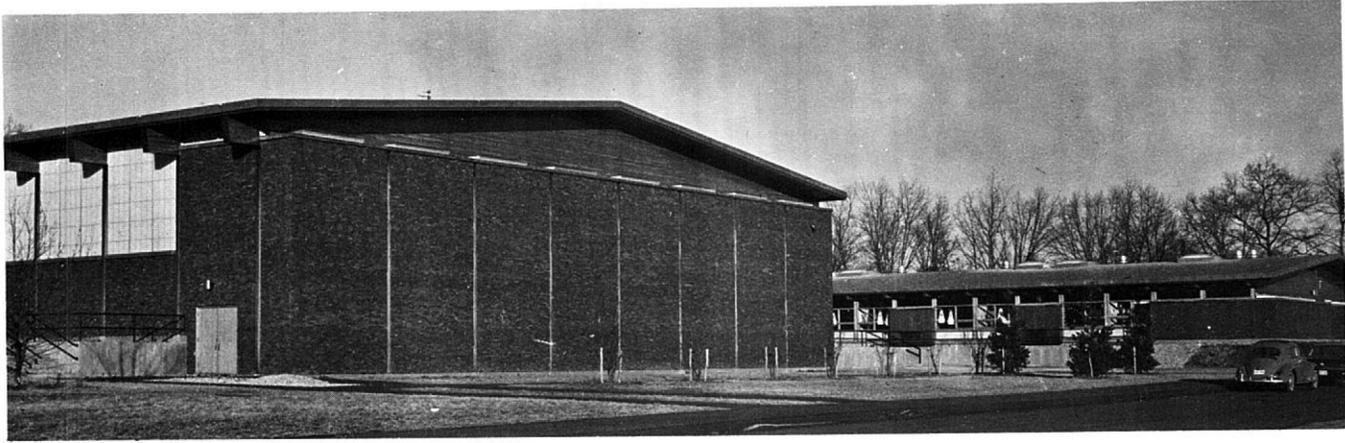
Radar Approach Control Unit. This facility is used to guide aircraft to a safe landing regardless of the weather conditions. Controllers inside the unit "talk" the pilot in. ECR operates several of these units.



Search Radar Unit: This facility does just what the name implies; searches the sky for aircraft to allow area control of the airspace and enhance flying safety. ECR operates this facility at many locations.



Tropospheric Scatter Antennae at Hofn, Iceland: These monstrous antennae are located throughout the far north and operated by ECR units. They "bounce" a radio signal off the troposphere to a receiving antenna which may be as far as 670 miles away. The system is 99% reliable and satisfies many of the highest priority communications required for this nation's defense.



Dependent Schools

Day Nursery

A Base Nursery is maintained in Bldg. S-272 at Westover which is operated by qualified civilian and dependent personnel for all personnel and their dependents, residing on and off base.

Shot records are required for DPT and Polio shots started, depending on the child's age. Minimum age is six months.

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

Westover Pre-School

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

A charge of \$20.00 a month is made for this school. There are two sessions held daily.

For further particulars phone 3447.

Bowie Memorial School

The Bowie Memorial School contains Grades Kindergarten-3. The school, besides providing an up-to-date instructional program, also contains special facilities for physical education and a hot School Lunch Program.

Selser Memorial School

Selser Memorial School accommodates students in Grades 4-5-6. In addition to an up-to-date instructional program, the school provides a background in basic skill subjects with enrichment through music, art, physical education, industrial arts, practical arts, and instructional music. Hot School Lunch Program, including mid-morning milk, is available for a nominal fee on a daily basis.

Sweeney Memorial School

The Sweeney Memorial School contains Grades 6-7-8. The newest of the schools at Westover, it was completed in the fall of 1966 and is outstanding in both architecture and functional design. This building, referred to as a Middle School, contains many adaptive facilities for recent innovations in education, including special facilities for pre-vocational offerings for both boys and girls. Extensive facilities for music, art, physical education, industrial

arts, practical arts, instrumental music, and a large library adequately service the educational needs of this school. Hot School Lunch Program is available.

Secondary Education at the Chicopee Comprehensive High School

The Chicopee Comprehensive High School has been established as the public high school for students living on base. The school is fully accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This school, with an enrollment of over 2000, ranks among the foremost schools in the nation that truly encompasses all of the educational phases in being called a Comprehensive High School. Course offerings for Grades 9-12 include college preparatory math and science, liberal arts, a full commercial education program, a special program in distributive education, technical programs, and extensive vocational special programs. The latest equipment in Data Processing is available for administrative and instructional use. This modern plant, completed in 1962, offers high school students the very best in educational opportunities.

Offerings in the Evening Adult and Continuing Education Courses

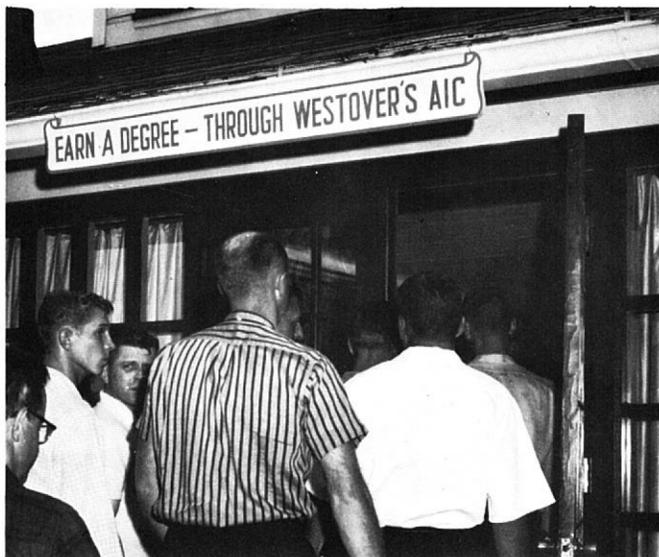
Extensive courses are offered in the Evening Adult and Continuing Education Program for the city of Chicopee. Course titles and descriptions are available during the months of September and January for all courses sponsored by the Chicopee Public Schools. Westover personnel are encouraged to participate in any of the offerings of this program.

Registration For All Schools

It will be necessary for students to have current inoculation records, transfer cards, report cards, and birth certificates when registering at any of the schools. For special problems, contact the Central Office of the Chicopee School System which is located at 141 Grape Street, Chicopee, telephone 594-4711.

The close relationship between Westover AFB and the Chicopee Public Schools has been in existence for a period exceeding twenty-five years. The knowledge gained in servicing dependents of the Air Force has resulted in this system coping in the best possible fashion with the situation. The Chicopee Public Schools attempt in every way to provide all phases of every program to all children in the city.

Westover's On-Base



American International College

Westover Air Force Base in conjunction with the American International College in nearby Springfield, have developed an extensive on-base educational program for "self-improvement" minded personnel at this installation.

Through the on-base program, which is open to all military personnel, Civil Service employees and base dependents, one can obtain a bachelor of science in business administration, bachelor of arts in political science and a two-year associate of arts degree.

Recently AIC's on-base program received a "shot in the arm" when educational assistance was increased from a maximum of \$13.50 per semester hour to \$13.88.

Full cost of a three-semester hour course is \$55.50. Formerly the government paid \$40.50 and the student paid \$15. With the new assistance program, the basic cost of \$55.50 will remain the same. However, the government will now pay \$41.62 of the eligible student's tuition and he will pay only \$13.88.

The off-duty college program at Westover is provided to assist the individual to perform his Air Force job more

efficiently, prepare himself for more responsible jobs and increase his chances for promotion.

The program also helps to maintain continually in academic or vocational training begun before entering the service and in increasing the student's value in the civilian manpower pool after his separation from the armed forces.

Courses offered during a normal semester by American International include current economic problems, history of education, elementary French, college algebra, calculus, general psychology, personal psychology and elementary Russian.

Also, principles of economics, education, world literature, finance, rise of western civilization, trigonometry, survey of natural sciences, educational psychology and personnel administration.

English, report writing, law, principles of management, political science and a host of foreign languages are also offered.

All personnel interested in the on-base college program are urged to call the Base Education Office.



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 Mess is located just south of the main rotary and across the street from Base Headquarters.

MEALS

Breakfast:	Mon. thru Fri.	(0630 to 0900)
	Sat.	(0630 to 1400)
	Sunday Brunch	(0800 to 1400)
Lunch:	Mon. thru Fri.	(1100 to 1330)
	Sat.	(1100 to 1400)
	Sunday Brunch	(0800 to 1400)
Dinner:	Mon. thru Thurs.	(1700 to 2100)
	Fri.	(1700 to 2200)
	Sat.	(1800 to 2200)
	Sun.	(1800 to 2100)

BAR: Mon. thru Thurs., also,
Sun. and holidays (1000 to 2300)
Fri., Sat. and days preceding
holidays (1000 to 0100)

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.

WESTOVER'S CLUBS

NCO Open Mess

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

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

Entertainment includes an orchestra on weekends as well as Wednesday evenings. Floor shows are featured on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Delicious meals may be obtained in the Mess Dining Room.

MEALS

Mon thru Thurs	(0700 to 1500 - 1600 to 2130)
Fri. and Sat.	(0700 to 1500 - 1600 to 2230)
Sunday	(0800 to 2130)

BAR

Mon. thru Thurs.	(1500 to 2400)
Fri.	(1500 to 0100)
Sat.	(1200 to 0100)
Sun.	(1200 to 2400)

Other facilities are, a spacious ballroom, cocktail bar, stag bar, and other relaxation areas. Monthly activity schedules and information concerning membership are available at the Mess.



Officers' Wives' Club

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

Composed of officers' wives stationed here, retired officers' wives and wives of officers stationed elsewhere, 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 assisting at the Thrift Shop, Belchertown State hospital and other charity projects. On the social calendar are the regular monthly luncheon on the 2nd Tuesday, the Hail & Farewell coffee on the 3rd Tuesday, sport activities and many other recreational activities.

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 Open Mess. Phone 2721.

Service Club

A spacious, modern-furnished Service Club consisting of game rooms, a tape recording/listening room, a large ballroom with stage, a Crafts Shop, and other recreational facilities and meeting rooms is open daily to all personnel and their families, with a diversified recreational program offered to all.

A weekly program is available at the club, which is also posted on squadron bulletin boards, scheduling the various activities. Wives clubs, special interest and hobby

clubs, and a Westover Theatre Guild meet weekly in the club. For information regarding programs and clubs, call 2014.

Located across the street from Eighth Air Force Headquarters, the club is open Monday through Friday from 0800 to 2300, Saturday from 0900 to 2300, and Sunday from 1100 to 2300.

The Snack Bar located in the club is open from 0700 to 1400 and 1430 to 2200 Monday through Saturday. Sundays and holidays the Snack Bar is open from 0900 to 2200.

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, 8486 Hillman St., holds open house on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 1400 to 2000, and is open during the week providing ping-pong, television, records and on occasion, theater tickets for all types of local seasonal entertainment. 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.

Westover Creative Crafts Shop

Westover Crafts Shop is a very modern up to date shop covering ceramics (both creative & molds), photo, rug weaving, rug hooking, chair caning, oil painting, leather & lapidary. Classes are given in all crafts by qualified instructors. Location of Craft Shop is in the Service Club, Bldg. 5550, Telephone 2457; hours of operation: Monday through Friday—1800 to 2200 hours except for special classes which are announced.





Family Services—ready when needed

Serving You and Yours

Family Services

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

Westover's Family Services Center is located in Hangar 5.

Hours of Operation are from 0900 to 1600 Monday through Friday, phone Ext. 2939/2835.

The center can furnish the following services:

1. Emergency household items which you may borrow until your household goods arrive.
2. Listing on off-base housing.
3. Information on other Air Force Bases.
4. Emergency baby sitting, emergency transportation and assistance to your family in time of need.

Air Force Aid Society

The Air Force Aid Society 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 emergencies. The local office is located in Hangar 5, Extension 2490/2539.

American Red Cross

The Westover field director of the ARC is located in Bldg. S-237. In general, the ARC will provide counseling service, direct communications 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 Monday thru Friday. During off duty hours, the base telephone operator can contact the ARC person on stand-by duty.

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 through which Red Cross volunteers from other organizations assist in the hospital program.

