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The History of Fort Wolters



HEADQUARTERS - United States Army Primary Helicopter Center.

1921-1941

The Fort Wolters story begins in 1921 with the organization of the 56th Cavalry Brigade of the Texas National Guard. The brigade's commanding officer, Brigadier General Jacob F. Wolters, recognized the need for a field training camp in Texas, and in 1925 went to Washington and received a grant on which to construct the camp.

The city of Mineral Wells purchased 50 acres of land just east of the corporate limits and presented it to the state of Texas for headquarters for the brigade. The citizens of Mineral Wells leased an additional 2,300 acres surrounding the original 50 acres for use three weeks out of each year for maneuvering purposes.

Just prior to World War II the citizens of Mineral Wells leased more land surrounding the original National Guard Camp plot and inserted the provision that buildings might be constructed.

On 13 October 1940, it was announced that Mineral Wells was selected as the location for an Infantry Replacement Training Center. The City Commission of Mineral Wells secured individual leases and then made a master lease to the War Department for the entire 7,500 acre tract, and on 16 November 1940, an engineering firm from Dallas began construction of the camp. Eighteen thousand men labored around the clock to complete the job in three and one-half months, at a total construction cost of \$14,200,000.

1941-1946

Colonel Fay W. Brabson arrived at Camp Wolters on 3 January 1941, to assume command of the not yet completed post. The camp was offi-

cially turned over to the Army on 22 March, when Colonel Brabson was presented the keys to the camp from the contractor.

The first trainees arrived on the first of March and their training began 24 March. Brigadier General William H. Simpson arrived on 4 April 1941, and the following day assumed command, with Colonel Brabson his executive officer.

On 7 December 1941, with the attack on Pearl Harbor, Camp Wolters began in earnest the grim task of training men for war. During the war years, Camp Wolters was noted as being the nation's largest Infantry Replacement Training Center, which at its peak housed 30,000 men at one time.

The Infantry Replacement Training Center was inactivated on 19 January 1946. The flag was lowered for the last time on 15 August 1946 by one officer and one enlisted man, the only two remaining men on post. With this act, the nation's largest Infantry Replacement Training Center was officially closed.

1946-1951

After the war, Camp Wolters was purchased from the War Department by a group of local businessmen and became known as Camp Wolters Enterprises, Inc. Many of the buildings were moved and converted to barns, warehouses, school buildings, and homes. Those buildings remaining at the camp were converted into a thriving industrial center.

During the latter part of 1950, representatives of the Air Force and the Army discussed with company officers the possible use of all of the buildings, roads, utilities, and other property owned by Camp Wolters Enterprises, Inc., at the old Camp Wolters site.



Soldiers swarmed over the sides of the make-believe ship and scrambled down rope nets while learning disembarkation techniques.

During the early months of 1951, it was announced that Camp Wolters would be reactivated by the Air Force and would be the home base for the aviation engineers. The Corps of Engineers and a nationally known independent appraisal firm made appraisals of the land, buildings, and other facilities, and after limited negotiations, a price for these properties was agreed upon, and a settlement was completed on this basis.

1951-1956

In February, 1951, the camp was reactivated and redesignated Wolters Air Force Base. Its mission was to house the newly formed Aviation Engineer Force, which was established in April, 1951. SCARWAF (Special Category Army with Air Force) personnel were trained here until 1956, when the SCARWAF function reverted to Army control.

In March, 1956, Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker and a party of Defense Department and Army officials arrived at the base to inspect the facilities.

The March 24 issue of Army Times quoted an Army source as stating that the Army was ordered to take over Wolters Air Force Base as a site for primary helicopter training, and on 19 April, Headquarters Wolters Air Force Base received a Department of Defense news release stating that transfer of the base would be held during the summer of 1956.

On 1 July 1956, the post was officially transferred to Army control and Camp Wolters embarked on its new mission — training helicopter pilots.

1956 to Present

Camp Wolters was officially transferred to the Army on 1 July 1956, and on this date Colonel John L. Inskeep assumed command. Dedication ceremonies commemorating the reconstitution of

Wolters Air Force Base as an installation of the U.S. Army were held 13 July 1956.

The contract to conduct the flight training program at U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School was awarded 21 August 1956, to Southern Airways Company, a pioneer and leader in the contract flight training field since the first experimental civilian pilot program was conducted in 1940. The contract with Southern Airways has been extended or renewed every year, and the contract for the period 1 July 1967 through 30 June 1968, amounts to \$23 million.



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The Primary Helicopter School became an official U.S. Army School on 26 September 1956, and the first class reported for training on 26 November, and graduated 27 April 1957. It consisted of 35 students. There were 34 warrant officer candidates and one chief warrant officer in the class.

On 1 June 1963, Camp Wolters was redesignated Fort Wolters, a permanent military installation, and in March, 1966, the post was designated the U.S. Army Primary Helicopter Center.



Simulated villages dotted the terrain and made the training more realistic. Some of the buildings were in miniature, but there were also full-scale replicas of German and Japanese villages.



Heavy protective clothing was the fashion for cadre teaching bayonet techniques to trainees.



Fort Wolters terrain trembled with the explosions of many artillery shells during realistic combat training for World War II infantrymen.

Capsule History of Fort Wolters

- 1921 — 56th Cavalry Brigade of Texas National Guard organized.
- 1925 — Grant for construction of Texas National Guard training camp given to Brigadier General Jacob F. Wolters.
- 1940 — October 13 — Announcement made that Mineral Wells selected for location of Infantry Replacement Training Center.
- 1940 — November 16 — Construction of training center begun.
- 1941 — March 22 — Camp Wolters officially turned over to the Army.
- 1941 — April 5 — Brigadier General William H. Simpson assumed command.
- 1946 — January 19 — Infantry Replacement Training Center inactivated.
- 1951 — February — Camp Wolters reactivated and redesignated Wolters Air Force Base.
- 1951 — April — Aviation Engineer Force established.
- 1956 — July 1 — Camp Wolters reverted to Army control with mission to train helicopter pilots.
- 1956 — September 26 — U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School activated.
- 1957 — April 27 — First class graduated from U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School.
- 1963 — June 1 — Camp Wolters redesignated FORT WOLTERS, a permanent military installation.
- 1966 — March — Post was designated U.S. ARMY PRIMARY HELICOPTER CENTER.

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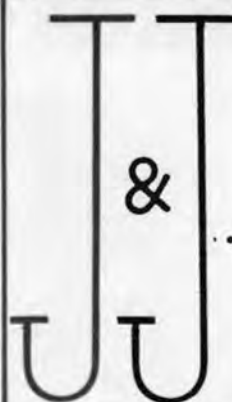
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An aerial view of Camp Wolters during World War II days. The post then was the home of the nation's largest Infantry Replacement Training Center.



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The Post's Namesake



Brigadier General Jacob F. Wolters
on his horse, Red Bird

Brigadier General Jacob F. Wolters, son of Theodore Henry and Margaret Wolters, was born in Ulm, Texas, 2 September 1871.

He entered the Texas National Guard as a private in Company D (Fayette Light Guard), First Texas Infantry on 31 May 1891. Commissioned a first lieutenant with Troop H, First Texas Cavalry on 28 April 1898, he served in this capacity during the Spanish-American War.

He was appointed lieutenant colonel on 17 January 1911, and brigadier general of the Texas National Guard on 1 April 1918.

In 1921 he organized the 56th Cavalry Brigade, and served as its commanding officer. It was during this duty assignment that he was instrumental in obtaining the grant in 1925 on which to construct a field training camp in Texas.

At the commencement of World War I, Gen-

eral Wolters made a vigorous speaking campaign throughout the state, explaining why we were in the war and the duties of the citizens.

In addition to his wartime services, General Wolters served his state faithfully and well in many periods of martial law enforcement and was generally regarded as an authority in that field.

He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1892, and later served as County Attorney for Fayetteville County. In 1893 he married Sally Drane of Columbus. From 1900 to 1904 he served as Presidential Executive; and in 1912 he was unsuccessful in the race for U.S. Senator.

He is the author of two books: "Northern Men and Mier Expedition", published in 1927, and "Martial Law and Its Administration", published in 1930.

He was retired from the National Guard on 21 November 1934. He died 8 October 1935.

U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School

Activated at Fort Wolters on 26 September, 1956, shortly after the return of the post to Army control, the U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School has steadily grown in size and importance. The first class of Fort Wolters trained helicopter pilots graduated in April, 1957, and numbered only 35. During its first full year of operation, the school trained approximately 250 students. During 1965, more than 1,110 students were trained at the school; in 1966, this number increased to over 3,600 students. Since its activation, through 1967, more than 15,000 students have completed helicopter pilot training at Fort Wolters. The U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School is a key member of the Army team which is producing the aviators needed for the modern mobile Army of today.

During the years since 1956, the school has experienced various changes in its program of instruction and courses scheduled. Students have included not only active duty Army officers but also warrant officers and enlisted men slated to become warrant officers, National Guard officers, officers of allied countries and some civilians employed by government agencies. At times in the past the school has conducted qualification courses designed to teach Army fixed-wing pilots the techniques of rotary wing flying.

In 1957, there were 12 helicopters in the training fleet. To meet growing requirements for Army



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aviators in Vietnam and other parts of the world, the training fleet was increased to 400 helicopters in 1965, 775 helicopters in 1966, and 1,058 helicopters by September of 1967. To accommodate this increase in aircraft, in 1966 a second heliport was built adjacent to the Mineral Wells airport. The new heliport was named Downing Army Heliport and has parking for over 300 aircraft. Another new heliport, Dempsey Army Heliport, has been constructed west of Mineral Wells. It was completed and turned over to the School in January, 1968. It will accommodate approximately 500 helicopters.

Currently the school at Fort Wolters shares with the Army Aviation Schools at Fort Rucker,



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Courses currently being presented at the school include the following: 16 week Officer/Warrant Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course, designed to train officers with no previous military flying experience; the 20 week Warrant Officer Candidate Rotary Wing Aviator Course, (the first four weeks of which is the WOC Indoctrination Training Course).

The first eight weeks of the students' flight training is devoted to learning the basic flight maneuvers of the helicopter at a fixed operation area on "stage field". This training is conducted under civilian contract by Southern Airways of Texas, Inc., and Flight Department "C" of USAPHS.

The second eight weeks, or Primary II, teaches the student to apply the basic maneuvers to small unimproved landing areas, and introduces formation flying, air navigation, and night flying. This training is conducted by Flight Departments "A" and "B" of USAPHS. The military instructors of these divisions are nearly all combat veterans.

Directorate of Plans, Training and Security

The mission of the Directorate of Plans Training and Security is to support USAPHC/S and Fort Wolters as the Commanding General's principal advisor for planning, developing and supervising military operations; intelligence and counterintelligence operations; security activities; unit and permanent party training; USAPHC staff aviation matters; search and rescue operations; training aids support; weather information for USAPHC/S and Fort Wolters, and employment of the 328th Army Band. DPTSEC also develops TAADS policies and procedures; reviews TDA/TO&E documents; controls allocation and utilization of installation manpower; implements organizational development and force planning related to assignments, activa-

tions, inactivations/discontinuances and reorganizations of units; requisitions, stores, and issues all maps used by USAPHC/S and Fort Wolters.

Primary I and Primary II Flight Departments

Primary I and Primary II Flight Departments conduct initial entry rotary wing aviator training. Students are instructed in primary flying techniques to include pinnacle, confined area, and slope operations, autorotations, emergency procedures, navigation at normal and low level (not below 500'), and night operations. Students receive a total of 110 flying hours during their stay at the school, 50 hours of dual instruction and 60 hours of solo flight. Fifty hours are accumulated with the Primary I Flight Department or the civilian contractor, Southern Airways, Inc. The remaining 60 hours are obtained with the Primary II Flight Department.

Flight Evaluation Division

Flight Evaluation Division conducts the Methods of Instruction course for military instructor pilots and assures standardization of flight instruction. The evaluation of student pilots before advancing in levels of training is a major part of this division's responsibilities.

Training Support Department

The Training Support Department (TSD) is responsible for the management of all training resources to insure student training requirements are met. This entails the collection and analyses of student training data, determining the daily requirements for resources, and the allocation of training areas directly to the flight sections in residence. TSD was established in May, 1966. Functions and responsibilities have been periodically reviewed and changed to meet the rapid expansion requirements of USAPHS. An automated student training management system was implemented in January, 1967, to provide more timely and accurate information on which to base management decisions. A closed circuit command information television net originating at TSD allows training assets managers to provide graphic presentations of information to users of resources. TSD also has the responsibility of acquiring, classifying and marking all off-post advanced training areas. The Educational Television Branch of TSD produces television tapes for training, and operates six (6) closed circuit television channels. TSD also has the responsibility of acquiring, classifying and marking all off-post advanced training areas.

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Academic Department

The Academic Department of the United States Army Primary Helicopter School prepares, presents, supervises, and monitors all classroom military instruction, selected flight academic subjects, and Educational Television of the School. At present, the Department presents instruction to an average of 4400 students per year which includes officers, warrant officer candidates, members of the Vietnamese Air Force, and students from several other allied countries. An average officer class is approximately 130 officers, whereas, the warrant officer candidate classes usually begin with approximately 160 members.

Warrant officer development and airmanship subjects are the two principal areas in which the students receive instruction. In the Development Branch, the students receive diversified instruction in several areas ranging from traditional military "Map Reading" to "Management of Personal Finances." The warrant officer candidates receive 91 hours of instruction in Development as opposed to 27 hours for officer students.

All students receive 128 instruction hours from the Airmanship Branch. During this phase of their training, the students are exposed to a great number of aviation oriented subjects. The complete syllabus of instruction contains courses on a broad spectrum of aviation subjects including "Weather, Aircraft Maintenance, Emergency Procedures, and Navigation," as well as, several hours on Flying Maneuvers and Techniques.

In addition to regular classroom instruction, the Special Training Branch of the Academic Department operates a Learning Center for both US and allied students. These Centers, which operate both during and after regular duty hours, have qualified flight and ground instructors available continuously to help students improve their knowledge. In addition, the Learning Centers have films, tape recordings, and reference material as well as several unique training devices to aid the students. The Learning Centers have proven to be quite effective and have resulted in a lower attrition rate and higher overall grade averages both on the flight line and in the classroom.

The USAPHC/S and Allied Learning Centers are just one example of the Academic Department seeking areas for improvement and making revision. The Academic Department continually strives to

improve the methods of accomplishing its important mission so that the students will indeed become "Above the Finest."

Student Records Division

During the course of a year the records and files of approximately 10,000 resident students must be maintained at Fort Wolters. It is the function of Student Records Control Division to keep these records, as well as coordinate and supervise all graduation exercises at Fort Wolters.

Requirements and Budget Division

The Requirements and Budget Division plans, directs and supervises USAPHS requirements and budget operations; coordinates with USAPHS activities, U.S. Army Primary Helicopter Center (USAPHC), and higher headquarters to determine USAPHS training, logistic and budgetary requirements.

School Accomplishments

The USAPHS has maintained one of the best safety records of any flight school in the country. In October, 1964, the Flight Safety Foundation, Inc., presented a joint award to the school and Southern Airways of Texas, Inc., the civilian flight contractor, for its outstanding safety record. The presentation was made at the foundation's 17th annual international air safety seminar in New York City.

In August, 1960, the school and Southern were joint recipients of the James L. McClellan Safety Award. Senator John L. McClellan presented the trophy at ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

The USAPHS has recorded over 4,760,000 flying hours since its beginning in 1956. Over one million hours were flown in 1969 alone.

Students representing many of the SEATO and NATO countries have trained at Fort Wolters. The school trained its first general officer during the summer of 1965, Brigadier General Abass Ghandehari of Iran. Normally, an average of 60 allied officers undergo helicopter training with each officer/warrant officer rotary wing class. Most of these students come from countries in Southeast Asia.



Some of the programs shown on the Educational TV system are made in studios located in the academic building.

Southern Airways of Texas, Inc.

Southern Airways of Texas, Inc., is a civilian firm which holds a contract with the Army to perform certain tasks in connection with operations at the U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School. During World War II key personnel of Southern were instrumental in training several thousand military pilots for the U. S. Army Air Corps. The company has held the contract at USAPHS since the schools activation.

The contractor is responsible for primary flight training to include classroom instruction. Classroom subjects include maintenance, aerodynamics, flying safety, navigation, weather training and radio work.

Most of Southern Airways instructor pilots—more than 300 of them—have prior military service.

In addition to actual flight training, the contractor is responsible for maintenance of all government-owned aircraft used in the training of Army helicopter pilots. At the present there are more than 1,050 helicopters. Southern Airways also operates six consolidated mess halls supporting the U. S. Army Primary Helicopter School.

A major contributing factor to the outstanding safety record shared by the school and Southern is the maintenance performed by the more than 1800 personnel employed in Southern's maintenance department. Maintenance crews perform 24-hour round-the-clock maintenance to keep the aircraft in a high state of readiness. Aircraft currently being



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maintained and flown in support of the training program are OH-23 and TH-55 helicopters.

Programmed flying hours during 1969 averaged approximately 75,000 hours each month.

Southern's president and general manager, Raymond L. Thomas, came to Wolters in July, 1956, to take the position of general manager, USAPHS, for Southern Airways and, in addition, he was made vice-president of the company.

In February, 1964, the local operation became Southern Airways of Texas, Inc., a separate corporation from Southern Airways Company. Mr. Thomas was named president of Southern Airways of Texas.

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School Brigade

School Brigade is assigned the mission of directing and coordinating assigned students. In addition, it has the task of supervising administration, intelligence, selected training and supply within the command.

The School Brigade Headquarters is organized with a command element composed of the Brigade Commander, Executive Officer, and Command Sergeant Major; an S1/Adjutant Division; an Operations and Intelligence Division; and a Supply Division.

The S1/Adjutant Division makes all personnel assignments and provides personnel services support, formulates policy and provides guidance concerning welfare, health, and morale of Brigade members, and serves as the administrative base for the Brigade.

The Operations and Intelligence Division is responsible for the direction and supervision of schedules, and training of permanent party personnel. It is responsible for scheduling and coordination of training of students conducted by School Brigade. Operations and Intelligence Division also administers all activities pertaining to security within School Brigade.

The Supply Division maintains property books, hand receipts for property issued to assigned personnel, and unit supply records and publications.

Subordinate to the School Brigade is the 1st Warrant Officer Candidate Battalion, 2d Warrant Officer Candidate Battalion, the Officer Student Battalion, and the Brigade Headquarters Company. Each warrant officer candidate battalion has assigned five warrant officer candidate companies. The Officer Student Battalion, in addition to four officer student companies, also has one Vietnamese Student Company assigned.

The Officer Student Companies provide command and control for company personnel and officer students.

Each warrant officer candidate company performs command and administrative functions for warrant officer candidates. The Training, Advisor and Counseling (TAC) Officers observe and evaluate assigned candidates during training, maintain candidate training records, prepare and present instruction in physical training, drills and ceremonies and techniques of inspection, conduct the Command Information program, supervise class social functions, and instruct the candidates on the expected standards of conduct.

Beach Army Hospital

Beach Army Hospital, the first medical facility in the Army with a service designed and equipped expressly for aviation medicine, was opened in March, 1957. It was designated as Beach Army Hospital, in honor of Major General George C. Beach, Jr. during a ceremony held here in July, 1964.

Designed and constructed by the Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, at a cost of \$2,200,000, the three-story structure has modern operating rooms, wards, private and semi-private rooms, X-ray and laboratory equipment and is air-conditioned throughout.

The hospital operates as a 75-bed Class I hos-



Beach Army Hospital

pital with emergency expansion to 143-bed capacity. It provides diagnostic and therapeutic service in the fields of general medicine, general surgery and avia-

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Outpatient service in the hospital holds regular sick call hours and the clinics are operated on an appointment basis. Emergencies will be seen at anytime.

General Outpatient and Clinical Service;

Aviation Medicine: Monday-Friday 0730-0930 hrs.

Dependent Immunizations: Mon.-Wed.-Thur. 1300-1500 hrs.

School Children: Mon.-Wed.-Thur. 1500-1600 hrs.

Dermatology Clinic: By appointment Ext. 2414

General Outpatient Clinic: Monday-Friday 0930-1100 hrs.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopedics, OB-GYN: By appointment (Ext. 2414) Emergencies at any time.

Military Immunizations: Monday-Friday 0830-0930 hrs.


Military Sick Call: Monday-Friday 0730-0930 hrs.

Neuropsychiatry Clinic: By appointment Ext. 2414

Pediatric Clinic: Monday-Friday 0830-1100 hrs.

Visual Analysis: Monday-Friday 0900-1130 hrs.

Ambulance Service: Ambulance service is available to all on-post military personnel and dependents. Off post service will be provided when directed by the hospital commander.



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Dental Activity, MEDDAC

The office of the Dental Surgeon, organized at Fort Wolters on 1 March 1957, operates the post's dental clinics.

The fluoridation of the post water supply was initiated by the Dental Service in July, 1957, and was approved in 1958. Many individuals, especially children, have benefited by this measure taken to prevent dental caries (tooth decay). The water to Wolters Village is furnished from the post water supply.

Dental Clinic No. 1 is located in Bldg. 909 on Hood Road. Dental Clinic No. 2 is located in Beach Army Hospital. Dental surgical procedures will be performed at Dental Clinic No. 2.

For emergency dental care after normal duty hours, report to the Emergency Room at USBAH.

Military Dental Sick Call

Monday-Friday: 0730-0930 hours and 1230-1330 hours (except on Monday afternoons).

Dependent Dental Care

Offered on space available basis and the capabilities of the assigned staff. Routine Dental Examinations.

Monday afternoon: 1230-1500 hours (no appointments required).

328th US Army Band

The 328th US Army Band participates in post parades, reviews, and graduation ceremonies. The unit's thirteen piece dance band, the "Army Air Cavaliers," provides entertainment at social functions.

The band also plays a large role in the Army's Community Relations activities such as traveling to many of the surrounding cities and towns to play for parades, concerts, civic, and patriotic events.

The 328th Army Band has within its structure a concert band, dance band, marching band, combo, ensemble groups, and a chorus.

Detachment 20, 16th Weather Squadron

Detachment 20, 16th Weather Squadron, was activated at Fort Wolters on 1 July, 1966, based on a statement of requirements from the U. S. Army to Air Weather Service. It is the only U. S. Air Force unit at Fort Wolters. The unit began weather



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operations on 22 August 1966. Since operations began, facilities have been built to house the various functions of the detachment.

Detachment 20 is one of the detachments of the 16th Weather Squadron with headquarters at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

The detachment provides accurate forecasts and observations of the weather to support the flying operations of the USAPHS, as timely and reliable weather information is directly related to safe flight training operations.

The weather station at building 552 is in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with constant weather analysis performed by the forecasters. They obtain data from throughout the United States by use of teletype receivers and facsimile machines located in the weather station. Constant weather observations are taken by well qualified weather observers at Wolters Heliport and Dempsey Army Heliport. Research is continually being done to find better means to forecast the weather accurately for the local area and to improve overall products of the weather service.

84th Military Police Detachment

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General Information

PROCESSING IN

All officers upon arrival for temporary or permanent duty sign the register in the lobby of Headquarters and Officers Company and Warrant Officer Company, building 937, or building 911 after duty hours.

All student officers report to Officer Student Company, Building 915 on arrival.

All Allied students should report to the Allied Liaison Office, Bldg. 405, on arrival.

Warrant Officer Candidates report to Bldg. 967 on arrival.

Enlisted personnel upon arrival report to the unit indicated on orders:

USAPHS Special Troops.....	Bldg. 764
USAPHC.....	Bldg. 825
Beach Army Hospital.....	Bldg. 301
U.S. Army Dental Detachment.....	Bldg. 909

Registration Procedures

LOCATION: The Provost Marshal's Office is located in Bldg. 250 on the corner of Liggett and Van Story Streets.

Under the Provost Marshal are the Military Police, Ext. 2620, and the Vehicle Registration Section, which handles the registration of vehicles, firearms, and pets.

AUTO REGISTRATION: Privately-owned vehicles must be registered with the Vehicle Registration Section within 72 hours after they are initially brought on the installation. At time of application for registration, personnel must present a valid title, a valid drivers license, and a valid inspection sticker, and display a valid state, U.S. territory or U.S. possession license plate on the vehicle. Personnel are also required to initiate and sign one copy of DA Form 3562 (Certificate: Possession and Maintenance of Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance). The insurance requirements for Fort Wolters are 10,000.00 for Bodily Injury, 20,000.00 for each occurrence, and 5,000.00 for property damage. Both temporary and permanent stickers are issued by the Vehicle Registration Section. Vehicles must

also have two (2) sets of approved seat belts installed for use of occupants in front seat(s) of their vehicle. Persons registering should present their military I.D. Also, in the event the vehicle is not registered under the name of the owner, a notarized document is required.

FIREARMS REGISTRATION: To register firearms at Fort Wolters, they must be brought by the owner to the Vehicle Registration Section of the Provost Marshal's Office where they will be registered by personnel of this section.

PET REGISTRATION: Owners are required to register pets with the Provost Marshal within one week after arrival of the pet on post. All pets must be examined by the Veterinarian and a rabies vaccination verified by a properly executed certificate (DD Form 793), prior to registration with the Provost Marshal.

Mess Facilities

All warrant officer candidates and most enlisted permanent party personnel eat in contractor-operated mess halls. Personnel of Beach Army Hospital utilize the mess hall operated by their unit. Transient personnel may utilize Mess Hall No. 3. Mess Hall No. 6 is used by Vietnamese students only.

There are six contractor-operated mess halls. They include:

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The hours of operation for each mess hall are posted at the entrance of the mess hall and at the unit which is served by that mess hall.

Finance

LOCATION: Bldg. 242

HOURS OF OPERATION: The office is open from 0730-1130 hours and 1230-1630 hours Monday thru Friday; cashier's hours are from 0800 to 1130 hours and 1230-1600 hours daily.

Incoming student personnel will be inprocessed en masse at a pre-announced time and place, normally within seven days after their arrival. A student who needs money prior to scheduled in-processing may request pay due or partial pay. Normally, payment can be obtained within 24 hours.

Incoming permanent party personnel will be financially inprocessed during normal duty hours.

On scheduled dates of student inprocessing, the military pay section, travel section, and cashier will not be operational for other than required payment of discharges, reenlistments and personnel transferring out.

Post Banking Facility

LOCATION: Bldg. 831

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday-Thursday, 0900-1400; Friday 0900-1800; Saturday and Sunday, closed. The bank will be open payday 0900-1730 hours.

The bank will cash checks, open and close accounts, accept deposits, sell bonds and travelers checks, money orders, cashiers checks, and accept payments on notes.

Post Office

LOCATION: Bldg. 831

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Stamps, money orders, and parcel post; Monday-Friday, 0800-1615 hours; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, closed.

The Post Office lobby with access to mail boxes is open 24 hours a day.

Veterinary Clinic

The Fort Wolters Veterinary Clinic is located in Bldg. 303, near the Emergency Entrance to Beach Army Hospital. It is well equipped and staffed to provide most of the services required by families to keep their pets immunized and in good health. Treatment is limited, however, to those conditions which are communicable to man. Small animal clinics are conducted each Tuesday and Thursday by appointment. All types of immunizations and worming treatment are available during these clinics. The clinic is also responsible for a surveillance inspection of all perishable products sold in the post commissary and served in post mess facilities.

Legal Services

Center Judge Advocate

LOCATION: Bldg. 238

HOURS OF OPERATION: 0730-1130 hours; 1230-1630 hours Monday-Friday.

Legal assistance and claims service is provided active and retired military personnel and their dependents. No appointments are necessary for legal assistance interviews. Legal assistance officers will be made available on Monday through Friday, to handle personal legal affairs.


Red Cross

LOCATION: Bldg. 806 on Hood Road.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 0730-1630 hours Monday-Friday.


The American Red Cross maintains a field office with a resident field director at Fort Wolters. After duty hours, on holidays and on weekends, the person on call for emergencies may be reached by calling the Post Staff Duty Officer.

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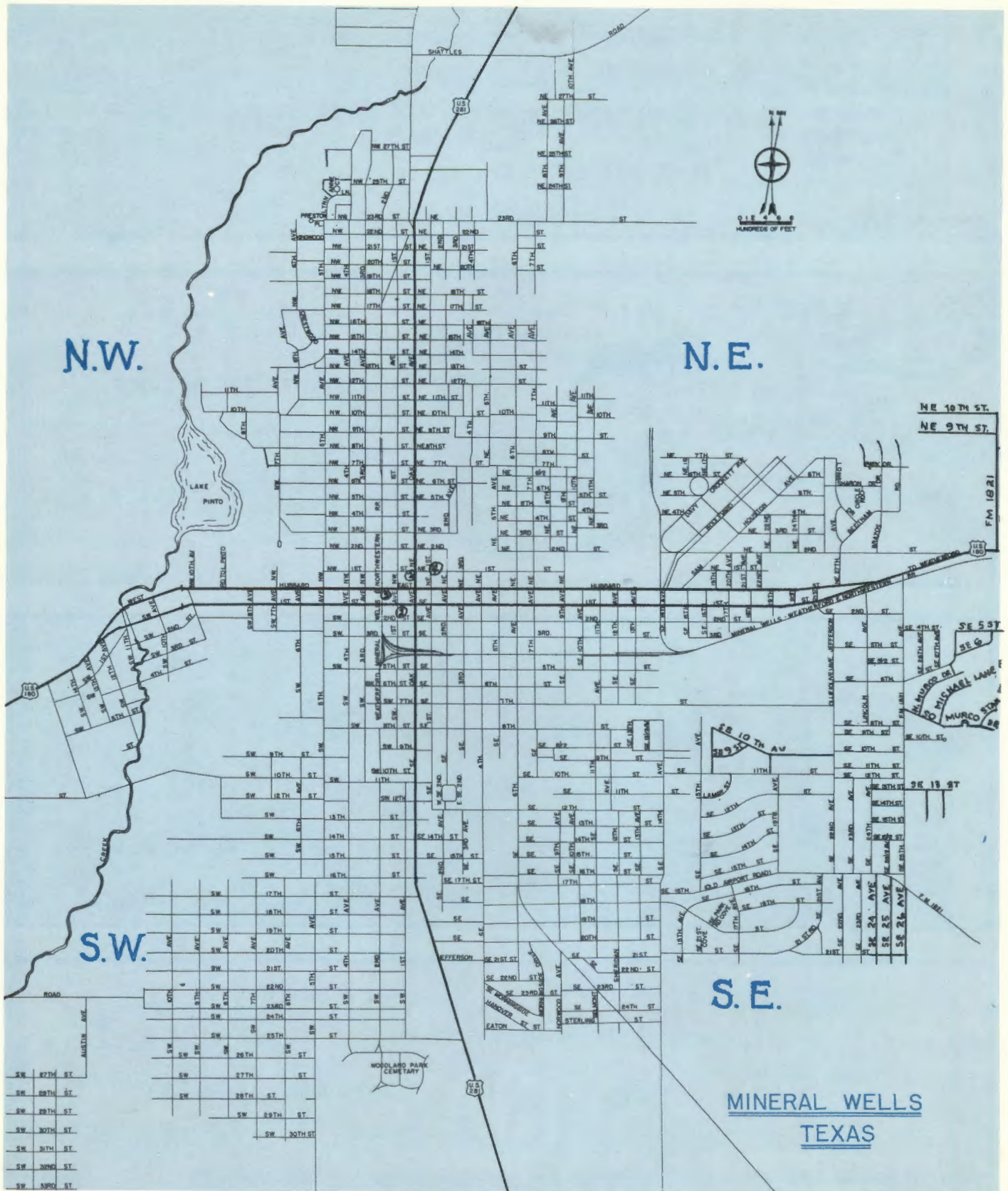


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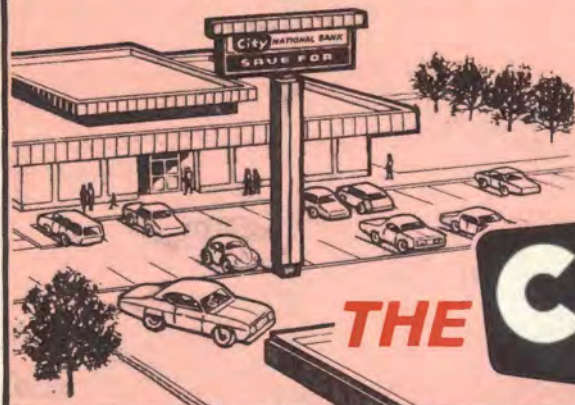
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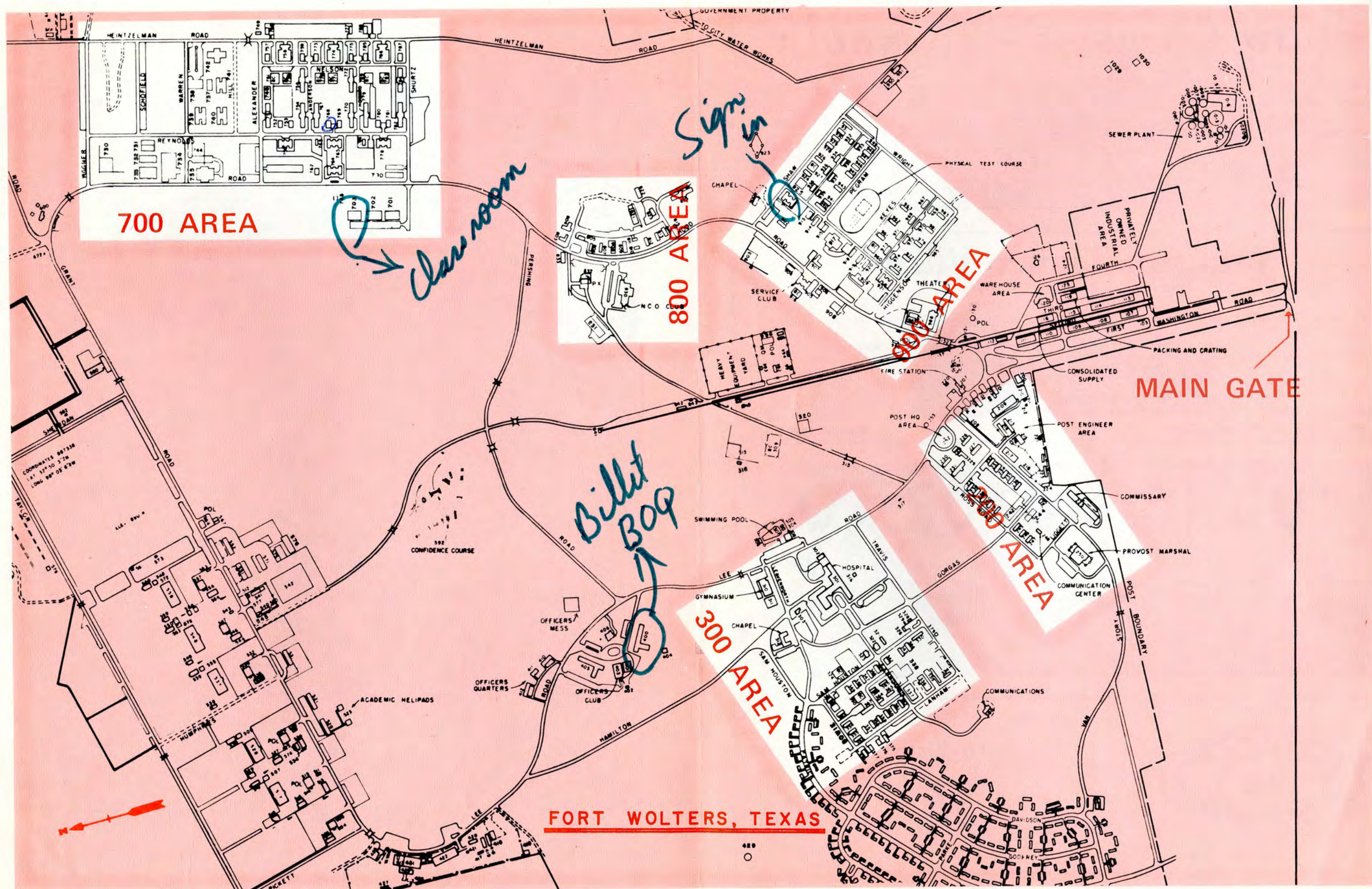
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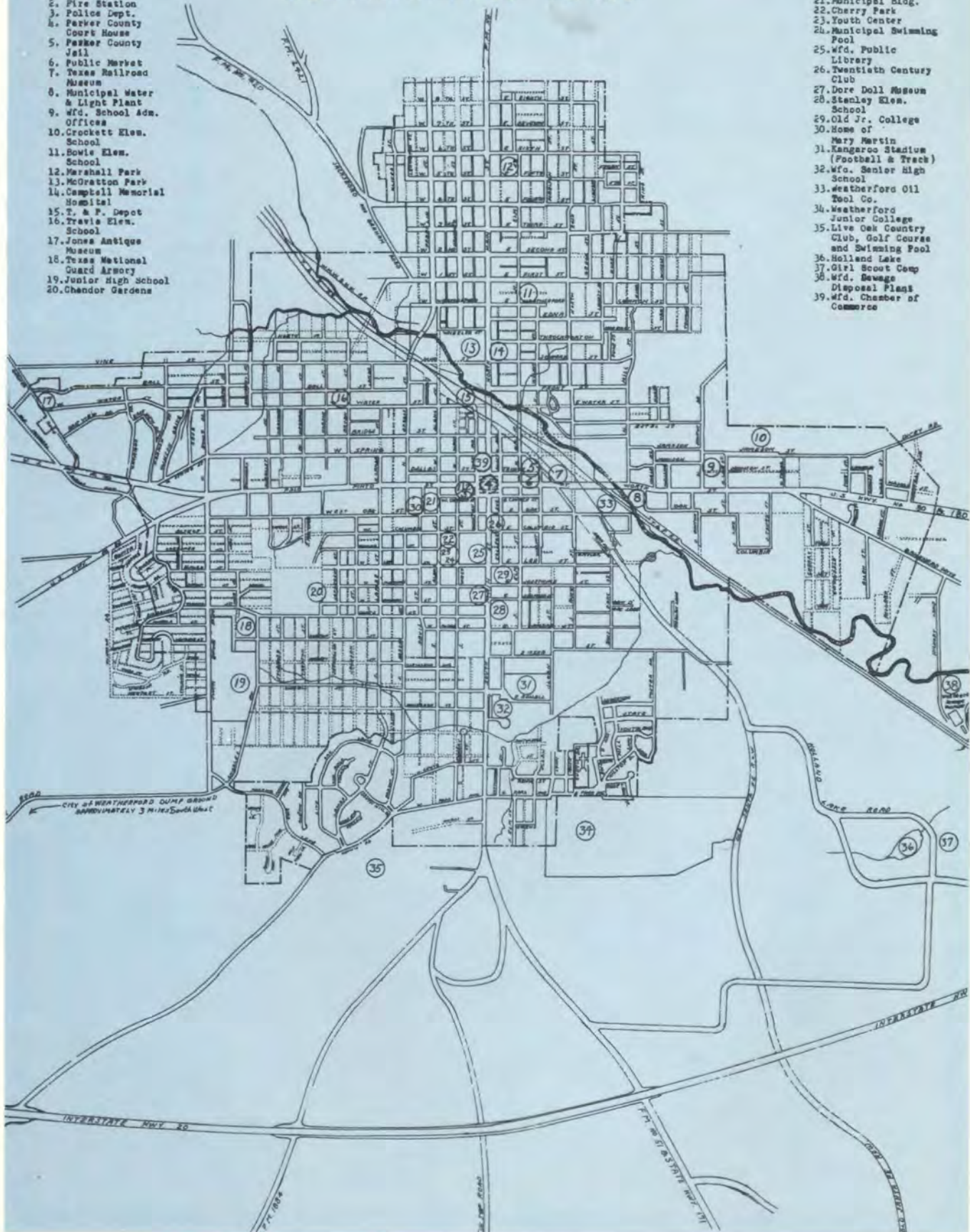
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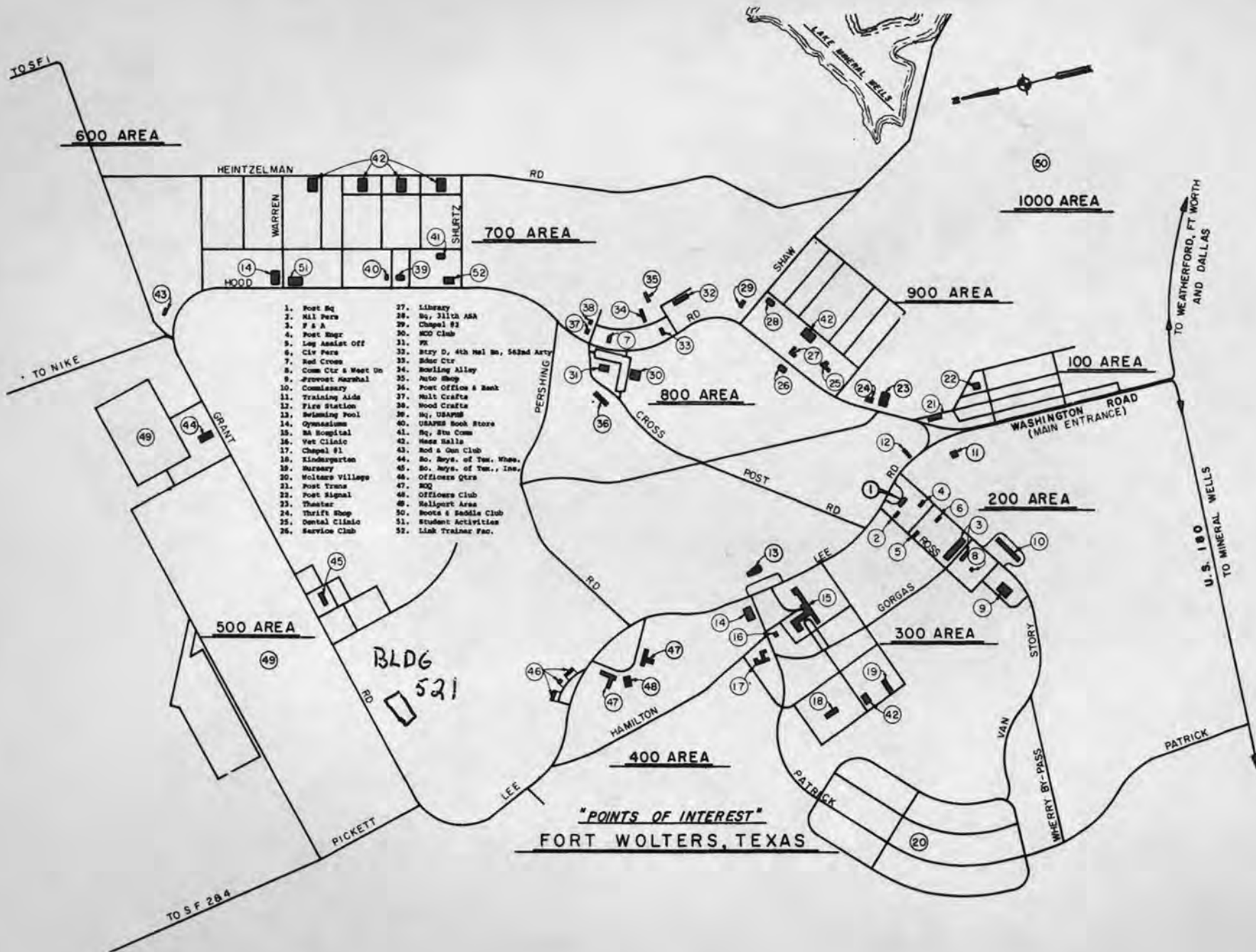
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10. Crockett Elem. School
11. Bowie Elem. School
12. Marshall Park
13. McOratton Park
14. Campbell Memorial Hospital
15. T. & P. Depot
16. Travis Elem. School
17. Jones Antique Museum
18. Texas National Guard Armory
19. Junior High School
20. Chendor Gardens

21. Municipal Bldg.
22. Cherry Park
23. Youth Center
24. Municipal Swimming Pool
25. Wfd. Public Library
26. Twentieth Century Club
27. Dore Doll Museum
28. Stanley Elem. School
29. Old Jr. College
30. Home of Mary Martin
31. Kangaroo Stadium (Football & Track)
32. Wfd. Senior High School
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35. Live Oak Country Club, Golf Course and Swimming Pool
36. Holland Lake
37. Girl Scout Camp
38. Wfd. Sewage Disposal Plant
39. Wfd. Chamber of Commerce





The Red Cross representative is available to offer counseling concerning government benefits, community resources, personal and family problems, as well as assistance with communications and interest-free loans or grants as indicated. He also coordinates uniformed volunteer activities at Beach Army Hospital, voluntary safety and nursing services, and the blood program.

Army Community Service

LOCATION: Bldg. 806.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 0730-1130 and 1230-1630 Monday-Friday. After duty hours call the Post Staff Duty Officer.

Army Community Service is an information, referral and action agency with the Army-wide motto of "Self Help, Service and Stability". Army Community Service has been organized to assist active duty military personnel and their dependents, and retired personnel, widows of deceased military personnel, and members of other services when their branch is not readily available.

Army Community Service acts as a referral agency to both civilian and military agencies. ACS is also an action agency offering a wide range of marital, personal, and family counseling services and handling of Army Emergency Relief, Army Relief Society, and retired affairs.

Army Community Service maintains brochures of approximately 100 other installations located in the continental United States and overseas. The brochures are available to anyone desiring advance information on a new assignment.

A free lending service is also maintained to provide assistance to those individuals who are awaiting arrival of household goods. Such items as pots and pans, dishes, silverware and baby cribs are readily available for those who need them.

New arrivals are encouraged to write to ACS as soon as possible in advance of arrival in order to receive answers to specific questions.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Six religious services are conducted at the two chapels every Sunday. The Sunday schedule is:



Chapel of the Flags

Chapel of the Flags

1100 Protestant Worship



Chapel on the Hill

Chapel on the Hill

0930 Catholic Mass

1100 Catholic Mass

1200 Catholic Mass

Religious Education

The religious education program for Catholics and Protestants is held in Chapel of Flags Annex. Protestant Sunday School begins at 0930 each Sunday. Catholic Rel. Education is discontinued only for the summer. A Protestant summer bible school is held during the summer vacation period. Religious classes for adult instruction are available the year round. (Contact with the chaplain's office will provide the answer to most questions.)

Choirs and chapel organizations usually found in local parishes are in operation at Fort Wolters.



If you have a personal problem that you can't handle, see the trained volunteers of ACS. They will be more than happy to give you a helping hand or advise whenever possible.



Gym No. 1 — Building 757

Student Activities Building

0830 Catholic Mass
0900 Protestant Worship

Other services are scheduled in non-chapel facilities as circumstances warrant.

Jewish Services

Jewish personnel attend services at Ahavath Sholom Synagogue in Fort Worth. Military transportation departs regularly each Friday and High Holy Days from Fort Wolters to the synagogue. Further information on Jewish services can be

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Local Churches

Churches of almost every denomination can be found in the nearby towns of Weatherford and Mineral Wells. The Center Chaplain's office will be happy to furnish information on local churches.

Housing

LOCATION: Bldg. 236.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 0730-1630. Monday-Friday.

The Family Housing Office is prepared to assist personnel in their efforts to obtain suitable housing for their families.

Family housing available at Fort Wolters consists of five sets of government quarters and 490 sets of Wherry Act Housing which are under private ownership. Assignment to these quarters is controlled by the Family Housing Office. Personnel assigned to the government quarters will be required to surrender their BAQ. Those assigned to quarters in Wolters Village will draw their BAQ and be charged the following rentals:

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To establish eligibility, an application must be filed with the housing office. The applicant's name is then placed on the family housing waiting list. (The waiting list is in accordance with priorities established by the USAPHC Regulation 210-8.)

Permanent party personnel are placed on the waiting list by seniority in rank on the day they sign in and apply.

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Students are not eligible for housing in Wolters Village.

Officers' Open Mess

On a rolling slope above Center Headquarters and Beach Army Hospital is the new Officers Open Mess. Of white brick construction in the Spanish motif, the club is designed to accommodate 700 guests in four private party rooms, ballroom, dining room and bar. The center of attraction in the new facility is the grand lobby which affords an excellent relaxing area while waiting for guests and functions. The decorative decor for the interior is the ultimate in good taste following the Spanish custom.

The kitchen provides for maximum capacity for luncheon meal service with portable, all electric cafeteria counters which can also be set up for private party room buffet service. Evening dining is a delight with gourmet service a specialty.

Hours of Operation

Dining Room:

Brunch Sundays and Holidays
Luncheon 1100-1330 Weekdays
Dinner 1700-2100 Tuesday thru Thursday
1700-2200 Friday and Saturday

Main-Bar:

Tuesday-Thursday 1100-2300
Friday 1100-0100
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Each year a variety of individual and group participation activities such as bridge, bowling, gourmet cooking, and various crafts are offered to the membership at a September membership tea.

The OWC also prides itself on being a charitable organization. The big money making project of the year is a '49er party, the proceeds of which go to charity.

Combined business and social meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the OOM at a 12 o'clock luncheon.

NCO Club

LOCATION: Bldg. 830 on Hood Road.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 1600-2300 Monday thru Thursday; 1600-2400 hours Friday; 0900-0100 hours Saturday; 0900-2300 hours Sunday.

The NCO Open Mess serves the morale and recreational needs of the noncommissioned officers, specialists and warrant officer candidates of Fort Wolters. Services offered include dining and snack facilities, cocktail service, buffet and party arrangements. A 96 foot x 66 foot ballroom, featuring a stage complete with spots and colored lights on rheostat control, and three service bars furnish show, dance, seating and service facilities for all types of entertainment. A calendar of special activities is distributed each month.

NCO Club facilities and their hours:

DINING ROOM: Monday-Friday, 0830-2130 for food service; 1100-2130 for beer, soft drinks and snacks, Saturday-Sunday, 0900-2130.

MAIN BAR:

Monday-Thursday, 1600-2300 hours

Friday, 1600-2400 hours

Sunday, 0900-2300 hours

Saturdays, 0900-0100 hours

DANCING:

Friday, Saturday—Dance to a live combo in the ballroom

Other Club Activities:

Monday—Nickel Beer—1700-1800

Tuesday—Happy Hour—1900-2000

Thursday—Happy Hour—1900-2000

Thursday—Pinochle Tourney

Club Card Drawing

One additional Happy Hour to be announced by the secretary.

NCO Wives Club

The Noncommissioned Officers' Wives Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at the NCO Open Mess.

The Hospitality Chairman of the organization can furnish further information concerning membership, dues and special activities.

Boots and Saddle Club

LOCATION: The club is located at Heintzelman and Wagner Roads at Fort Wolters.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Weekdays, 0730-1800 hours during the winter months and 1530-2100 hours during the summer months. Weekend hours



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The club owns 15 horses that are rented for \$1.00 per hour to club members. There are limited facilities for stabling private mounts at rates established by the board of governors.

All Fort Wolters military personnel, DA civilians and Southern Airways employees are eligible for membership. Dues are \$6.00 per month per sponsor. Western riding lessons and English equitation classes are offered to both children and adults on weekdays.

The club address is: The Fort Wolters Boots and Saddle Club, P. O. Box 544, Fort Wolters, Texas 76067.

Special Service Office

LOCATION: Bldg. 805 on Hood Road.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 0730-1130, 1230-1630 Monday-Friday.

Special Services activities are operated primarily for the use and benefit of all military personnel. Dependents of military personnel, retired military personnel and their dependents may also use Special Services facilities. ID cards are required for identification of all personnel not in uniform. In addition to the facilities listed, seasonal sports programs and recreational activities are conducted.

Special Services Supply

LOCATION: Bldg. 906 on Hood Road.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 0730-1130, 1230-1630 Monday-Friday.

Canoes, flat bottom boats, shotguns, golf clubs, tennis racquets and archery equipment are available for check out by individuals.



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Library

LOCATION:

Main Library—Bldg. 907 on Hood Road

Branch #1—Beach Army Hospital

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Main Library 1130-2100 hrs. Monday thru Friday

1300-2100 hrs. Sat., Sun., and Holidays.

Branch #1 1300-1500 hours, Mon., (BAH) Wed., and Friday.

Main library facilities include 19,500 clothbound volumes in all classifications including a special collection for children, 2,500 phonograph records for circulation and 92 current periodicals including 19 newspapers. The branch at Beach Army Hospital offers a collection of 2,500 volumes including fiction and non-fiction. Book cart service is provided for patients during hours of operation.

Woodworking Craft Shop

LOCATION: Bldg. 804 just off Hood Road.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 1300-2100 hours Sunday thru Thursday; Friday closed; Saturday 0900-1700 hours; Holidays 1300-1700 hours.

Power tools and hand tools are available for use on projects ranging from small items to boats. Lumber and plywood, both hard woods and soft woods, is available for sale to authorized personnel at a nominal cost. A professional carpenter is available to assist personnel using this facility.

Multiple Crafts Shop

LOCATION: Bldg. 803 on Hood Road.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 1300-2100 hours Sunday thru Thursday; closed Friday; 1300-1700 hours Saturday and holidays.

Facilities and equipment are available for work in ceramics, leather, photography, lapidary, jewelry,

pottery, fine arts, mosaic and graphic arts. Periodic classes are given in these crafts. A professional instructor is available to instruct and assist personnel using this facility.

Automotive Shop

LOCATION: Bldg. 822 east of Hood Road.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 1400-2200 hours Sunday thru Thursday; closed Friday; 0900-1700 hours Saturday; 1300-1700 hours holidays.

Hand tools and power tools are available for all types of motor repairs. Arrangements have been made with local merchants for a discount on automotive parts. The shop director may be contacted for full details. A professional mechanic is available to assist personnel using this facility.

Service Club

LOCATION: Bldg. 905 on Hood Road.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 1300-2100 hours Monday through Friday; 1300-2200 hours Saturday and 0900-2100 hours on Sunday and holidays.

The club is for enlisted personnel and their dependents. It sponsors dances, talent shows and variety shows, contests and tournaments, special interest groups and special parties. Facilities include a record player and records, tape recorder, musical instruments, color television, pool and ping-pong tables, reading and writing facilities, small type games and cards. Coffee is served daily with donuts on Sunday and holidays from 0900 to 2100 hours.

Gymnasiums

LOCATIONS: GYM 1. Bldg. 734

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minton, handball, gymnastic, boxing, weight lifting, and wrestling equipment, whirl pool, showers, locker room, handball courts, archery targets, and horse-shoe pits are available at Gym #1. Tennis shoes, gym shorts, and towels are also available.

Gym #2

HOURS OF OPERATION: 1300-2000 hours, Monday-Friday; 1300-1800 hours, Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday.

Softball, Flag Football and Soccer

There are four ball fields, two of which are enclosed, one of which is lighted for night play. Persons interested in playing on a softball team, soccer team, or flag football team should contact their unit A & R officer. The soccer field is adjacent to the west side of the Post Parade Field. For field reservations contact the new gymnasium.

Tennis

A tennis enclosure is located on the Knight road between Lee Road and Hood Road. There are four courts in the enclosure and they are lighted for night use. Three unlighted courts are located adjacent to the new gym. Bldg. 734.

Handball

Two indoor handball courts are available at the new gym, (Bldg. 734).

Swimming Pool

LOCATION: Bldg. 308 on Lee Road.

SWIMMING POOL—HOURS OF OPERATION
1130-2100 hours Monday-Saturday; 1200-2100 hours Sunday and Holiday.

A 50-meter Olympic-type swimming pool is located on Lee Road across from Beach Army Hospital. The pool is operated from May 1 thru Labor Day week-end.

Qualified lifeguards are on duty at all times. Swimming classes are conducted throughout the swimming season for all age groups at no charge. All pertinent information concerning these classes is published prior to the opening of the pool in May. Special poolside parties may be scheduled by units, activities or authorized groups after hours of operation by calling the Special Services Office.

Picnic Areas

Five picnic areas, equipped with tables and barbecue grills, are available for use of all military personnel and their dependents. Units and activities may reserve a picnic area for large parties by calling Special Services Office.

Possum Kingdom Recreation Center

The Possum Kingdom Recreation Center is located on Possum Kingdom Lake, approximately 35 miles northwest of Fort Wolters. Facilities include boats and outboard motors, fishing dock, picnic area, swimming area and sailboats. Family or bachelor units are available for rent to personnel desiring to stay overnight. Reservations for units may be made by calling the Special Services Office from 0730-1630 hours. Park recreation area is open 0730-2000 hours, 7 days a week. Special arrangements for any other times must be made in advance.



Possum Kingdom Recreation Area

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Skeet Range

The Special Services skeet range is located next to Bldg. 600 at the junction of Hood Road and Grant Road. Clay targets are available at a nominal cost to the participant. Skeet range is open 1300 to dusk, Saturday and Sunday.

Bowling Alley

LOCATION: Bldg. 831 just east of Hood Road.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 0900-2300 hours Monday-Friday; 1000-2300 hours Saturday and on holidays and 1300-2300 hours on Sunday.

The air-conditioned bowling alley has six lanes with automatic pin setters. Charge for bowling is 30 cents a line. Bowling balls are available and shoes may be rented for 10 cents. Leagues for both men and women are conducted throughout the year. Interested persons may obtain information by calling the bowling alley. Free instruction is provided for beginners, if desired. Retail sales of bowling balls, bags and shoes is also available.

Golf

The Holiday Hills Golf Club, located on Highway 180 adjacent to Fort Wolters, offers their facilities to military personnel and their dependents. The eighteen hole course is open the year-around. A family membership is offered the military at a nominal cost. Golf equipment may be checked out at the Special Services Supply, Bldg. 906. A driving range is located on post at the northwest corner of Ross Road and Gorgas Street.

Educational Facilities

Army Education Center and Mos Library

LOCATION: Building 813 on Hood Road.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 0730-1430 Monday-Friday.

SERVICES: College classes conducted by local colleges, tuition assistance for qualified military personnel, correspondence course material through USAFI and participating colleges and Universities.

TESTING: High School GED, college level exam program, end-of-course exam for subjects offered through USAFI, Army Personnel test and MOS Proficiency test.

Dependents and civilian personnel may attend college level classes on space available basis.

Nursery

LOCATION: Bldg. 335 on Lanham Street.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 0715-0130 hours Friday; 1000-0130 hours Saturday; 0900-1315 hours Sunday (free nursery for persons attending chapel services) 0715-1700 hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Special openings are announced weekly in the post newspaper. Reservations are necessary at all times. Age group for the nursery is 3 months to 10 years of age.

Further information on the facilities and rates can be obtained from the nursery.

NURSERY RULES FOR PARENTS:

1. Age limits of children utilizing nursery—3 months to 10 years.
2. Reservations required for day and night utilization of nursery. For daytime functions (coffee, luncheons, teas, etc.) reservations must be made by each individual whose children will use nursery facilities a day in advance.
3. No children will be accepted at nursery after 9 p.m.
4. All reservations made which are not kept or canceled within two (2) hours of stated time will be charged for the rate of two (2) hours care.
5. Children brought in must be clean and adequately dressed.
6. If children have any contagious disease, parents must present a doctor's clearance before a child will be accepted for nursery care.
7. Lunch is served daily except on Sunday. The lunch fee is 40c; if the child is not capable of feeding himself adequately or has to be spoon fed, 60c will be charged.
8. All clothing, diaper bags, bottles, lunches or lunch boxes, etc. must be specifically labeled in order to identify ownership.
9. Nursery attendants will have control and disciplinary authority over children in the nursery and will maintain such control and discipline without using corporal punishment. Children who become behavior problems will be reported to parents and will be rejected if behavior does not improve.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 0715-1700 Monday and Tuesday; 0715-1700, 1900-2300 Wednesday; 0715-1700 Thursday; 0715-0130 Friday; 1000-

The new Post bowling alley has 12 lanes for your enjoyment. In addition to this you may buy snacks at the snack bar, or if you have forgotten your bowling shoes, you may rent a pair at the bowling alley.



0130 Saturday. For Protestant Services: 0900-1215.
For Catholic Services: 0900 - 1315.

RATES: \$.50 per hour—1 child; \$.60 per hour—2 children; \$.65 per hour—3 or more children; \$.50 to spoonfeed babies.

Elementary and High Schools

School-age children in Wolters Village attend elementary, junior, and senior high schools in Mineral Wells. School busses from Mineral Wells pick up the children at six designated bus stops in the Village. Further information can be obtained from the post Education Center, Bldg. 813.

Kindergarten

LOCATION: Bldg. 367 on Sam Houston Street.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Morning classes: 0830 - 1130; afternoon hours: 1230 - 1530 hours.

The post kindergarten includes classes for children in the five-year-old, four-year-old and three-year-old age groups. Rates are \$15.00 per month.

Further information on kindergarten classes and rates can be obtained from the kindergarten office.

Shoppers Guide

EXCHANGE FACILITIES

Dividends from activities are used for libraries, hobby shop, bowling alleys, and other recreational facilities. Personnel authorized to use PX facilities are urged to protect their privilege by not making unauthorized purchases.

RETAIL ACTIVITIES

Main Store (Bldg. 832) 0900 - 1730 Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., 0900-2000 paydays.

Family Store (Bldg. 987) 1000 - 2100 Mon.-Sun.

Student Area PX (Bldg. 774) 1100 - 2000 Mon.-Fri.; 1000 - 1800 Sat. and Sun.

Neighborhood PX (Bldg. 353) 1600-2000 Mon.-Fri.

FOOD ACTIVITIES

Main Cafeteria (Bldg. 832) 0700 - 1500 Monday-Friday.

SERVICE AND CONCESSION ACTIVITIES

Service Station (Bldg. 940) 0730 - 1730 Mon.-Thurs.; 0730 - 2000 Friday; 0730 - 1530 Saturday; Sunday — 0900 to 1500.

Main Barber Shop (Bldg. 808) 0800 - 1730 Mon.-Friday; 0800 - 1430 Saturday.

Student Company Barber Shop (Bldg. 758) 0900 - 1930 Mon.-Friday. Closed Saturday.

Dempsey Barber Shop, 0900 - 1800 Mon. - Fri. Closed Saturday.

Laundry, Dry Cleaning, and Shoe Repair, #1 (Bldg. 987); #2 (Bldg. 769); #4 (Bldg. 914); #5 (Bldg. 758); 1000-1900 Monday-Friday; 0830-1500 Saturday.

Optical Shop (Beach Army Hospital) 0900 - 1700 Monday and Thursday.

Watch Repair (Bldg. 832) 0900 - 1700 Monday-Friday; 0900 - 1700.

THRIFT SHOP

LOCATION: Bldg. 330 on Sam Houston Street.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 1000 - 1500 hours each Wednesday and Friday.

The post Thrift Shop is operated by women representing Fort Wolters' ladies organizations. The

shop sells used and some new items of furniture, uniforms, clothing, appliances, toys, luggage, jewelry, books, etc. These items are received on consignment basis for a period of four months, after which it becomes thrift shop property, if not reclaimed by the consignor. Upon sale of merchandise, the shop retains 20 per cent of the sale price and utilizes it to support on-post and neighboring community activities.

Any donations of merchandise are accepted by the shop. Items on sale may be bought by the general public in the surrounding area as well as Fort Wolters personnel. The Thrift Shop is open year around.

The shop is supported by the ladies in the Fort Wolters area who volunteer their time to consign and sell merchandise during the hours of operation.

Fort Wolters ladies who may wish to volunteer their help in this worthwhile activity may contact the Thrift Shop manager, or the Thrift Shop representative in one of the ladies' groups.

Commissary

LOCATION: Bldg. 225 on Van Story Street.

The Fort Wolters Commissary store offers approximately 3000 items of nationally-known brand name food and household items, and attractive displays of fresh meats and produce. An extensive selection of troop issue merchandise is available for the price conscious shopper. Authorized patrons are given the best possible standard of service within available resources. Both day and night stocking crews continuously restock shelves by use of an endless conveyor system. A night shift in the meat market processes fresh meat products for the following day's sales. The Fort Wolters commissary meat market offers both USDA choice beef and ungraded protein beef, which is a pretenderized product sold at five to ten cents a pound cheaper than the choice beef. The entire staff of commissary workers are constantly working toward improving the efficiency and economy of the resale stores' various operations.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 1000-1700 Monday; 0900-1900 Tuesday-Friday; 0900-1600 Saturday.

MINERAL WELLS

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AERIAL VIEW OF MINERAL WELLS.

Mineral Wells, a city of approximately 18,000, reclines on the picturesque mountains and valleys of the Palo Pinto (meaning "painted post") range located in the eastern edge of Palo Pinto County. Two transcontinental highways, U.S. 180 east-west and U.S. 281 north-south, intersect in downtown Mineral Wells, 45 minutes from the Fort Worth metropolitan area.

The colorful history begins with the first land grant in Palo Pinto County in 1850. During 1850, tribes of Indians in this section were friendly, but as more settlers moved in, the Indians abandoned their peaceful attitude and began to fight for their land. Palo Pinto was one of the last strongholds of Indians as the rugged terrain with its bushy hills and valleys provided good hiding and the Brazos River insured necessary water supply. In the late 1860's the Indians moved to reservations. The six tribes reported in this section were Anadarkos, Ioni, Caddo, Waco, Keechi and Tawacionis.

In 1856, Palo Pinto County was created.

In 1877, the Lynch family moved to the valley of

the "Los Brazos de Dios" (meaning "arms of God") river, and settled at the foot of East Mountain in Mineral Wells. The difficulty experienced in hauling water from the Brazos by ox cart caused Lynch to drill a water well. Water was found at 110-150 feet but it was strong with minerals and distasteful. Necessity required it be used, and in a few weeks sick members of the group were cured. As the word spread to suffering neighbors, others came to drink the "Crazy Water," so named from the story of a woman with a mental disorder being cured after drinking the water.

Realizing the commercial value of the water, Lynch divided his 80 acres into town lots. Two other wells were drilled by this time—the French and the Star—the Gibson followed in 1881—and later the Carlsbad, Famous, Austin, etc. The estimated population was 1500-2000, most of whom lived in makeshift houses, huts, tents and one or two log cabins. Many tents dotted the valley outside the 80-acre Lynch addition.

By this time the first resort hotel had been built and a stage line established to transport visitors from



HEXAGON HOTEL - Early Mineral Wells Landmark.

the rail depot at Millsap to Mineral Wells. As more health seekers came to drink the mineral water, other wells were drilled until there were some 15 wells scattered throughout the area, with bath houses added to the most popular and centrally located wells.

The early Crazy Water Well drilled in 1879 with the building erected in 1882 was probably the best known because of energetic promotion by the owner. The Crazy Water Company was formed about 1887, and using the evaporation process the mineral water was converted to crystal form, packaged and sold throughout the United States. The nation's travelers coming to Mineral Wells were greeted with what is believed to be the world's biggest street sign reading, "WELCOME TO MINERAL WELLS - HOME OF CRAZY."

The original Crazy Hotel burned and a new modern hotel was built in 1927 providing 250 rooms with baths. There was a fountain in the Crazy Hotel where mineral water could be bought by the glassful up to any amount desired.

Many resort hotels, boarding houses and sanitariums were built to accommodate the resort visitors. It was estimated that between 150,000 and 225,000 health seekers visited Mineral Wells each year.

Probably the most unique and world-known hotel built was the Hexagon House which was planned and constructed so that each room would receive sunlight sometime during the day. It was elaborately furnished and each room had its own bath—the going rate was \$1.50 per day in season, \$1.00 out of season.

In 1929, the famous Baker Hotel opened, adding a new dimension in hotel accommodations and mineral water treatments.

In 1876, the first issue of the county weekly newspaper was printed. In 1881, a frame building was built in Mineral Wells, serving the triple purpose of housing the first school and the meeting place of the First Baptist and First Methodist churches. In 1882, the town was incorporated with a population of 2000. The postoffice was moved from Ednaville, one mile southeast. In 1886, the town was re-incorporated for free school purposes. In 1891, Mineral Wells, Weatherford and Northwestern Railway was built. In 1894, the town was re-incorporated with Democratic form of government and the first waterworks bonds were issued. In 1900, the daily newspaper was established. In 1901, there were no sidewalks except board and they were only in front of saloons. Hogs roamed the streets at will.



OLD PALO PINTO CO. JAIL - Being Restored as a Museum.

Donkeys played an important part in the development of Mineral Wells. A pastime of the early day visitors to the city was a donkey ride on the trails of East Mountain. The rides were reasonable and trails wound around the side of the mountain. The rider could have his picture taken while riding his mount. From some of the wells mineral water was drawn by hand, other wells used a power pump, but the Austin Well had blind Nelly, a donkey, whose treadmill circle was so automatic that Nelly was the wonder of the visitors. Blind Nelly patiently trod a circle hitched to a lever that worked a pulley, lowering the bucket to the bottom of the well, she would pause a moment, then walk on until the bucket filled with sparkling water reached the top. Then again a pause, and so on throughout the day.

Mineral Wells High School has done its part to remember the donkey by naming its yearbook, "The Burro."

Back in the beginning of Mineral Wells as a health resort there was one definite "sick thermometer" that was used on people who came to drink mineral water and regain their health. Anybody that could scale the long and steep ladder that used to lead from the business section of the city to the top of East Mountain was considered a super climber. Sick people who came to drink the waters would take their morning stroll to see how much farther they could go up the ladder each day. When they could reach the top easily and

without great fatigue, they were pronounced cured.

Mineral water and mineral water baths are still available in Mineral Wells, and people continue to come to the spa city for rest and relaxation.

Mineral Wells, rich in history and experienced in tourist development had emerged with a balanced economy, with some 40 industrial plants playing a major role. Aluminum products, plastics, cabinets, blinds, range hoods, sewer lifts, machine products, vitrified pipe, resistors, crystals, paper products, automatic pilots, industrial filters, plastic molds, ceramic tile and brick and clay products are representative of products manufactured in Mineral Wells.

Agriculture consists primarily of beef, wool and mohair production; however, pecans, peanuts, oats, wheat, corn, hay, fruits, vegetables, chickens, turkeys, and milk also contribute to the agriculture economy.

The country is rich in natural resources, consisting of clay, sand, gravel, rock and limestone, oil and gas, coal and plentiful water from lakes. Cedar posts and timber are still a good business in the area.

Fort Wolters is a part of the economic development of Mineral Wells and surrounding area.

The weather is pleasant the year-round with a mean annual temperature of 65.3° F and an annual precipitation of 29.14 inches.



SUN BATHERS AT SANDY BEACH - P.K. Lake.

The beautiful country has "Inspiration Point," located nine miles south of Mineral Wells atop a high bluff overlooking the winding Brazos river. The broad stream has the look of a tiny rivulet and one can see for miles over the country. "Lover's Retreat" situated three miles west of Palo Pinto on Eagle Creek offers the visitor an unrivaled picture of nature's own handiwork. Fallen rock, cliffs, caves, trees and shrubs combine with the winding creek to provide a retreat for anyone who comes to call. Many legends exist as to the origin of the name for the area.



NEW PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL

Mineral Wells Lake near Fort Wolters and Palo Pinto Lake south of the city offer the best in fishing, boating and water sports. Possum Kingdom Lake has excellent fishing, a sandy beach and state park area, scuba diving, camping, skiing and all water sports.

Picnic, hike, swim or just relax in City Park or Lions Park; enjoy a golf game at the city's challenging 18-hole course; take time out for bowling or miniature golf; participate in or watch Little League baseball, Pony League baseball, girl's softball or the many school-oriented sports.

Palo Pinto County Livestock Association sponsors a RCA rodeo annually. The FFA and 4-H groups stage an exciting rodeo each year. The city joins with Fort Wolters in celebrating Armed Forces Day and July 4th (usually with a fireworks display). Other organizations sponsor parades, banquets, carnivals, barbecues, art shows, ceramic shows, flower shows, motorcycle hill climbs and water safety programs.

Mineral Wells Independent School district has five elementary, one special education, two junior high and one high school with an enrollment of over 5,000.

There are 38 churches in the area representing 18 denominations.

Medical facilities consist of a new 80-bed county hospital. There are 12 physicians, seven dentists, three osteopaths, three chiropractors, one optometrist and four veterinarians practicing in Mineral Wells.

Civic organizations include Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Boys Club, Optimist Club, National Secretaries, Zonta Club, and Ministerial Alliance.

Mineral Wells has one daily newspaper, two weekly newspapers, two radio stations and closed circuit TV.

A newly organized Palo Pinto County Historical Society is actively engaged in restoring the old jail building located in Palo Pinto. The historic building will house the historical artifacts of the area and permanently record the colorful history of Palo Pinto County.

WEATHERFORD

Suburbia At Its Best

Weatherford, county seat of Parker County is located in North Central Texas, 25 miles west of Fort Worth. The city is strategically located on two major cross-continental arteries, U.S. Highways 80 and 180. The 1970 census places its population at 13,202.

The area enjoys a mild climate with an annual mean temperature of 64 degrees, and annual rainfall of 31.67 inches.



City of Churches

Every major denomination is represented in the 33 churches located in Weatherford. Five elementary schools, one junior high school and a senior high school are operated by the Weatherford Independent School district.



Lake Weatherford

Fishing, boating and all water sports are enjoyed at Beautiful Lake Weatherford. Lakes Texhoma,



Parker County Courthouse

Whitney and Possum Kingdom are within easy driving distance. Weatherford has three public parks, providing equipped playgrounds, a community building, swimming pool, court games and picnic facilities. An excellent public nine-hole golf course is maintained by Live Oak Country Club.



Entrance to Chandor Gardens

Cultural activities in the area include plays, recitals and concerts by Weatherford Junior College, and the newly established Public Library provides reading and reference materials for the citizenry.

The Parker County Frontier Days Rodeo and Livestock Show draws the interest of many each year. Other events of interest include Little League, Pony League, American Legion league and various church activities.

Parker County ranks as one of the most important livestock producing counties in North Central Texas. Beef cattle, dairy cattle and dairy products account for over 50 percent of the total farm and ranch income. There are 200 Grade A dairies in the county.

Weatherford is the watermelon capital of the world with watermelons weighing over 100 pounds each being shipped to other areas. The largest watermelon seed producer in the state is located here. Peanuts is a major crop with over 7,000 acres planted each year. Many orchards and gardens dot the area, producing peaches, pears, berries, tomatoes, squash, sweet potatoes and other foods. In addition, pecans, grain sorghum, oats, cotton and alfalfa are produced.

Weatherford's current diversification in industry is comparable to that in cities of similar size in the state. A total of 20 industries in Parker County, employing approximately 487 persons, manufacture oil field equipment, electronic products, brick, mattresses, oil well cementing tools, camper trailers, cabana campers and covers.

A natural gas treating plant located in the area has a capacity of 300 million cubic feet of gas daily. There are over 200 producing gas wells in the county, providing an unlimited supply of the natural resource.

Weatherford has a daily and a weekly newspaper, a radio station and receives television over four channels from Fort Worth and Dallas and one UHF station.

Medical facilities consist of one county operated and own 60-bed hospital, two private clinics, 13 practicing physicians and surgeons and seven dentists.



Weatherford High School



Texas Railroad Museum



Weatherford College Library

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

Weatherford College began as an educational institution in 1869. About 1880, it became an academy and a four-year college. From 1900 to 1949, it was an academy and a two-year college, operating under the aegis of the Methodist Church, most of the time. In 1949, it became a tax-supported community junior college. In 1968, it moved to its new year-round air conditioned campus.

Weatherford College offers courses for the first two years toward a bachelor's degree in Agriculture, Fine Arts, Business Administration, Pre-Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Pre-Law, Pre-Medicine, Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Associate of Arts Degree is given upon graduation from this college.

Associate of Applied Science degrees are given with majors in Drafting, Data Processing, General Business, Ranch and Farm Management and Secretarial Science.

Weatherford College is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities.

THINGS TO SEE IN WEATHERFORD

- World famous Chondor Gardens located on West Simmons Street • Historic Double Log Cabin at Holland's Lake • Unique and outstanding Railroad Museum at old Santa Fe Depot, two blocks east of Courthouse Square • Beautiful Lake Weatherford located seven miles east of Weatherford • Former home of famous Mary Martin, 314 West Oak Street • Public Market, two blocks east of Square • Historical Weatherford College, one mile south of Square • Confederate Soldier Monument on Courthouse lawn • Famous Doll Museum, five blocks south of Square • Marie's Doll Museum and Lillian Jones' Antiques.

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