WINNEMUCCA Salutes the 658TH RADAR SQUADRON

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The 658th Radar Squadron was activated in 1957 as a Manual AC&W Squadron. On January 1st 1963, we became part of the SAGE system as a BUIC III site under the Reno Air Defe Sector. With the phasing out of READS, the 658th became a long range radar under the 2 Air Division at Corvalis, Oregon. As such, the squadron furnishes range, height and azimuth data for the detection and control of both civil and military air traffic.
SIGNING IN

Upon arrival, all officers and enlisted men will report to the Orderly Room, Bldg number 216, for in-processing.

All newly arrived personnel reporting in after normal duty hours should contact the NCOD.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The speed limit in the cantonment and housing areas is 15 MPH. The hilltop road is posted at 25 MPH and the limit is strictly enforced. Severe weather frequently requires further speed reductions.

TRANSPORTATION

Newly arrived personnel who need transportation from Winnemucca to the 658th should contact the Motor Pool, extension 144. After duty hours, contact the NCOD. The City of Winnemucca is serviced by the Western and Southern Pacific Railroads and Greyhound and Continental Trailways bus lines. As yet, Winnemucca is not serviced by a commercial air carrier, but connections can be made into Elko or Reno Nevada. Driving time to Reno is two and one half hours. Nevada highways run through open range and animals are a constant hazard, so extreme caution is vital although there is no speed limit.

DUTY HOURS

Duty hours in the Administrative area are 0730 to 1630 hours. Transportation to the hilltop departs the lower area at 0730 and returns at 1600 hours. Maintenance and Radar Operations are on a 24 hour basis and shifts are scheduled accordingly.

THE UNIFORM

The 1505 uniform is authorized for year-round wear. However, there are many days, especially in winter, when the blue uniform is preferable. Parkas are available through Unit Supply on a first come basis.
General Information

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

All privately owned vehicles will be registered with the Air Police in building 216 within 72 hours of its arrival on this station. The owner of the vehicle will comply with the following requirements: Proof of valid insurance against public liability and property damage; state registration showing ownership; valid driver’s license or chauffeur’s permit; certificate of vehicle safety inspection from the motor pool.

All motor vehicles must be equipped with two sets of seat belts. Personnel riding or operating motorized two-wheel vehicles will wear a safety helmet while operating the vehicle on station or in the off-base parking area.

PRIVATE WEAPONS

All personnel will register their firearms and other weapons with the Air Police. This includes pellet guns, air rifles and bows and arrows. Weapons will be stored in the Air Police Armory or in family quarters but will not be stored in the barracks or elsewhere on station. Weapons may be removed at any time for hunting or target shooting but must be returned immediately after use. After duty hours, weapons may be turned into the main gate guard.

BASE HOUSING UNITS

The 658th has 18 housing units, and 12 NCO. Officer housing will be at the discretion of the command housing will be assigned on the rank and duty. These units are with washer, dryer, stove, refrigerator, water cooler and garbage disposal. Furniture is available through the office.

WIVES’ CLUB

The 658th Radar Squadron Wives’ Club is open to the wives of all personnel. It meets on the second Wednesday of the month and carries out a number of enjoyable activities. The highlight of their activities is a Hawaiian Luau during the summer.
Facilities And Services

N.C.O. OPEN MESS

Membership in the Open Mess is open to all NCOs and Airmen. Officers are invited to use the facilities as guests. Our Open Mess is, with its dark wood paneled walls and upholstered bar, the most attractive and well run facility of its kind in the Fourth Air Force. Other features include amusement machines, television, a game room and hot sandwiches and pizza. The Club sponsors many activities and is the center of squadron social life.

AUTO HOBBY SHOP

The Auto Hobby Shop is run by a custodian on a part time basis. Tools and equipment are available for most auto repair and service jobs.

RECREATION

The squadron’s prime recreation asset is a large, heated swimming pool. Surrounded by a covered pavilion, bar-b-ques and an outdoor dance floor, and adjoining the NCO Club, this area is the pride of the squadron. Available in the Recreation Hall is half court basketball, pool, ping pong, badminton, weight lifting, television and the library.
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CHAPLAIN

A Chaplain from Kingsley AFB visits the squadron quarterly and is available for consultation at that time. To supplement the Visiting Chaplain System, Air Defense Command has established the "In-Site Program" which utilizes an auxiliary chaplain. This local chaplain visits weekly and participates in many squadron functions. No religious services are conducted on the base.

LIBRARY

The squadron has a bright and well stocked library located in the Recreation Hall. New books are received quarterly from the servicing library at Hamilton Air Force Base. The library also maintains a selection of phonograph records. Readers are also urged to use the Humboldt County Library in downtown Winnemucca.

DINING HALL

The Dining Hall serves excellent in pleasant surroundings. Decorating the area are rock and mineral specimens; the numerous trophies won by members of the 658th Radar Squadron.

BASE EXCHANGE

The Base Exchange is a direct branch of the McClellan Air Force Base Exchange. The hours of operation are:

- Weekdays: 1200 - 1700
- Saturday: 0900 - 1200

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