

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0034

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # E-002 - Cafeteria and Photo Lab
 {Current}
 Property Date: 1944
 Address(s): Stubbs Boulevard {}
 County/Independent City: Accomack
 Vicinity of: Chinoteague
 State, Zip: Virginia 23337
 USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
 Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status
 Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
 Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	Roof - Hipped	Asphalt	Roof - Shingle
Structural System	Structural System - Masonry	Brick	Structural System - 3-course Americ
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Vinyl	Windows - Original Replaced

Site Description: Located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Stubbs Boulevard and Anderson Street.

<u>WUZIT Count:</u>		
<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Military Facility	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Military Facility

Est. Date of Construction: 1944 {Owner/written data} Accessed? Yes
Primary Resource? Yes Number of Stories: 1.0
Architectural Style: Other Condition: Good-Excellent
Interior Plan Type: Other Threats to Resource: None Known

Description: This building has a simple, hipped roof, covered with asphalt roofing. The brick walls are laid in a 5/1 common bond pattern. This building has a central core that runs in a north-south direction, with a number of wings radiating at right angles from it. Two wings extend to the west, towards Stubbs Avenue, and form the front of the building. Three wings extend from the core to the east, or rear (service) portion of the building. The area under each gable is sheathed with aluminum siding. On the two westernmost wings, a simple shed porch, supported by simple wooden posts, shelters a walkway. On virtually all elevations, numerous original window openings have been filled in, creating a discernable pattern in the brickwork. On the western elevation of the main block, a large greenhouse has been added. Throughout the east elevation, each section of the building is punctuated by modern numerous vents, roll-up doors, and double doors.

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Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

Historic Time Period(s):..... Q- World War I to World War II (1914-1945)

Significance Statement: This building, built in 1944, has served as a cafeteria at the Chincoteague Naval Air Auxiliary Station (CNAAS), a function that has continued since that time. The building was identified as the “Subsistence Building” on a 1944 facility map entitled “General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. It was designated as the “Mess, Galley, Store and Rec.& Par. Loft” on the 1950 “Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” prepared by the U.S. Navy. Its function was designated as “Link Trainer, Radar, and Armory” on the 1957 “General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by the U.S. Navy. The building is located on the corner of Stubbs Avenue and Anderson Street, across from the Gymnasium & NSWC Office Building (001-0027-0014, WFF # D-010) on the Main Base portion of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF).

This building is an example of a building type associated with a Military/Defense facility built at the end of the World War I to World War II (1917 – 1945) period. The building was constructed as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable the Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training at the base and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility with a primarily research-based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. The building has essentially retained its original use throughout its history on the base.

The Cafeteria and Photo Lab has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity, and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

As an individual resource, it is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D as it is not associated with a significant event or individual at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource’s integrity of design, materials, and workmanship has been adversely affected by replacement of the building’s doors and windows and the introduction of modern material such as aluminum siding. Although remaining in its historic location, the building’s integrity of setting, feeling, and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004, the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building’s historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map
Author: Giffels and Valet
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" 1942.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map
Author: U.S. Navy
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" 1950.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map
Author: U.S. Navy
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

<i>Medium</i>	<i>Depository ID #</i>	<i>Photo Depository</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>File Name</i>
35mm B&W	21526	DHR	2004/07/99	Frames 1-13

Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey
Date: 2004/07/99
Organization or Person: URS Group
VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571
CRM Event Notes or Comments: 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
 Gaithersburg, MD 20878

CRM Event # 2,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey
Date: 2003/08/08
Organization or Person: URS Group
VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571
CRM Event Notes or Comments: 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700
 Bethesda, MD 20814