

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0062

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # H-004 - Family Housing {Current}
 Property Date: 1947
 Address(s): Munson Circle {}
 County/Independent City: Accomack
 Vicinity of: Chincoteague
 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 - 1-story, 1-bay	Wood	Porch - Screened
Roof	Roof - Gable	Asphalt	Roof - Asphalt Shingle
Structural System	Structural System - Not Visible	Aluminum	Structural System - Aluminum Siding
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Vinyl	Windows - Original Replaced

Site Description: The structure is located within wooded terrain on the western edge of the base.

WUZIT Count:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Military Residential	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Military Residential

Est. Date of Construction: 1947 {Owner/written data} Accessed? Yes
Primary Resource? Yes Number of Stories: 1.0
Architectural Style: Other Condition: Poor
Interior Plan Type: T-Plan Threats to Resource: Demolition

Description: This wood frame ranch-style house is T-shape in plan with a concrete block foundation and a cross gable roof covered with asphalt shingles; small rectangular, louvered vents are placed slightly below each gable peak. The entire structure is clad with aluminum siding. The east (front) elevation is three bays wide. The northern bay projects beyond the other two and contains a centrally located opening with a set of paired one-over-one double hung vinyl replacement sash windows. A second pair is located in the southern bay while a metal door, flanked by a small one-over-one double hung vinyl replacement sash window to the north, is located in the center bay. The door is surrounded by two engaged pilasters and is sheltered by a small canopy created by an extension of the roof overhang. The west elevation is also three bays wide, and like on the east, the northern bay projects beyond the other two. A small shed addition is located in the inside corner created by the projecting bay. A simple screen porch, supported by thin wood posts, extends from the south bay. The north elevation is three bays wide; the center bay contains a paired set of one-over-one double hung vinyl replacement sash window while the flanking bays contain a single such window. The east elevation contains two similar windows placed symmetrically about the gable peak. Many of the windows are covered by screens.

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Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information

Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

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Significance Statement: This one-story house, built in 1947, is one of 26 individual units constructed as married officers' quarters by the U.S. Navy at this location during the mid- to late-1940s as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). The building is an example of one of the three housing types built at the location. It was identified as "H-4" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was designated as "M.O.Q. (12 Units)" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as "H-4" on the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. While originally serving as housing for CNAAS, the building had until recently served as housing leased by the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) to the U.S. Coast Guard and was designated Unit 8-M. The structure sits in a level, grassy area and fronts onto Munson Circle, in the western section of the WFF main base.

The building is representative of a housing type associated with a military facility that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945-present) period. The building was one of several structures constructed as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS) in the years following the end of World War II. 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 Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training 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. Although not currently in use, the building has essentially retained its original use throughout its history on the base.

This Family Housing unit 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 any archaeological potential.

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 structure's doors and windows and the introduction of aluminum siding. Although remaining in its historic location, the structure'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 structure's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

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 #: 2

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

Reference #: 3

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

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

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