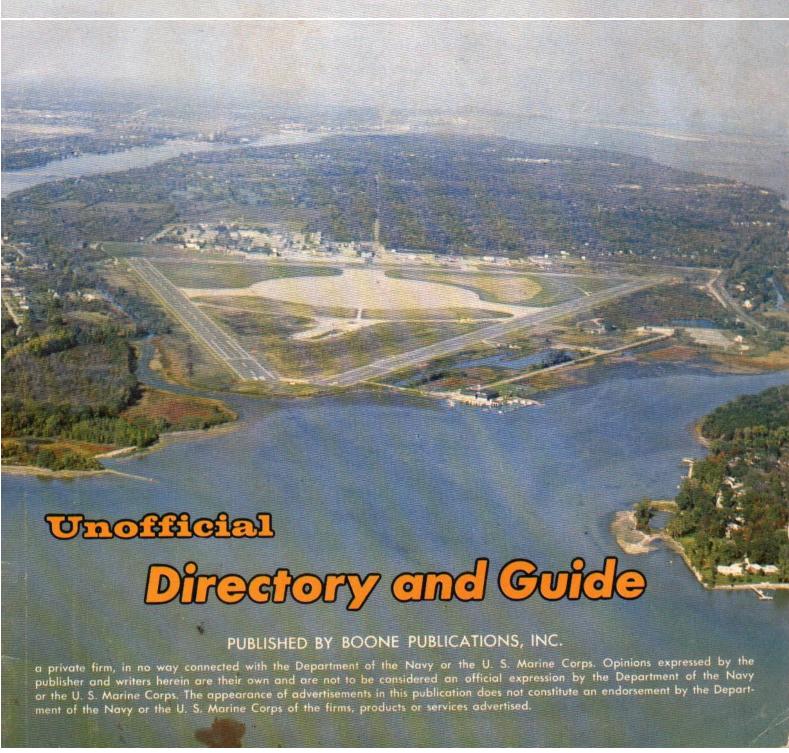
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ABOUT THE COVER: A familiar sight to officers and men attached to NAS Grosse IIe is this view of the Naval Air Station, photographed from 2,000 feet. Unique feature of the base is the circular landing mat at center, once used as a mooring place for dirigibles and later as an airstrip for smaller Navy biplanes. Located at the south end of an island, 22 miles southwest of Detroit, the Naval Air Station occupies 604 acres of land.

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WELCOME





Capt. N. R. Lincoln, Jr. Commanding Officer

WELCOME TO THE U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION, GROSSE ILE

I wish to extend to you a personal welcome and a sincere hope that your stay at NAS Grosse lie will be both enjoyable and worth-while.

This guide has been prepared to introduce to you the Naval Air Station and to furnish information concerning some of the work and activities performed here by the Navy and the Marine Corps.

The officers and men of both organizations each have important responsibilities, and you will find your work here exacting. I hope that you will also find your duty at NAS Grosse lle rewarding and pleasant.

NATHAN R. LINCOLN, JR. CAPTAIN, U.S. NAVY COMMANDING OFFICER U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION

FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS

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1927 - 1935	LT. C. D. WILLIAMS, USNR
1935 - 1938	LT. C. F. GREBER, USN
1938 - 1940	LCDR. M. E. ARNOLD, USN
1940 - 1942	LCDR. R. C. YOUNG, USN
1942 - 1943	CAPT. E. W. LITCH, USN
1943 - 1944	CDR. R. G. ARMSTRONG, USN
1944 - 1946	CAPT. G. R. FAIRLAMB, USN
1946 - 1947	CAPT. W. D. ANDERSON, USN
1947 - 1948	CAPT. C. S. COOPER, USN
1948 - 1950	CAPT. J. P. WALKER, USN
1950 - 1952	CAPT. T. O. DAHL, USN
1952 - 1953	CAPT. E. R. SANDERS, USN
1953 - 1956	CAPT. M. T. MARTIN, USN
1956 - 1959	CAPT. C. A. KELLER, USN
1959 - 1961	CAPT. F. G. REYNOLDS, USN
1961 - 1963	CAPT. A. J. SCHULTZ, JR., USN



First commanding officer at NAS Grosse Ile was Lieutenant C. W. Williams, USN, shown here near what is now the Boat Marina. His tour was from 1927 to 1935.

STATION HISTORY

Like many other aviation activities in the country, the large and active Naval Air Station on Grosse Ile had beginnings that were tiny in comparison to its present size and scope.

Back in 1927 two other aviation activities also shared the southern end of the island, the Curtiss-Wright Company and a dirigible company had built an aircraft hangar and a balloon hangar bordering the wide-open fields which were adjacent to the Naval Base.

In the early thirties, both companies closed down, and the State leased both land and buildings to the federal government for the Naval Reserve Aviation Base. There were no runways then, but there was a circular cement country road around the field, which was occasionally used to taxi aircraft down to the seaplane base from the new headquarters in the Curtiss Wright hangar. Parts of the old road are still left.

During the thirties the emphasis at Grosse Ile, as throughout military aviation in general was on improvement and refinement of military aircraft and flying techniques. Few changes were made in the physical size and setup of the base. For the three to four squadrons which were based here, an officers' and enlisted mens' barracks were built side by side on Groh Road, the road which was then the northern boundry of the station.

Then in 1942 came the big war-time expansion when the base was almost doubled in size; another, much larger hangar was built; the large drill hall near the main gate was constructed; long, wide concrete runways were laid; the huge center mat and wide ramp were made; and the hangars were put down for parking aircraft. The tiny Reserve Aviation Base had turned into a large military air station.

With the end of the war came a change in the mission of the station. Instead of training pilots to go into war, the station now became a center for helping pilots and aviation specialists who had come home from the war to maintain their hard earned skills and experience. The air station became part of the nation wide Naval Air Reserve Command and the "Weekend Warriors" were born.

Since the inception of the "Weekend Warrior" program, several thousand veteran reservists and many new recruits from Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Ohio have joined aviation squadrons attached to the station, training one weekend per month and during a two-week cruise each year.

The nearly two thousand reservists who are presently members of the 35 naval and marine air reserve squadrons attached to the station are ready if ever their country needs them in the days ahead.



In the early days, Naval Aviation in this part of Michigan had its start at a Reserve center located in Detroit near Belle Isle, now the site of Brodhead Naval Armory. Here a NY-1 seaplane is launched from the riverside base.

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where we are...

NAS Grosse Ile is training headquarters for "Weekend Warriors" from five Midwestern states. It is located 22 miles southwest of Detroit, Motor Captial of the World. The base airfield points in a southwesterly direction across Lake Erie from the mouth of the Detroit River.

Stationed less than a mile from Canada along the world's longest international boundary, Grosse Ile is an island six miles long and 1½ mile wide at its widest point. Access to nearby Trenton, Michigan and other Downriver suburban communities is by a county-owned free bridge at the south end and by a smaller toll bridge at the north.

The Naval Air Station itself occupies 604 acres of land, most of which is developed residentially. Navy property abuts the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club on the North and near the Grosse Ile Yacht Club on the East. In the center of the island's residential community is a moderate-sized business district complete with supermarkets, drugstores, barber and beauty shops.

In Trenton and Wyandotte, which are minutes away from the station's two gates, lies a complex business-industrial-residential community of some 150,000 people. Other suburbs within a ten-mile radius are Gibraltar, Woodhaven, Ecorse, Flat Rock and Rockwood. Toledo, Ohio is 45 miles away via freeway.

Why We're Here...

NAS Grosse Ile is one of 18 such installations under the direct command of the Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training, whose headquarters is at Glenview, Illinois.



Air control presents no problem with experts at the helm.

Purpose of this and its 17 sister stations strategically located across the country is to train a "Ready Reserve" force in case of a national emergency.

"Weekend Warriors" are our substance, training is our product. The men who train here fall into two categories: veterans who have already served their active duty obligation and stayed in the program, and high school and college students looking forward to serving their time with the Fleet.

Permanently attached to the base is a complement of some 600 officers and men who are charged with the responsibility of administering a training program for over 2,000 Naval and Marine Air Reservists and maintaining the station's physical facilities.

Reservists come to NAS Grosse Ile for weekend drills and two-week annual training cruises from all parts of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York. They make up 22 aircraft squadrons, maintenance units and an Air Wing Staff.

Twice since World War II "Weekend Warriors" from NAS Grosse He have been called upon to put into action the training they received — in 1951 for the Korean Conflict and again in 1961 to answer the Berlin Crisis. Their performance in both cases and during other periods of national alert in between demonstrated the value of the Naval Air Reserve program to our Nation's defense.

WHAT WE DO...

Officers and men attached to Reserve Squadrons and units train one weekend a month at NAS Grosse Ile: hence the nickname "Weekend Warriors." A weekend is broken up into four drill periods, for which the Reservist is paid according to his rank just as if he were on active duty.

Navymen attached to Grosse Ile are primarily aviation-oriented. That is, their training while on active duty is in the sphere of skills, trades and professions required for efficient operation of the Navy's air arm.

Aircraft assigned to this island air station are mainly of the Anti-Submarine Warfare type. Exceptions are three C-54 "Skymaster" transport planes, two C-45 "Expeditors" and a T-34 "Mentor." ASW planes are the Grumman S-2A "Tracker" flown by VS squadrons. The Douglas A-1E "Skyraiders" are assigned to VA (Attack) squadrons. SH-34J "Seabat" helicopters, operated by HS (submarine 'hunter') squadrons are also ASW craft.

Marines attached to the Marine Air Reserve Detachment here fly C-119 "Flying Boxcars" for troop and cargo operations.

Several hundred Naval Air Reservists are airlifted to and from their homes in the more remote parts of this Command each weekend in C-54s. The "Expeditors" and "Mentor" are used for transportation and liaison between NAS Grosse Ile and other stations in the Command.

Once a year each of the squadrons or units embarks on a two-week active duty "cruise" to any one of the 17 other stations in the command for training. Some go as far as Europe or the Far East, but most are limited to the Continental limits of the United States.

While at the other activities, "Weekend Warriors" operate and maintain the squadron and their aircraft just as they would as part of the fleet. Simulated target runs and bombing missions are carried out by "Skyraider" squadrons, submarine detection, tracking and destruction is the business of the "Seabats" and the

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A division of A-1E "Skyraiders" wings its way through the sky bearing the symbol 7Y, denoting NAS Grosse Ile as their home station.

"Trackers," and regular fleet-based cargo runs and airlifts are conducted by Transport personnel.

Stationkeepers (active duty personnel) accompany the Reservists on such flights to administer the necessary training. Additional professional and specialty training is provided by officers and men attached to the Reserve's Air Wing Staff, which is in effect a "pool" of officers and men with training in specialized fields.

general information...

AUTO AND MOTOR VEHICLES

DECALS — All personnel, military and civilian, who desire to operate or park motor vehicles on Navy property must register their vehicle with the Security Officer and obtain a NAS Grosse Ile decal. To register a vehicle, it is necessary to present:

(1) Proof of ownership; (2) A valid driver's license; (3) Insurance on the vehicle being registered covering a minimum of \$5,000 and \$10,000 for bodily injuries, and a minimum of \$5,000 for property damage.

Registrations are made in the Security section of the Main Gate building from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Friday through Sunday.

CHAPLAIN

The Station Chaplain's office is located in the library building, directly behind the Hobby Shop and the Enlisted Men's Dining Hall. The Chaplain is available to offer counsel to service personnel and their dependents concerning personal and religious matters.

He also conducts religious services and is a representative of the Navy Relief Society.

CHECKING IN

All personnel, military and civilian, with orders to report to the Naval Air Station, must first report to the Officer of the Day. His office is located at the Main Gate. He will give instructions on the local check-in process.

CLOTHING AND SMALL STORES

Uniforms, shoes and accessories for both officers and enlisted Naval personnel, reserve and active duty are sold at Small Stores, located in the Supply Building across from the Main Gate. Items are offered on a self-serve basis. Hours are from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m., Friday through Sunday.

COMMISSARY

Nearest commissary to NAS Grosse Ile is located at Selfridge Air Force Base, 55 miles to the northeast near Mt. Clemens, Mich. All U.S. military and their dependents are entitled to the privileges of the commissary, but identification cards must be shown in both cases before entry is allowed.

DENTAL ASSISTANCE

A dentist is aboard the station to take care of military personnel. He and his assistants are present Wednesday through Sunday at the NAS Medical Building.



NAS Grosse Ile's Chapel holds Catholic services at 6:30 and 9:30 and Protestant Services at 10:30 each Sunday morning.

DEPENDENT'S CLINIC

Eligible dependents of station personnel may receive out-patient medical care Tuesday through Saturday by telephone appointment only. Also available for station personnel and their dependents are the facilities of the U.S. Public Health Hospital, located in Grosse Pointe, about 26 miles from the Naval Air Station.

Out-patient care after regular NAS working hours must be directed to the Public Health Hospital in order for costs to be defrayed by the Government.



You'll find everything from shirts and ties to fishing tackle, soap and tricycles in the Navy Exchange Retail Store.

DEPENDENTS' IDENTIFICATION CARD

Dependent children who have reached the age of 10 are eligible to receive I.D. Cards. They may be procured from the Active Duty Personnel Office, located in Building 63.

NAVY EXCHANGE FACILITIES

BARBER SHOP

Three barbers are on duty Tuesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The barber shop is located in the Navy Exchange Building.

CAFETERIA

Snacks or complete meals are available for military and civilian personnel and their civilian guests, Wednesday through Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The cafeteria is located in the Navy Exchange Building.

GAS STATION

A complete service station manned by civilian personnel is at the northeast corner of the station. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

RETAIL STORE

Cosmetics, household needs, clothing and tobacco are a few of the items sold in NAS Grosse Ile's Navy Exchange Retail Store. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, except for Friday, when it is open until 8 p.m.

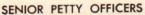
TAILOR SHOP

Tailoring uniforms and cleaning through an outside civilian firm are available at the tailor shop, located next door to the Retail Store in the Navy Exchange Building.

CLUBS



This Early American dining area awaits our Senior Petty Officers and their guests in the SPO club, The Coach Light Inn.



The S.P.O. Club, called the "Coachlight Inn," is belowdecks in the Navy Exchange Building, occupying the east half of the building. Enlisted stationkeepers and Reservists in pay grade E-5 and above and their guests are entitled to Club privileges. Hours are same as for the EM Club; dinners are available.

ENLISTED MEN

Enlisted personnel in pay grades E-4 and below may enjoy full privileges at the "White Anchor," which doubles as the station cafeteria during working hours. Hours are 4:30-midnight, Wednesday through Friday and from 4:30 to 1 a.m., Saturday night. The "White Anchor" is closed Sundays and Mondays.

OFFICERS

The NAS Grosse Ile Officers Club is located in the Bachelor Officers Quarters (BOQ) building, which is near the center of the base. Reserve and active duty officers and their guests enjoy full privileges. Complete dinners are available. Hours are: 4:30-10-p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 4:30 to midnight Friday, and 4:30 to 1 a.m. on Saturday nights, except on special occasions.



A warm glow of gold highlights the decor of the Commissioned Officer's Main Ballroom at the BOQ.



As the day's work is completed you'll find our officers joining together for a relaxing moment or two in the base Officer's Club.



Spend a fun-filled evening with your guests and other shipmates with dinner, dancing and entertainment at the Senior Petty Officer's Club.

CPO ASSOCIATION

The Chief Petty Officers Association meets at 2 p.m. the first payday of every month at the Senior Petty Officers Club, located belowdecks in the Navy Exchange Building.

FIRST CLASS

Petty Officers Association meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month, also in the Senior Petty Officers Club.

FLYING CLUB

Members of NAS Grosse Ile's Aero Club own, operate and maintain their own T-34 "Mentor" and fly during off-duty hours. Meetings are conducted in the VR ready room on the first Thursday of each month from 11-12 a.m.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Hunters, fishermen, archers and outdoor enthusiasts comprise this organization. Formed in 1963, the club has set up many organized trips for station personnel and maintains a vigorous schedule of activities around the calendar, from ice-fishing to skeet shooting. Membership is open to both military and civilian personnel who are stationed at NAS Grosse Ile. Meetings are held the first Thursday and third Wednesday of month, at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively.

RECREATION

Year-round recreational facilities are provided and maintained by the Special Services Department. Reservists and active duty personnel are invited to use them as long as they are attached to the station. Equipment and facilities include:

ARCHERY RANGE

Located in a wooded area just inside the northern boundaries of NAS. Targets and bails are provided on a regular course already laid out. Archers may use the range any day of the year.



Docking facilities at the mouth of the Detroit River are provided for reserve personnel as well as station-keepers.

BOAT MARINA

One of the few remaining traces of the days when Grosse Ile was a seaplane base, the NAS boat marina is located at the southern end of the station. Available for rental are three houseboats donated by former NAS commanding officers, an 18-foot runabout and six small rowboats with outboard engines. Water skiis and lifejackets may be checked out, and winter dry-docking is available for boat owners. The Boat House is open sunrise to sunset, May through September.



Time for relaxing reading, quiet contemplation or industrious research can be found here in the Station library adjacent to the Chaplain's Office.



Just a few steps behind the swimming pool and the stage is set for a perfect picnic or barbeque.

HOBBY SHOP

Motorists who wish to work on their cars may use the wash rack at the hobby shop, test equipment for tune-ups and a complete set of automotive tools. Also in the shop, which is located across from the Navy Exchange building, is a complete woodworking area with saws, a lathe and assorted tools. The Hobby Shop is open when the Boat Marina is closed.

GYMNASIUM

Located in the Navy Exchange Building, the station gymnasium is equipped for basketball, wrestling and other indoor sports. It is open from October through April.

SWIMMING POOL

Farthest building north on the station, the swimming pool at NAS Grosse Ile is the third largest in Michigan. Stationkeepers, Reservists and their guests may use the pool, a workout room and Sauna bath. It is open Wednesday through Sunday. On Wednesday through Friday military personnel only may use the pool from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Military personnel, their dependents and guests may swim 4-8 p.m. the same days, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



NAS Grosse Ile's indoor Water Wonderland is realized through its Olympic-size swimming pool.



Six bowling alleys, pool tables, ping-pong games and a comfortable lounging area await your free-time activities below decks in the Navy Exchange Building.



Billiards Anyone? You'll find these and other games in the Navy Exchange Building.

BOWLING

Open and league bowling is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily at the station's six-lane alley, located belowdecks of the Nayy Exchange Building. Balls and shoes to fit most sizes are kept in stock, and automatic pinsetters are in operation.

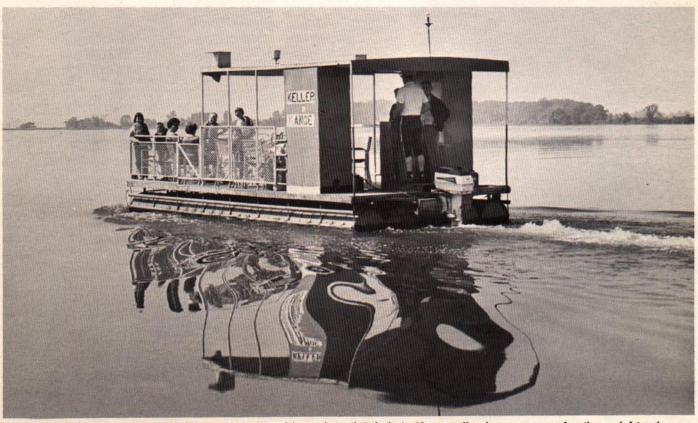
BILLIARDS

Three full-size, slate-based pool tables are located adjacent to the bowling alley at the Navy Exchange

Building. Cues and balls may be checked out at the desk for use at no charge. Hours are the same as for the bowling alley.

MOVIE THEATRE

Late-run movies are shown at the station Movie Theater Wednesday through Saturday for an admission price of 15 cents. The theater is located topside in the Navy Exchange Building.



The station's pleasure "rafts," Keller Kanoe, Reynolds Reck and Schultz's Sloop will take you, your family and friends on a day's cruise along the Detroit River or Lake Erie with you as skipper.

ABOUT THE MARINES



Col. Robert Rathbon CO-MARTD NAS Grosse Ile

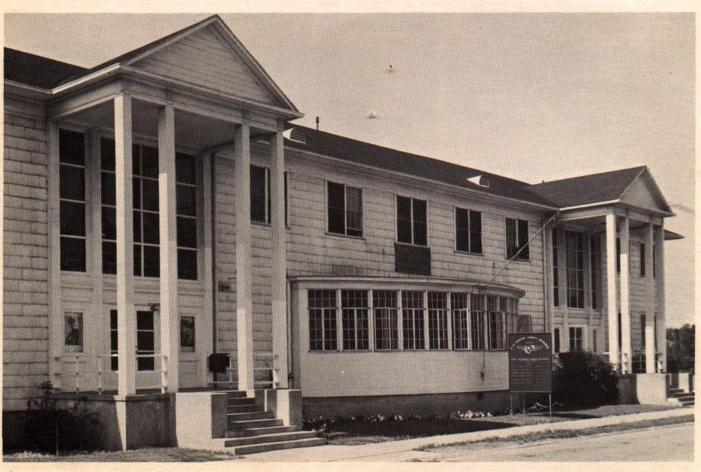
The Marine Air Reserve Detachment, a tenant activity at NAS Grosse Ile, was activated April 15, 1946 along with 21 others across the country to serve as a means of retaining the valuable skills learned by Marines and Marine aviators during World War II, through a Reserve Training program.

During the years 1946-50 NAS Grosse Ile's Leathernecks flew the famed F-4U "Corsair" fighter planes. Also aboard the station was an Air Control Squadron, whose task was to maintain proficiency in radar intercept controlling.

Both Marine Corps squadrons were in a combatready state when in 1950 they were called to active duty to serve in Korea. Proof of the Reservists' readiness in that time of need was their record of flying more than half the U.S. Marine Corps air missions during the Korean Conflict.

After Korea, "Corsairs" were replaced by the larger A-1E "Skyraiders," an attack aircraft, and Grosse Ile Marines formed first one, then another attack squadron. Two helicopter squadrons were added to the Detachment in 1959.

With a view toward increased combat readiness, the Marine Corps in 1962 formed a Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing and a Fourth Marine Division. All elements of this amphibious assault air-ground team are made



Complementing Grosse Ile's many activities is the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment, a tenant activity.

up of Reservists whose job would be combat operations should they be called into action. Marines who drill at NAS Grosse Ile are members of Aircraft Group 46, a part of the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing.

Grosse Ile Reservists are organized into five squadrons. They are: VMR-222, transport; VMO-4, observation: MABS-46, air base; H&MS-46, headquarters and maintenance; and MATCU-76, air traffic control.

VMR-222's job is to operate the C-119 "Flying Boxcar," a transport plane designed for airlifting personnel, paracute drops, evacuation and supply missions. Men of VMO-4 fly the SH-34J "Seabat" helicopter on rescue, observation, liaison and casualty, evacuation operations.

Utilities, maintenance, crash operations, military police, transportation and messing are some of the responsibilities of MABS-46. H&MS is charged with administration, intelligence, operations and logistics. MATCU-76 provides all-weather air traffic control and ground-controlled approach support (GCA) at forward airfield sites.

facts and figures...

NAS Grosse Ile, in addition to training some 3,000 "Weekend Warriors," from five Midwestern states, is parent activity to three Weapons Training Units (WEPTUs) based at principal cities in the region and Naval Air Reserve Division 731 at Buffalo, New York.

WEPTU Groups consist of Reservists who are highly specialized in technical and professional fields. Their recall to active duty in case of a national emergency would be on an individual basis. NARDIV 731's mission is to train Selected Reservists in ground and air maintenance operations to support a full-scale aviation squadron based at Grosse Ile. "Weekend Warriors" who drill at the Buffalo center periodically visit the Naval Air Station for integrated training with home-based personnel.

Nearly 600 officers and men are permanently stationed here to administer training, provide the necessary paperwork and perform sufficient maintenance work to operate the station's physical plant.

Operational facilities on the base include two runways: one 4,980 feet long, the other 4,580. Both are 150 feet wide. The runways are equipped with chain-type arresting gear and high-intensity runway lights. For instrument approaches the TACAN system is available, and a Ground-Controlled Approach (GCA) unit mounted on a 360-degree turntable is in operation.

Also assigned to the station is a 40-foot crash boat for emergency civilian and military rescue work in the Detroit River and Lake Erie, and a 17-foot "airboat" that can be used in all seasons for the same purpose over frozen or marshy waterways that are inaccessible to other craft.

Payrolls at the Naval Air Station amount to more than \$4 million annually. This figure accounts for salaries and wages for Reservists, active duty personnel and civilians employed on base.

Local purchases made by the Navy in the immediate area for items not kept in stock are \$150,000 a year, with another \$500,000 spent each year for fuel.

According to a Department of Defense directive in April 1964, the station is scheduled to close by September 1967 and its facilities and personnel moved to Selfridge Air Force Base, located 50 miles northeast of here near Mt. Clemens, Mich.



As the morning sun rises over Grosse Ile's airfield each Saturday and Sunday you'll find it taking on the appearance of a schoolroom as our Weekend Warriors train in preparation for our country's defense.

where to go ...

A tour of duty at NAS Grosse Ile or even a short visit affords one many of the sight-seeing and entertainment opportunities found in any large metropolitan area. Night clubs, museums, the world's largest zoo, symphony, opera, old-world cuisine — are just a small part of the attractions of the Motor City.

RESTAURANTS

Fifth largest city in the world, Detroit has attracted by heritage and its own diversity of nationalities a rich host of restaurants qualified to please the most discerning taste. While most of the more specialized eating places are located downtown or across the Detroit River in Windsor, Ontario, several noteworthy exceptions are found close to the Naval Air Station. They are in nearby Ecorse, Wyandotte, Trenton or Gibraltar, and can be located by consulting the local West and Downriver telephone directory.

NIGHT CLUBS

As in most large cities, night life is for the most part restricted to the Downtown area since it and Windsor, Ontario are population center. However, in some of the suburbs more distant from NAS Grosse Ile than Trenton there are night clubs. This information is also available from the West and Downriver telephone directory.

RECREATION AREA

Nearest to the station is Elizabeth Park, located on the mainland side of the County Bridge leading to Trenton. Picnic tables, outdoor stoves and a boat-launching marina are available to the public. Also in the park are slides and swings, comfort stations, a baseball diamond and in winter months, an ice-skating rink.

Lower Huron

METROPOLITAN PARK is a 15-minute drive from NAS Grosse Ile. Owned and operated by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, its facilities are generally open to the public without charge. The massive parkland starts at the shores of Lake Erie south of Grosse Ile and stretches some 60 miles along the Huron and Clinton rivers in a 30-mile radius of Detroit-proper to the northern end of Lake St. Clair. Facilities include



Metropolitan Beach awaits the bather's pleasure on beautiful Lake St. Clair only an hour's drive away by Detroit's expressway system.



Minutes from the Main Gate — The world-renowned Detroit Institute of Arts located in the heart of the Motor City's Cultural Center.

nature trails, picnic areas, swimming pools, toboggan slides, hockey and ice-skating rinks, sandy beaches, campsites and fishing in some 15 small fresh-water lakes and countless streams. Thousands of acres of undeveloped woodlands and fields assure the visitor of a rural retreat just minutes away from the metropolis.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS — Located in Detroit's "Culture Center" near the campus of Wayne State University, this is one of the world's few "free" museums its size. History and art are depicted in its many halls and galleries, from the mummified remains of a 6th Century B.C. pharoah to Van Gogh's self-portrait and the latest in comtemporary "Junk" sculpture. Famous names that grace the world-famous Institute's collections are Rembrandt, Titian, Renoir, Gaugin, Rivera, and scores of others.

OPERA — Long an attraction for native Detroiters and out-of-towners alike is the Civic Light Opera, performed annually at the massive Masonic Temple just off the downtown circuit. This, along with other companies that visit the Motor City during the opera season provide fans with a full roster of entertainment — a 30-minute drive from NAS Grosse Ile.

THEATER — Since the opening of the new Fisher Theatre in 1952, Detroit has become a "proving ground" for hit plays. "Hello Dolly" proved Detroit has both the audience and the facilities for piloting a Broadway hit, and several other professional theaters thrive in a three-mile radius of Downtown. Near the Naval Air Station in the Downriver area are several amateur community theater groups whose productions are offered at low cost to the playgoer.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Directly opposite the Art Institute in Detroit's Cultural Center, this institution not only tells the story of the Motor Ciy's heritage under three different flags, but puts the visitor back into authentic settings such as a typical Detroit street of the middle 1800s. Actual samples of automobiles manufactured here that didn't "catch on" are displayed, including the famous "Tucker" that never made the assembly line.

UNIVERSITIES — Nearest to NAS Grosse Ile is the University of Michigan's Dearborn Campus and the Henry Ford Community College, both located less than 30 minutes away. Eastern Michigan University is in



A view of Detroit's new and growing civic center with Cobo Convention Arena in the foreground.

Ypsilanti, some 45 minutes via expressway, and the University of Michigan Main Campus in Ann Arbor is ten minutes beyond. Inside Detroit are Wayne State University and the University of Detroit. The latter is sponsored by the Jesuit order of the Roman Catholic Church. Smaller colleges in the Detroit area are Michigan Lutheran College, Detroit College of Law, Lawrence Institute of Technology and Marygrove College.

GREENFIELD VILLAGE — Henry Ford's "village of yesterday," this tourist attraction covers almost 200 acres. In it are more than 100 historic buildings in the same settings they enjoyed scores of years ago, like Thomas Edison's Menlo Park laboratory where the first electric light was born, or the bicycle shop where the Wright brothers turned out their first airplane. Fully restored is the old frontier courthouse where young Abraham Lincoln first practiced law, and the old brick workshop where Ford tinkered on his first gas buggy. Under a 14-acre roof at the Henry Ford Museum is a step-by-step evolution of the automobile with 175 restored antique models and several full-size locomotive engines.

CONCERTS — The world-famous Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs at the Masonic Temple, Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium and at free concerts at the Michigan State Fairgrounds during summer months.

Visiting symphony orchestras from all over the world and guest conductors and soloists make appearances at both halls. The Detroit Symphony also plays a free nighttime series at Belle Isle Park, located in the Detroit River 45 minutes from Grosse Ile.

SIGHTSEEING

AUTO PLANTS — Tops on the list for any visitor to Detroit is a tour of one or more of the Motor City's most dynamic industrial complexes. Tours of the Ford Rouge plant are arranged free of charge for military personnel. There they can see autos being produced from the basic ore shipped here from Northern Michigan by lake freighter to the shiny end-products, which roll off the world's longest continuous assembly line one every 90 seconds. Tours for individuals, families or larger groups will also be accommodated at any one of several Chrysler Corp., General Motors Corp. or other Ford Motor Co. plants. Information is available and arrangements for such tours can be made through NAS Grosse Ile's Service Information Office.

ATOMIC ENERGY PLANT — Pioneer in the peaceful use of atomic energy is the Enrico Fermi Atomic Power Plant located near Monroe, ten miles south of Grosse Ile. A 15-minute drive from the Main Gate, the plant is open to tourists Tuesday through

Saturday. The plant's reactor will produce heat for generating electric power and at the same time "breed" additional plutonium fuel.

CANADA — Two bridges and a tunnel connect Detroit with our North American neighbor, opening the door to boundless hunting and fishing grounds, Provincial parks and recreation areas. Aside from Windsor itself where shopping for British woolen goods and imported liquor has made the medium-sized city a mecca for shopping tourists, there are many historical sites in the "sun-parlor" area worth seeing. Detroit is the only place in the U.S. where you go south to reach Canada.

Routes across the Detroit River are the Ambassador Bridge and the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Military personnel and their dependents should be ready to present Identification Cards, but one may never have to leave his car to make the crossing, which takes 4 minutes. Further north, the Blue-Water Bridge connecting Port Huron, Mich. to Sarnia, Ontario is the only tollfree crossing of the three.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE — This old-world educational center is known internationally for its architecture and sculpture. Located about 24 miles from downtown Detroit, the landscaped, 300-acre campus was inspired by the Kentish village of the same name in England, ancestral home of the institute's founder, George C. Booth. The great Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen was resident architect at Cranbrook until his death, and designed many of its buildings. The campus is adorned by 72 of the sculptured works of the late Carl Milles.

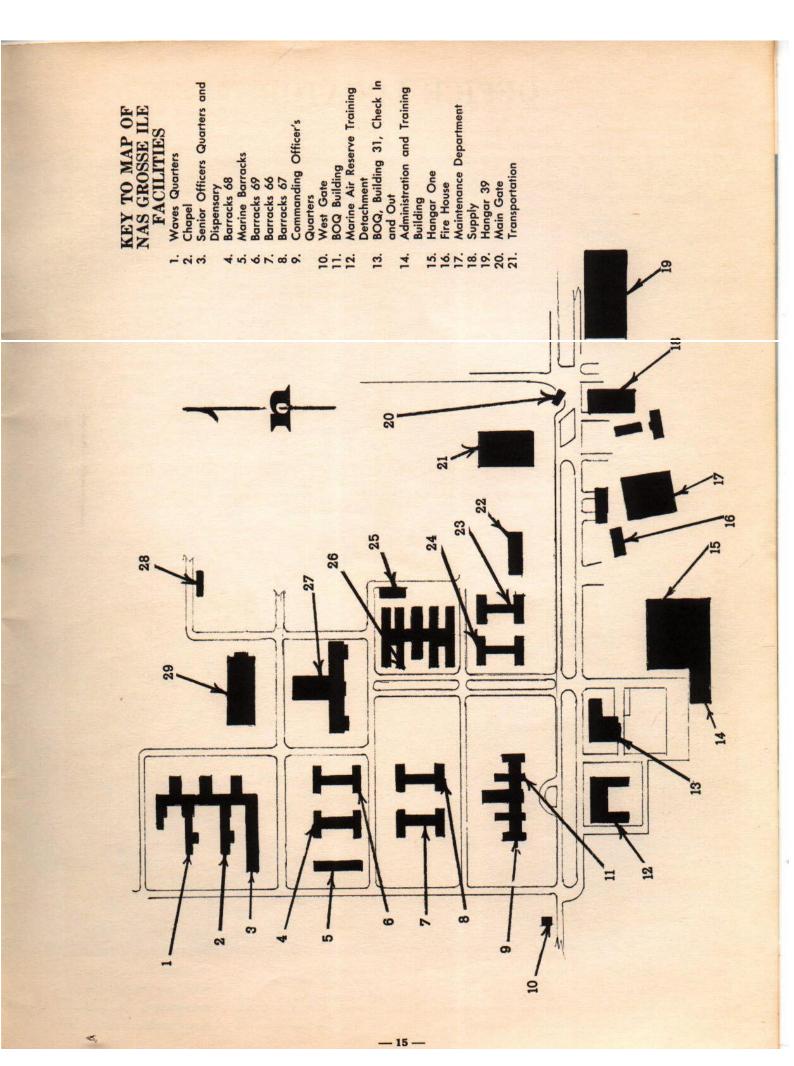
Science exhibits known far and wide for their graphic representation, a planetarium and a colorful coral reef reproduction are among the many attractions. Also on campus are large-scale formal gardens, a 400-seat Greek hilltop theater and an art museum. Tourists are admitted for a nominal charge, which goes to the school's scholarship fund. Adjoining the campus is the Gothic Cathedral of Christ Church, Cranbrook with a 62-bell carillon on which concerts are played Sunday afternoons in spring and fall. Formal gardens are open from early April through October, the rest year-around.

DETROIT ZOOS — The Detroit Zoological Gardens are second in size only to the world's largest — Lincoln Park in Chicago. Unique in that animals are exhibited in open areas without cages or fences, the Zoo offers samples of nearly every type of animal, bird or reptile known. It is located about 10 miles from downtown Detroit, or 30 miles from the Naval Air Station. Highlight of a typical visit is a ride aboard a special train that takes one to all six "continents" and the flora and fauna native to each one. The Belle Isle Children's Zoo also has its unique attractions, for instance areas where youngsters can walk up and pet the more docile animals in the collection (elephants, goats, etc.). Also on view are timber wolves and a host of smaller woodland creatures.

NEWSPAPER PLANTS — On-the-scene visits to the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News are available. Tourists are taken through the pressrooms, photo labs and city rooms while in operation. Arrangements for such tours may be made through the NAS Service Information Office.



Running beneath the Detroit River the Detroit-Windsor tunnel connects the U.S. with its closest neighbor in only minutes.



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