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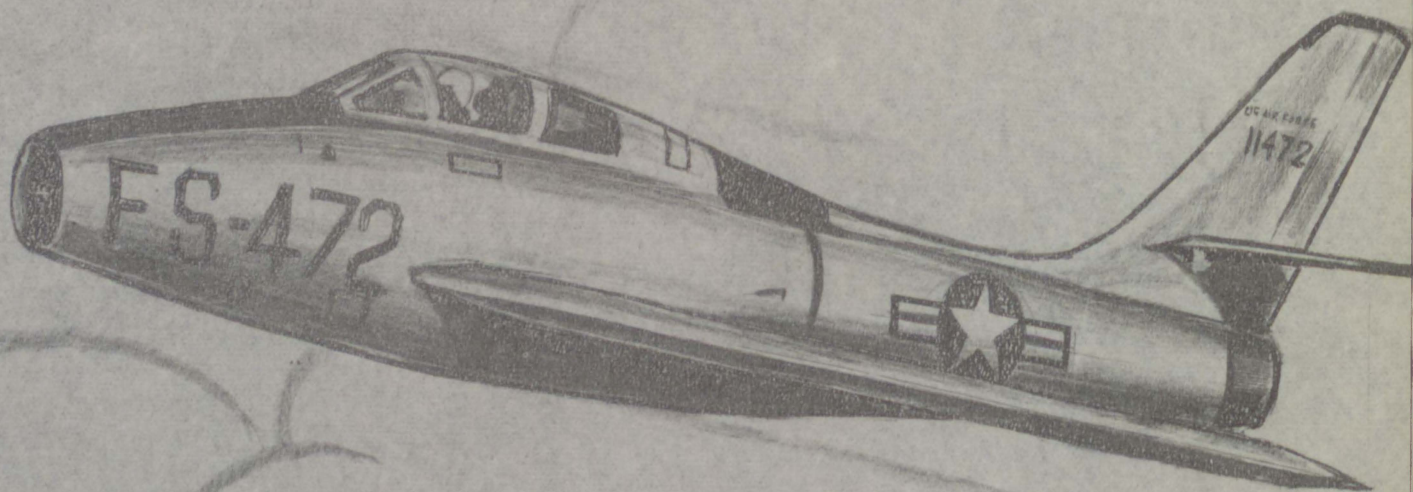
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WELCOME TO

# DOW AFB

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HERE IS YOUR GUIDE TO DOW -  
GIVING YOU INFORMATION AS  
TO IT'S FACILITIES, SERVICES,  
AND PERSONNEL...

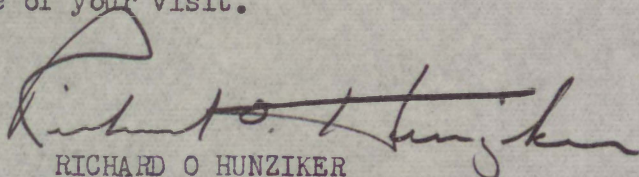


HEADQUARTERS 506TH STRATEGIC FIGHTER WING  
Dow Air Force Base  
Bangor, Maine

This brochure is presented as a reference to certain information, services, and facilities which may prove useful during your stay.

Our mission is to organize and train a force capable of providing adequate protection for Strategic Air Command bombardment and reconnaissance combat elements through escort and air defense, organize and conduct air-to-air refueling operations, provide for low level photographic reconnaissance, organize and train a force capable of destroying the forces, resources, and installations of an enemy, be prepared to implement established operations orders, participate in reserve training, and perform special missions as directed by higher headquarters.

All personnel are at your disposal for any assistance necessary to accomplish the purpose of your visit.



RICHARD O HUNZIKER  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander

LIST OF WING AND AIR BASE GROUP COMMANDERS  
SINCE ACTIVATION

506TH STRATEGIC FIGHTER WING

13 Feb 1953 to 19 May 1954

BERTRAM, William E., Colonel  
USAF, 4310A

20 May 1954 to

HUNZIKER, Richard O., Colonel  
USAF, 4164A

506TH AIR BASE GROUP

20 Jan 1953 to 16 July 1953

DAVID, William B., Colonel  
USAF, 1533A

17 July 1953 to

LAYTON, Robert F., Colonel  
USAF, 3462A

KEY PERSONNEL  
DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO POSITION

HEADQUARTERS 506TH STRATEGIC FIGHTER WING

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>OFFICE PHONE</u>
Commander	Col R. O. Hunziker	20 May 54	201
Deputy Commander	Col J. S. Coward	14 Dec 53	488
Adjutant	1st Lt P. V. Chancey	1 Sep 53	455
Director of Materiel	Lt Col R. S. Williams	4 Mar 53	495
Director of Operations	Col N. K. Cranfill	14 Dec 54	594
Director of Personnel	Lt Col S. O. Andrews	20 Jun 53	468
Director of Intelligence	1st Lt W. A. Rosenthal	10 May 54	358
Commander, Headquarters Sq, 506th Strat Ftr Wg	Lt Col P. O. Robertson	22 Mar 54	451
Commander 457th Strat Ftr Sq	Maj J. M. Porter	18 Mar 53	450
Commander 458th Strat Ftr Sq	Lt Col W. F. Georgi	25 Aug 53	223
Commander 462nd Strat Ftr Sq	Lt Col D. V. Booty	22 Nov 53	485
Commander 506th A&E Maint Sq	Maj T. L. Riggs	24 Mar 53	510
Commander 506th Fld Maint Sq	Lt Col W. W. Sellers	1 Mar 54	596
Commander 506th Per Maint Sq	Capt D. M. Ames	14 May 54	243
Commander 506th Air Refueling Sq	Maj G. R. Abenhoff	25 May 54	354

KEY PERSONNEL  
DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO POSITION

HEADQUARTERS 506TH AIR BASE GROUP

<u>POSITION</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>OFFICE PHONE</u>
Commander	Col	R. F. Layton	17 Jul 53	205
Base Executive Officer	Maj	J. O. Ruscitto	15 Jan 54	206
Adjutant	Capt	A. E. Hasson	25 May 54	207
Information Services Officer	Lt Col	H. E. Peterson	15 Jan 54	279
Commander, Headquarters Sq, 506th Air Base Gp	Maj	C. H. Pidgeon	7 Aug 53	203
Commander 506th Supply Sq	Capt	A. B. Mendenhall	8 Apr 54	492
Commander 506th Motor Vehicle Sq	Capt	W. S. Carpenter	12 Mar 54	483
Commander 506th Air Police Sq	Maj	J. W. Shea	9 Sep 53	208
Commander 506th Installation Sq	Maj	C. H. Mansfield	17 Feb 54	523
Commander 506th Food Service Sq	Capt	M. L. Mumbauer	15 Apr 54	326
Commander 506th Operations Sq	Maj	R. E. Callison	1 Jun 54	330

STATION HOSPITAL

Commander 4033rd USAF Hospital and 506th TAC Hospital	Maj	L. S. Greider	26 Apr 54	306
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KEY PERSONNEL  
DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO POSITION

TENANT UNITS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>OFFICE PHONE</u>
Commander 33rd Crash Rescue Boat Flight, SW Harbor, Me	CWO R. F. Appleby	21 Oct 52	SW Harbor 425
Commander 49th Fighter Interceptor Sq (Air Defense Command)	Maj J. G. Knutz	20 Mar 54	336
Commander 1974-2 AACS Detachment	Capt W. L. Chadwell	17 May 54	441
Commander Detachment 12, 2D Weather Squadron	Maj R. E. Voyles	16 Jul 53	412
Commander Mobile Training Det F84-16	Capt W. F. Moody	15 Apr 54	598
Commander Mobile Training Det KB29-8	Capt J. E. Brewer	23 Jan 54	274
Commander Aviation Cadet Selection Team #64	Lt T. F. Bommarito	5 Jan 54	409
Commander Maine Air National Guard	Col P. E. Tukey Jr	5 Feb 47	590
Commander 132d Fighter Interceptor Squadron	Maj J. G. Benton	1 Nov 52	582
Commander Air Force Team #154	Lt C. S. Jennings	12 Mar 54	249
Office of Special Investigations	Mr. E. J. Derham	8 Oct 53	448
Resident Auditor	Capt D. H. Dennison	2 Jan 53	443

## 506TH STRATEGIC FIGHTER WING

### HISTORY

The 506th Strategic Fighter Wing was activated at Dow Air Force Base on 25 January 1953. The 4009th Air Base Squadron which had been responsible for the operation of Dow Air Force Base prior to the activation of the 506th Strategic Fighter Wing, was redesignated and implemented as the 506th Air Base Group, and 506th Medical Group. Also assigned, for administrative purposes, was the 33rd Crash Boat Rescue Flight at Southwest Harbor, Maine.

The Wing was assigned F-84G type aircraft and placed in a training status. The pilots assigned were mostly recent graduates together with some combat Korean returnees. An intensive training program was initiated to raise the combat potential of all concerned.

Beginning 19 July 1953, the 506th Strategic Fighter Wing left for a three-month TDY tour in Japan. Upon arrival in FEAF, the primary mission of the Wing was the Air Defense of Northern Japan; however, combat crew training of all crews in the Wing continued.

On 7 November 1953, after 90 days TDY, the Wing was relieved by the 31st Strategic Fighter Wing of Turner Air Force Base, Georgia, to return to Dow Air Force Base.

On the 15th of January 1954, the Wing became the first operational unit in the Air Force to receive the new F-84F Silverstreak Jets. These new Republic Aircraft replaced the F-84G, Thunderjet, and Dow was termed as the "Proving Ground" for this new aircraft.



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STRENGTH REPORT AS OF 1 JUNE 1954

ORGANIZATION	OFFICER			AIRMEN			TOTAL			CPO CIVILIAN	
	Auth	Asgd	PFD	Auth	Asgd	PFD	Auth	Asgd	PFD	Auth	Asgd
Hq 506th SFW	31	32	19	94	122	77	125	154	96	3	3
457th Strat Ftr Sq	36	34	27	56	57	57	92	91	84		
458th Strat Ftr Sq	36	35	25	56	60	56	92	95	81		
462nd Strat Ftr Sq	36	35	28	56	53	50	92	88	78		
506th A&E Maint Sq	9	10	10	219	204	177	228	214	187	2	2
506th Fld Maint Sq	5	7	5	243	259	232	248	266	237	30	26
506th Per Maint Sq	4	4	3	108	117	105	112	121	108		
506th Air Ref Sq	110	109	88	228	264	250	338	373	338		
SUB TOTAL	267	266	205	1060	1136	1004	1327	1402	1209	35	31
506th TAC Hosp	18	19	16	76	76	69	94	95	85		
4033rd USAF Hosp	11	5	4	15	8	6	26	13	10	23	24
SUB TOTAL	29	24	20	91	84	75	120	108	166	23	24

STRENGTH REPORT AS OF 1 JUNE 1954  
(Continued)

ORGANIZATION	OFFICER			AIRMEN			TOTAL			CPO CIVILIAN	
	Auth	Asgd	PFD	Auth	Asgd	PFD	Auth	Asgd	PFD	Auth	Asgd
Hq 506th AB Gp	37	31	28	148	164	140	185	195	168	57	55
506th Supply Sq	11	9	8	233	247	228	244	256	236	74	76
506th Mtr Veh Sq	4	3	3	134	138	108	138	141	111	9	14
506th A.P. Sq	8	9	7	257	202	185	265	211	192	1	1
506th Instl Sq	7	7	7	176	186	157	183	193	164	124	129
506th Fd Sv Sq	2	2	2	132	133	121	134	135	123		
506th Oprs Sq	16	22	19	175	228	188	191	250	207	10	10
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	85	83	74	1255	1298	1127	1340	1381	1201	275	285
<b>506th SFW TOTAL</b>	381	373	299	2406	2518	2206	2787	2891	2576	333	340

SCHEDULE OF BASE FACILITIES

1. OFFICERS CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

a. Check in with CQ Base Billeting Office, Bldg T-229, Lower 3, Ext 447.

b. Officers should notify CQ when checking out.

2. DINING HALL - Building T-216

Meals for all personnel are served at the consolidated Dining Hall as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Dinner</u>	<u>Supper</u>	<u>Special</u>
Mon thru Sat	0600-0715	1100-1230	1630-1745	2230-1230
Sunday	0600-0800	1100-1230	1600-1700	2230-1230

3. AIR FORCE EXCHANGE - Building T-4

a. Main Office	Mon thru Fri Sat & Sun	0800-1630 Closed	
b. Warehouse	Mon thru Fri Sat & Sun	0800-1630 Closed	
c. Main Store	Mon thru Fri Saturday Sunday	1000-1800 1000-1300 Closed	
d. Service Station	Mon thru Fri Saturday Sunday	0900-1800 0900-1300 Closed	
e. Cafeteria	Mon thru Sat Sunday	0830-2230 1400-2230	
f. Beer Tavern	Mon thru Fri Saturday Sunday	1630-2230 1130-2230 1400-2230	
g. Dry Cleaner & Shoe Repair	Mon thru Fri Saturday Sunday	0900-1230 0900-1300 Closed	1300-1800
h. Barber Shop	Mon thru Fri Saturday Sunday	0900-1800 0900-1300 Closed	
i. Watch Repair	Mon thru Fri Saturday Sunday	0900-1600 0900-1230 Closed	

## THE CITY OF BANGOR

Bangor, with a population of 31,437, is situated at the head of the tidewater on the Penobscot River. It was incorporated as a Township, under the laws of Massachusetts, in 1834, and is now the third largest city in the State of Maine. Its main industries are pulpwood, paper mills, shoe and moccasin manufacturing. It is the wholesale distributing center for Northern and Eastern Maine, and is considered the recreation center of the State. Directly across the river is the City of Brewer, with a population of 6,510 and is the site of Eastern Corporation, a paper manufacturing plant.

The altitude of Bangor is 192 feet above sea level. The average day temperature in summer is 75.5 degrees, while the nights are cool with an average temperature of 53.7 degrees. During the winter months, December to March, night temperatures are below freezing with an average of 13.2, while the average maximum day temperature for this period is 31.5. Winters are normally clear and frosty, with an average total snowfall of 49 inches from December through April. Normal annual rainfall is 37.4 inches.

The University of Maine at Orono, with its beautiful rolling campus on the banks of the Penobscot River, offers complete college curriculum and a variety of sport courses. This land-grant institution of more than 4,000 students has a high scholastic ranking, both with academic authorities and military men who know the school.

The Penobscot Valley Country Club, approximately six miles from Dow, on U.S. Highway #2, Orono Road, welcomes Dow personnel and offers an excellent 18-hole golf course. Lucerne Inn, Maine on the Bar Harbor Road, U.S. Highway #1, approximately ten miles from Bangor, offers a Country Club, swimming facilities and a 9-hole golf course. Tennis courts, bowling alleys and ball clubs are available in various sections of the City of Bangor. Horseback riding, varied types of fishing, hunting and winter sports in season are available. Bangor has four theaters, open daily at 1300 hours. There are two drive-in theaters, one located on outer Hammond Street, U.S. Highway #2, and one on the Bar Harbor Road, U.S. Highway #1.

Northeast Airlines provide regular schedule air service, both north and south, and is situated on the Hammond Street side of Dow Air Force Base. The Bangor & Arrostook, Boston & Maine, and Maine Central are the chief railroads serving Bangor, with the station located on Washington Street.

All Bangor churches particularly welcome servicemen and women and are eager to do their part in making service people feel at home in Bangor.

The YMCA is located at 127 Hammond Street; the YWCA is located at 174 Union Street; Bangor Hobby Center at 22 Franklin Street. The Bangor House, 174 Main Street and the Penobscot Hotel, 139 Exchange Street, offer good hotel accommodations.

BASE THEATER - Building T-5

First show : 1800 hours  
Second show: 2015 hours  
Admission : Adults - 25¢

SATURDAY - 5 JUNE 1954

SECRET OF THE INCAS (TECH) - Charlton Heston, Nicole Maurey  
Little Boy Boo (Tech) - Cartoon

SUNDAY - 6 JUNE 1954

BWANA DEVIL - Robert Stack, Barbara Britton  
Tooting Tooters - Cartoon

MONDAY - 7 JUNE 1954

ABOVE AND BEYOND - Robert Taylor, Eleanor Parker, James Whitmore  
(REVIVAL #74) Movietone News #45

TUESDAY - 8 JUNE 1954

PROJECT M-7 (Spot Booking #2) - Phyllis Calvert  
Of Mice and Menace (Tech) - Herman & Katnip Cartoon  
Frontier Days - (Tech) - Special

WEDNESDAY - 9 JUNE 1954

INDISCRETION OF AN AMERICAN WIFE - Jennifer Jones, Montgomery Clift  
Mission Ship - Screenliner. Corral Cuties - Musical Featurette  
Autumn In Rome - One Reel Special

THURSDAY - 10 JUNE 1954

FRIDAY - 11 JUNE 1954

KNOCK ON WOOD (TECH) - Danny Kaye, Mai Zetterling  
Movietone News #46

SATURDAY - 12 JUNE 1954

BLACK HORSE CANYON (TECH) - Joel McCrea, Mari Blanchard  
Hollywood's Invisible Man - Screen Snapshots  
Three Little Pups (Tech) - Cartoon

OFFICERS' CLUB - Building T-235

Office Hours	Mon thru Fri 0800 - 1700
	Saturday 0800 - 1700
Coffee Hours	Mon thru Sat 0800 - 1100
Bar Hours	Mon thru Fri 1630 - 2400
	Saturday 1100 - 0130
	Sunday 1200 - 2400
	Holidays Sunday Schedule

Liquor: Mixed drinks: 40¢, 45¢, 50¢, 60¢. Canned beer to take out.

DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN LIQUOR

Snack Bar	Mon thru Fri 0900 - 2230
	Saturday 0900 - 2400
	Sunday 1300 - 2230

PERSONAL CHECKS

Officers' Club:

Resident Officers - \$25.00 maximum

Transient Officers - \$25.00 maximum

Air Force Exchange:

Personal checks - \$50.00 maximum - Resident Personnel

\$25.00 maximum - Transient Personnel  
(with approval of Base Commander)

Government checks - \$100.00 maximum

Cashed between 1100 and 1300 hours only

Hours:	Mon thru Fri 1100 - 1300
	Saturday & Closed
	Holidays

