

TRANSIENT PERSONNEL INFORMATION

WAKE ISLAND AIR FORCE BASE

ISLAND FACILITIES HOURS OF OPERATION

Wake Island Air Force Base is operated by Detachment 4, 15th Air Base Wing, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Its mission is to support contingency deployments, service transitioning aircraft, serve as an emergency landing field, provide POL storage, and support other island DOD and civil tenants in accordance with agreements. Air Force personnel stationed here monitor the Base Operating Support (BOS) contractor, and serve as island hosts. The 15th Air Base Wing at Hickam AFB furnishes all personnel, financial, and logistical support to Wake Island.

Wake Island Air Force Base is located on Wake Island, one of the most isolated of the world's inhabited islands. It is situated 2,010 miles West of Honolulu, and 1,225 miles East of Guam. Wake is a typical Pacific atoll, consisting of three islands named Wake, Peale, and Wilkes. The islands form a V shape, connected by bridge and causeway, and are about nine miles from tip to tip, but the land mass is only about two and a half square miles. Wake's mean height above sea level is twelve feet.

The climate is agreeable all year round and is similar to that of Hawaii with warm sunny days and has prevailing Easterly winds. Average temperature is 80 degrees F with about 75% humidity. Annual rainfall is 38 to 40 inches.

Wake Island has no native inhabitants. There is no natural potable water source. Rainwater is collected in two 19 acre catchment basins and is augmented by distilling seawater. To conserve potable water, brackish water is used in the sewer system.

The Island community is small. It consists of seven Air Force, three National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and approximately 170 BOS contractor personnel comprised of Americans and Thai nationals.

DINING HALL

BREAKFAST	0630 - 0800
LUNCH	1100 - 1300
DINNER	1700 - 1900

STORE

Monday - Saturday	1130 - 1300
	1530 - 1800

DRIFTERS REEF BAR

Tuesday - Saturday	1700 - 2300
Sunday	1400 - 2000

BOWLING ALLEY

Friday - Wednesday	1700 - 2300
Sunday	1400 - 2000

LIBRARY

Opens daily	0900 - 2000
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BARBER SHOP

Monday - Saturday	1500 - 1700
	1900 - 2100

POST OFFICE (located in terminal)

Mon, Tue, Thur, & Fri.	1130 - 1330
Wednesday	1630 - 1730

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 444

THE FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT AT BILLETING

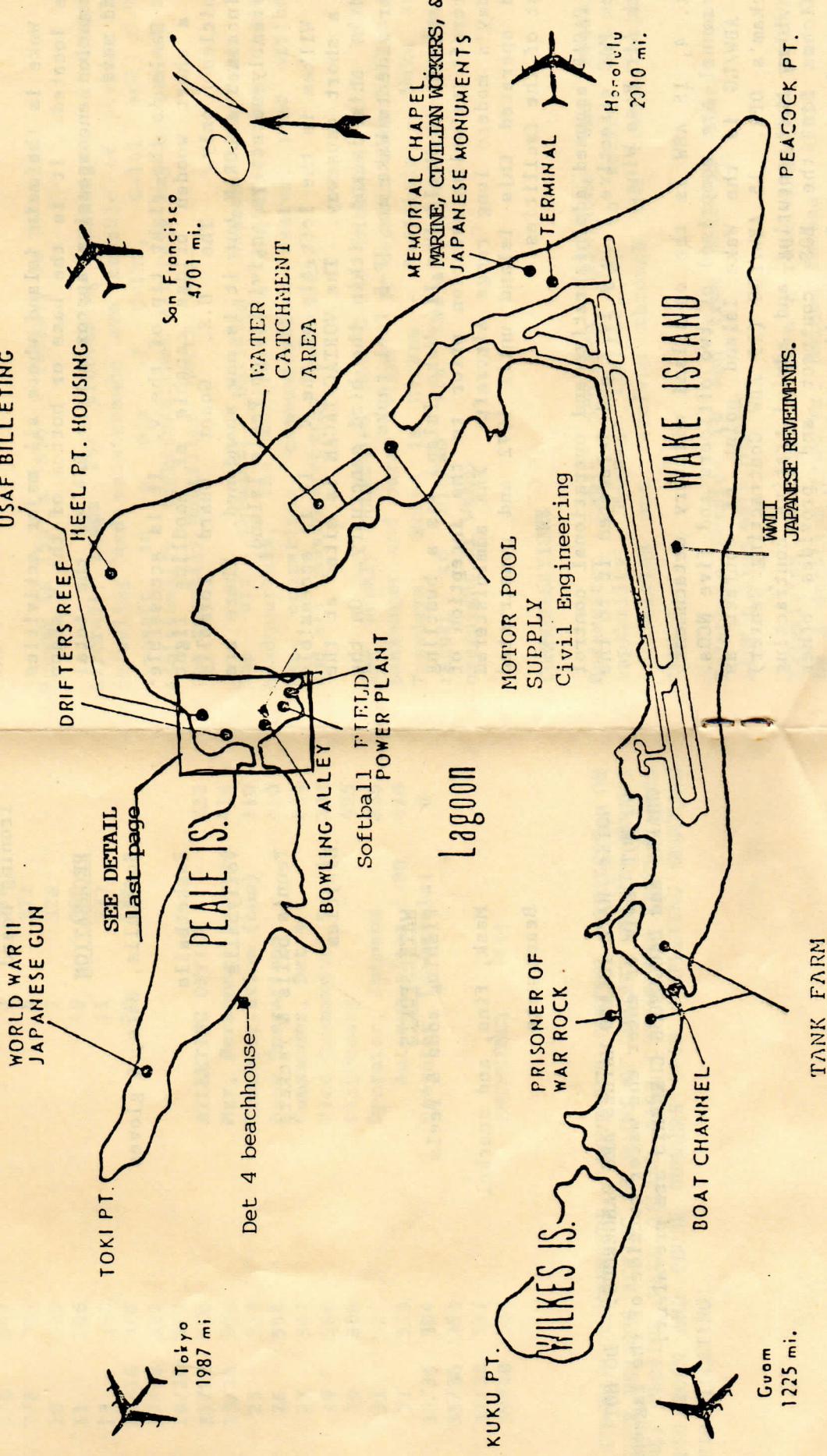
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5/6	547	5	378						
7/8	309	6	372						
10	509	7	328						
11	306	10	322						
13	360	11	572						
15/16	310	28	536						
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19/20	510								
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<u>ROOM USE</u>		BLDG 1116	BLDG 1115						
Radio/Alarm	clock								
Hot water pot									
Steam or dry iron									
Ironing board									
<u>RECREATION</u>									
Softballs, Bats, & gloves									
Basketballs									
Volleyballs									
Tennis balls & rackets									
Bicycles									
<u>WATERSPORTS</u>									
Fishing rods & reels									
Mask, fins, and snorkel									
Beach mats									

AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS, MOVEMENT CONTROL OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS ACTING AS POINT OF CONTACT FOR TDY GROUPS MUST PROVIDE WAKE ISLAND BASE OPERATIONS (PHONE 410) WITH ROOM AND PHONE NUMBERS UPON COMPLETING CHECKING INTO BILLETING.

NOTE: WAKE ISLAND WATERS ARE DANGEROUS. DO NOT DO NOT swim or enter the water outside of the lagoon. SHARKS and DANGEROUS CURRENTS are prevalent.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Wake Island is designated and maintained in a caretaker status at the minimum level with the least cost and manning. The concept of operations for Wake is to maintain an airfield facility for contingency, enroute support operations, and inflight emergency recoveries.

Wake Island is an atoll consisting of three island formed into a V shape. The overall length is approximately nine miles.

Wake is the main island where all major activities are located. It is the base or bottom of the V shape formation encompassing approximately 3/4 of the total land mass.

Peale is the right tip of the V. It is accessible by a short wooden bridge capable of handling light vehicles only. The U.S. Coast Guard formally maintained a LORAN but it is now abandoned. There are currently no active activities on Peale Island.

Wilkes is the left tip of the V. It is accessible by a short causeway. The VORTAC/TACAN is sited at the end of this island within the bird sanctuary. On the near side to Wake are JP-5 fuel tanks.

Subsequent to World War II, Wake Island was a bustling aircraft refueling station prior to the inception of today's modern long range aircraft. FAA administered and operated this island until 1972 and constructed most of the facilities.

HQ PACAF assumed administrative and operational control from MAC effective 1 July 1973 and delegated it to the 15th Air Base Wing.

Det. 4, 15 ABW is the on-island military detachment. Personnel are comprised of two officers and five NCOs. 15 ABW/LG is the Wake Island point of contact as Hickam's OPR. 15 ABW/LGC (15 ABW Contracting Center) provides the procuring and administrative contracting officer for the BOS contract and provides other contracting support for supplies and services.

AIRFIELD OPERATIONS

CSAF authorized HQ PACAF, who in turn delegated to the 15 ABW, authority to grant prior permission required (PPR) for aircraft to transit Wake.

Normal operating hours are between 0800-1700 six days a week except Sunday. All operations beyond these times will incur overtime to the contractor.

Runway is 150' x 9850'. Taxiway is 75' wide.

Aircraft ramps for processing passengers & cargo, refueling and maintenance are capable of parking 36 aircraft in a mix of C-130, C-141 and C-5. Additionally, fighter/attack aircraft may be parked on the normally unutilized north ramp.

The air terminal building houses the Det 4 headquarters, the contractor's administrative staff, base operations, communications center, post office, and air passenger/cargo operations.

The weekly scheduled MAC C-141 mission is a mixed passenger and cargo flight. It departs from Hickam on Tuesdays. Route is Hickam - Kwajalein - Wake and return to Hickam via Kwajalein after remaining overnight at Wake.

COMMUNICATIONS

Underwater cable provides telephone and message capability. Message traffic, up to secret, can be transmitted and received through the communications center.

Telephone service to and from Wake is shared on a single line with Midway.

Television is received thru a receiving dish provided by a donation from Mr. Malcom Forbes. AFRTS and CNN are currently being received.

Water System

There are two water catchment basins to capture rain to provide the islands water supply. Total water storage capacity is 5.8 million gallons. Current daily average consumption is approximately 40,000 gallons. There are three water distillation units capable of producing approximately 50,000 gallons a day. These units are activated during dry spells when the water supply decreases to below 2 million gallons. To conserve water, the sewer system utilizes ocean water.

Ground transportation is basically dedicated to the base support functions. Personnel transportation of aircrews and other passengers is limited to one 24 passenger bus between the base operations building and the dining hall. After duty hours, transportation incurs overtime.

Maintenance and repair of active facilities are programmed and accomplished as planned and scheduled, except during abnormal operations such as unprogrammed Navy/Marine force movements, JCS exercises, transient support, and off/on loading of vessels. These require pooling of resources from other functional areas. These abnormal operations delay the planned work schedule and necessitate catch-up work mostly by overtime.

Fuel System

The original fuel system consisted of a system installed and operated by SOCAL (Standard Oil Company of California) as a separate venture during FAA tenure. A second system was installed for Air Force use. During January 1975, the 15 ABW acquired the SOCAL system at no cost. Both systems are now operated by the BOS contractor for the Air Force. The JP-5 is supplied by Defense Fuel System Center fuel barges.

Civil Engineering

The majority of the base support operations is facility maintenance, including airfield, utilities, buildings, and equipment support.

Support equipment includes all ground vehicles and real property installed equipment.

Electric Power Plant

There are six diesel generators, 800 KW each, providing electrical power for the entire island. To sustain the islands daily operation, only two units are necessary and running, with a third unit as a backup. For logistical purposes and cost effectiveness, the generators use JP-5 fuel.

Billeting

There are two transient billets equipped with air conditioners ready for occupancy. Building 1115 has 54 beds, and building 1116 has 117 beds. Additionally there are 179 beds in building 1128 (mostly seven to a bay) without air conditioners that can be prepared for occupancy on short notice. Buildings 1117, 42 beds, 1118 and 1120 each with 83 beds currently, occupied by the contractor's employees are designated contingency billets and can be made available for contingency occupancy within 12 hours notice.

Messing

The dining hall seating capacity is 160 seats. The food is procured by the BOS contractor. It is his property until sold as individuals pass thru the dining hall serving line. Adequate storage for refrigerated and dry food is available for extended duration as the resupply ship calls only twice a year. Fresh fruits and vegetables are airlifted in via the MAC flight.