

CAPROCK CAFÉ @ REESE AIR FORCE BASE

The Caprock Café was created at Reese in early 1950. It was used as the base Non-Commissioned Officers Mess and Dining Hall. The location was on 10th Drive in Building 430. It was in continuous service until the closure of the base in 1997 . Reese was created in 1941 as Lubbock Army Flying School , grew to be Lubbock Army Airfield in 1943 and named Lubbock Air Force Base in 1948. In 1949 it was renamed Reese Air Force Base after 1st Lt. Augustus Frank Reese, Jr. from Shallowater, Texas who was assigned to the 1st Fighter Group. Reese was killed near Cagliari, Sardinia in World War II while on a strafing mission in a P-38 Lightning . Reese was the premier USAF air training command facility in the United States until the decision to close it was reached in 1995 by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission during the administration of President Bill Clinton.

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