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WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 29, 1971 -- An F-84 Saber Jet, famed jet fighter of the Korean War, will be winging its way toward Salina, Kansas on October 1, to start a new life.

The jet plane will take up residency as an instructor, or more accurately, an instructor's model at the Salina Area Vocational Technical School.

Kansas Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson and Congressman Keith Sebelius said that after long and faithful service the plane was put on surplus status by the military and re-assigned to the General Services Administration (GSA) as excess equipment. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare said they might be able to find a home for an aged but reliable jet fighter.

HEW found need for the jet in Salina where it will be used for educational purposes. The plane, purchased at an original cost of \$784,190 in the early 1950's is still, it appears, in the useful service of the country.