

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Association for Historic Preservation****Federal Tax ID: 920085097****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Alaska Association for Historic Preservation - Nike Site Summit, Tourism Development Project

**State Funding Requested: \$69,520**  
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)****Brief Project Description:**

Stabilization of Launch Control Building at Nike Site Summit Historic District in preparation for public tours.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$149,414
Funding Already Secured:	(\$62,954)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$69,520)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$16,940

*Funding Details:*

See attachments showing our successful use of over \$316,000 in grants, donations, etc. in past years. We are committed to raising the moneys for Roof Section C, \$16,940, listed as "Project Deficit", through private, business, and Foundation donations and grants as part of our on-going fundraising.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

While over 450 people have already been able to tour the Nike Site Summit, and we are preparing for High School Educational Tours, the tours have been unable to see the interior of some of the most significant structures, because they have not yet been fully stabilized.

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In accordance with the 2009 Programmatic Agreement with Joint-Base Elmendorf (JBER), FONSS needs to complete stabilizing the Launch Control Building in 2014.

Please Refer to the attached Project Justification

**Project Timeline:**

June 2014 to September 2014.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson with assistance from the Friends of Nike Site Summit

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No



# Friends of Nike Site Summit

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## Who we are: Alaska Association for Historic Preservation

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 1982 and is dedicated to the preservation of Alaska's prehistoric and historic resources. As a young state, Alaska has the obligation and opportunity to preserve even more recent buildings or features that serve to illustrate our rich and diverse history.

### Mission statement

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation is dedicated to the preservation of Alaska's prehistoric and historic resources through education, promotion, and advocacy. Preservation of the built environment provides a vital link and visible reminder of the past, emphasizing the continuity and diversity of Alaska.

### Services provided

AAHP aids in historic preservation projects across Alaska and monitors and supports legislation to promote historic preservation, serving as a liaison between local, statewide, and national historic preservation groups. Additionally, AAHP publishes a quarterly newsletter and holds educational workshops for the public and historic preservation professionals.

AAHP partners with and advocates for local non-profit historic preservation organizations, such as the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance, Friends of Nike Site Summit, and community-based historical societies. AAHP also serves as a consulting party for the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act process and manages Alaska's Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program. Additionally, AAHP annually gives out an Individual Lifetime Achievement Award and an award for outstanding work in historic preservation. AAHP is the statewide partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Alaska as well as a member of the Coalition for Full Permanent Funding of the Historic Preservation Fund.

## Who we are: Friends of Nike Site Summit

Founded in 2007, FONSS is an Anchorage community organization working to preserve Nike Site Summit and to create a location for education and preservation of Cold War history. Our members include historians, veterans and their spouses, outdoor enthusiasts, and other interested individuals. Recognizing the need for preservation expertise, FONSS partnered with AAHP in 2008. AAHP's affiliation with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and its long history of supporting historic preservation in Alaska made it a perfect partner.

### Mission statement

The mission of Friends of Nike Site Summit is to preserve Site Summit as a monument to Cold War Veterans and to educate present and future generations about the Cold War.

### Services provided

Since 2010, the Friends of Nike Site Summit have successfully leveraged volunteer labor, professional contributions, private donations, in-kind donations, equipment and material donations, state and local grants, as well as discounted services from contractors, to preserve six buildings at Nike Site Summit. We are extremely close to achieving the stabilization of 2 major buildings, have restored 3 smaller Sentry Stations, and re-constructed the Dog Kennel building . The Dog Kennel had been scheduled for demolition, but JBER granted our request to allow FONSS to save it after seeing FONSS' success with the other buildings. The successful conclusion of the 2014 Summer's planned work will not only achieve all that the FONSS committed to complete under the *Programmatic Agreement* with Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, but will actually exceed our original commitment!

In addition to the stabilization and restoration work on these six buildings, FONSS began giving public tours in September of 2012. Fully booked and critically acclaimed, FONSS considered their first educational efforts to have been a success. They followed with seven full tours in the 2013 season. To date over 450 people have been introduced to Nike Site Summit.

FONSS is especially excited about establishing an educational program for high school students. We recently began working with the Anchorage School District Social Studies Department, and will have our first teachers tour of Nike Site Summit in August 2014. Student tours will follow in 2015. Interpretive signs, Teacher Toolkits and other educational materials are being prepared by JBER as part of the *Programmatic Agreement*.

The *Programmatic Agreement* also includes the hosting of a public commemorative event by JBER to honor Site Summit veterans. This event is part of the three day Cold War Conference being held from September 4 – 6, 2014. The Cold War Conference is an official Anchorage Centennial Event. The scheduled keynote speaker for the conference is Sergei Khrushchev, son of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

## Information about Nike Site Summit

Nike Site Summit is one of three Nike Missile sites that once protected Anchorage, Elmendorf AFB, and Fort Richardson during the Cold War. Commissioned in 1959 and active until 1979, Nike Site Summit is the only one of the 145 Nike Hercules Missile sites constructed throughout the country to survive as a nearly complete site, largely because of it's remote location. The Nike Hercules Missile was the U.S. Military's first nuclear capable anti-aircraft missile, and test firings were launched from 1960-1963 at Nike Site Summit. Nike Site Summit is the only remaining site out of the two Nike Hercules Missile sites in the nation that conducted live fire exercises.

With growing interest in its preservation following the end of the Cold War in 1989, the *Nike Site Summit Historic District* was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996 as an outstanding example of a Cold War era Nike Hercules missile site. It was not until 2009, however, that a "Programmatic Agreement Regarding Management of Nike Site Summit Historic District at Fort Richardson, Alaska" (*Programmatic Agreement*) was signed with the U.S. Department of the Army,

Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), as signatories. The National Park Service (NPS), Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ACASLA), Anchorage Ski Club (ASC), and Friends of Nike Site Summit (FONSS) signed on to the *Programmatic Agreement* as concurring parties. The *Programmatic Agreement* is currently managed by Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson and is the guiding document for stabilization and restoration of the structures at Nike Site Summit that will preserve most of the site and allow public guided tours.

The *Programmatic Agreement* formed a partnership between the above-named parties that will preserve most of the Nike Site Summit Historic District and open it up for guided tours. FONSS and AAHP are the lead non-profit organizations in this partnership, with NPS and SHPO playing supporting roles. As the property owner, the U.S. Army (Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson as of September 2010) is the lead federal agency.

## **Future Activities**

*Nike Site Summit Historic District's* location on the eastern edge of JBER, adjacent to Chugach State Park and Alpenglow Ski Area, makes it a great addition to the recreational and tourist activities available to visitors in the area. During the summer months, the Anchorage Ski Club Lodge is an underutilized facility at the head of Arctic Valley. The 2012 and 2013 Nike Site Summit tours were staged from the ski club picnic shelters. It is FONSS's hope that this project will be one component of a larger vision for the future of Arctic Valley and its use as a historical, recreational, and educational site.

## **Past Restoration and Stabilization Work**

### **Sentry Stations**

FONSS completed restoration of 3 Sentry Buildings and preliminary roof repairs at two Launch Bunker buildings during the summer of 2010 with volunteer labor. Donations from vendors, in-kind equipment loans and FONSS members paid for those repairs. The restored Sentry Buildings have been highlights of our tours, especially when FONSS members who served in those Sentry Buildings are able to tell their stories on the tours (see attached photos).

### **Launch Control Building**

FONSS began stabilization of the Launch Control Building in the summer of 2011 and continued through the summer and fall of 2012 and 2013. The objective of stabilization is to seal the building from the elements and restore the exterior of the building to its historic Cold War appearance. Stabilization will require 1) abatement of hazardous materials (haz-mat) from inside and outside the building to make it safe for visitors and 2) replacement of the roof and replacement of all doors and windows. FONSS volunteers replaced and painted sheathing on wood portions of the building in 2011; in 2012 efforts focused on simple haz-mat abatement by volunteers and the donated professional services of 4 separate haz-mat companies. In 2013 two out of six roof sections were replaced by professional contractors, the water tank was painted and more haz-mat work completed. (see attached photos).

### **Guided Missile Maintenance Building**

In 2012 FONSS finished replacing the missing corrugated metal siding and repaired a severely damaged utility door to better seal the building from the elements. The roof repair needs to be completed by a professional roofing company. FONSS has successfully raised the funds to complete the Guided Missile Maintenance building and is focusing our fundraising efforts on finishing the roof of the Launch Control Building.

### **Dog Kennels**

The dog kennels were severely damaged by weather, but after successfully stabilizing the sentry stations and making progress on the Launch Control and Guided Missile Maintenance buildings, FONSS determined that, because of its simple plywood and 2 x 4 construction, it would be a relatively easy structure to stabilize and rebuild. FONSS received permission from JBER in 2012 to preserve the

dog kennels, a building that had been scheduled for demolition. During the summer of 2012 FONSS volunteers completed haz-mat abatement on the dog kennels in preparation for stabilization work.

In 2013 we rebuilt the dog kennels. The only item remaining is to install some simple roofing, which was ordered early in mid-summer but did not arrive before the road was closed in the fall. Volunteer labor and in-kind donations were used to rebuild the dog kennels.

### **2014 Launch Control Building Roofing**

While the previous asbestos and lead abatement work at the Sentry Stations, completed in 2010 and 2012, was conducted by FONSS volunteers, the necessary work at the Launch Control Building was much larger in scope. So, in 2012 the FONSS decided to work with the various abatement companies in Anchorage and the Matsu Valley and (in an unprecedented effort between competitors) succeeded in getting five companies to contribute worker time, equipment, and disposal costs. While our haz-mat coordinator volunteered over 130 man-hours and the contractors donated over 235 man-hours, \$1,500 in materials and supplies, and over \$1,300 in disposal trucking and disposal fees, we accomplished about 1/3 of the interior abatement work and discovered that about 10% of the plywood roof deck needed to be replaced because of water damage from the leaking roof.

The hazardous materials work completed on the Launch Control Building in 2012 was important because FONSS learned that more abatement and more repair work was needed than originally considered. Unfortunately that discovery increased the necessary budget for completion of the stabilization work at the Launch Control Building.

The original plan had been to remove only part of the asbestos-containing roofing, and to install new tapered foam insulation with a new roof membrane over the top of the existing roof. In order to replace the plywood, we need to remove all of the asbestos-containing roofing, at an additional cost. Fortunately, the water damage to the wood decking did not appear to have extended to the wood roof support joists.

In 2014, FONSS is looking to issue a competitively bid contract for both the abatement work and the re-roofing. One major factor for doing this is that in order to minimize interior water damage, it is important that the removal of the asbestos-containing roofing, the removal and replacement of the plywood, and the installation of the new roofing all need to be coordinated to minimize exposure of the interior of the building to the elements. That kind of close coordination is just not possible with volunteer or donated workers. So, having a single contractor be responsible for all of the roofing work is quite important to making sure that the stabilization repairs we are making will be long-lasting.

The Launch Control Building is by far the most complex and costly building but is approximately one half completed.

Work that has already gone into stabilizing the Launch Control Building:

- Hundreds of volunteer hours over three summers
- Over \$23,900 of professional work hours
- two out of the six roof sections (and nearly half of the total roof square footage) completed
- hazardous material abatement on the interior of the building by 5 different professional companies and volunteers
- new plywood siding placed on the exterior and painted



Test launch from Lower Site Summit in the 1960's. Note Missile Maintenance Building at lower left.



FONSS Tour Bus heading to Lower Site Summit. Note re-sited Missile Maintenance Building just left of Bus.



Roof over Launch Control Building, before re-roofing.

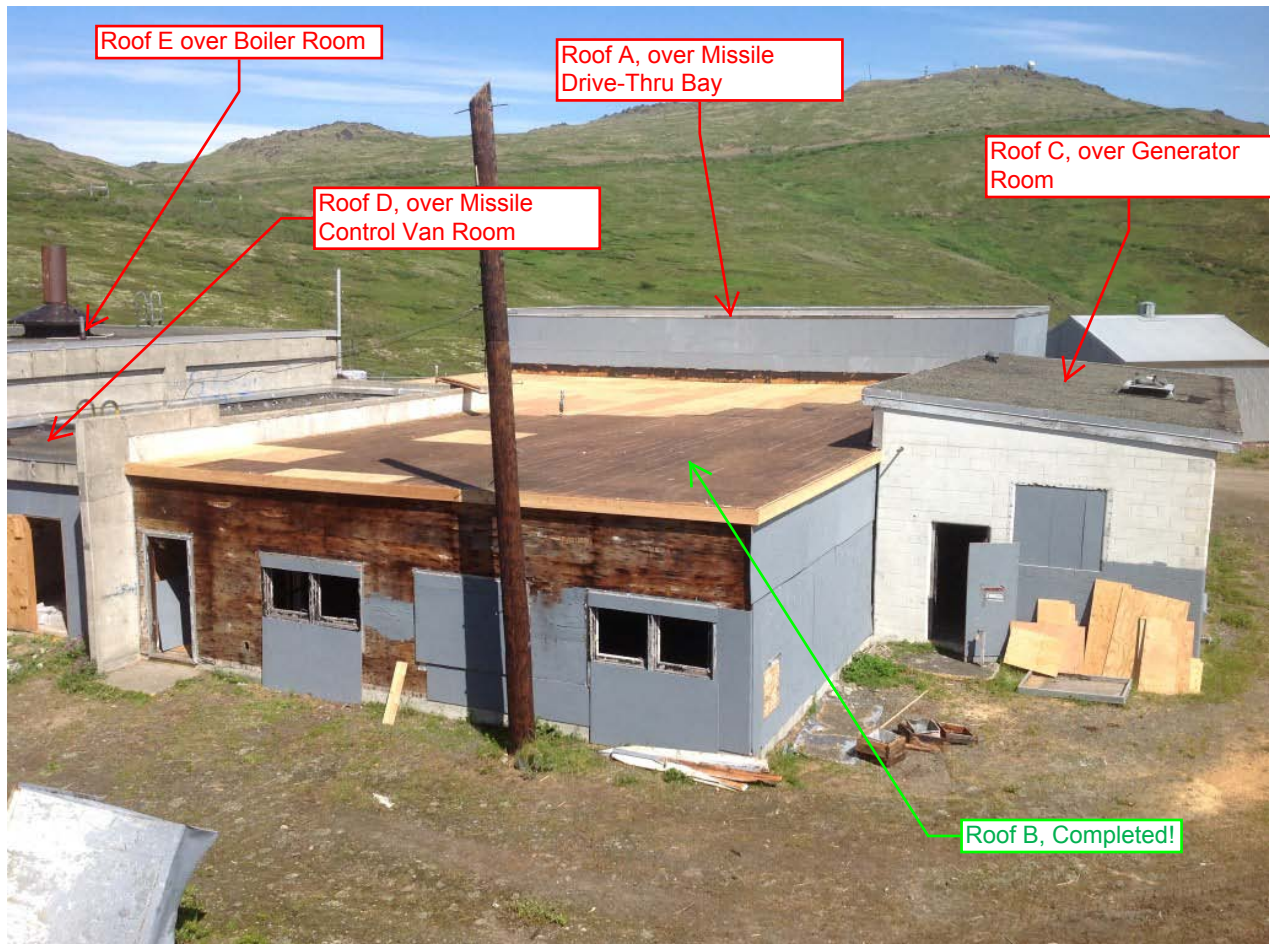


Roof over Launch Control, after. Roof to left is Roof D, over the launch control van, part of this Funding Request.





Removing rotted wood roof deck over Launch Control Bldg. All 3 black surfaced roofs are part of this Funding Request



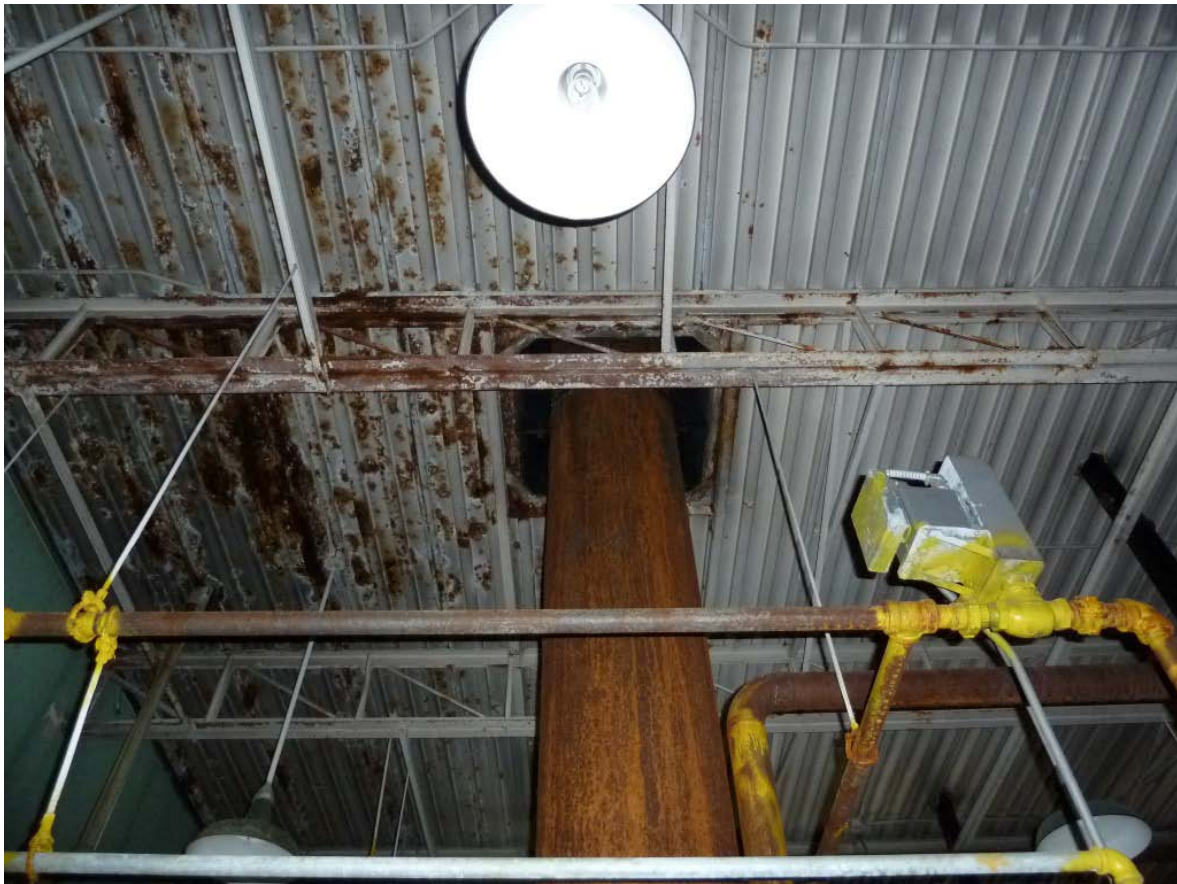
Replaced wood roof deck over Launch Control Building, prior to re-roofing.



Launch Control Building in the 1970's



Launch Control Building in 2013, Completed roofing, and roof areas that are part of this Funding Request.



Water Damage to metal roof decking in boiler room of Launch Control. (Roof E of this Funding Request)



Badly deteriorated roof over Missile Control Van Room of Launch Control (Roof D of this Funding Request)



Upper Site Summit before demolition of the Battery Building. Roof leaks caused such extensive damage that JBER determined that demolition of this building (which served as both Dormitory, and Headquarters) was necessary.



Upper Site Summit, after Demolition of the Battery Building



Dog Kennels heavily damaged by weather and time. FONSS took on restoration of the Kennels as an additional task.



Dog Kennels during re-construction and restoration. The “window” elements are original, dug out of the tundra  
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Missile Maintenance Building, before siding repairs.



Siding Repairs on Missile Maintenance, from donated man-lift.



Sentry Station 2 when active in the 1970's



Sentry Station 2 before restoration



Tour group at Sentry Station 2, with guide Greg Durocher, who served as an MP at these Sentry Stations.



Abatement work at Sentry Station 1





Tours at the restored Sentry Station 1



First Flag Raising, June 2013 at Site Summit since 1979!



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## FONSS - SOURCES OF FUNDS SINCE 2009

### **GRANTS**

2010	Historic Preservation Fund	\$17,000
2011	Alaska Legislature	\$50,000
2013	Wells Fargo Bank	\$1,000
2013	Historic Preservation Fund	\$25,000

### **DONATIONS**

2009	Various individuals	\$1,588
2010	Various individuals	\$3,445
2011	VFW Post 1685	\$250
2011	VFW Post 9785	\$500
2011	Various individuals	\$3,063
2012	VFW Post 1685	\$500
2012	Nike Historical Society	\$1,000
2012	National Park Service materials purchase	\$2,500
2012	Various individuals	\$495
2013	VFW Post 1685	\$500
2013	BP Fabric of America Fund	\$300
2013	National Park Service materials purchase	\$2,493
2013	Various individuals	\$1,475
2014	Central Alaska Retired Teachers' Association (CARTA)	\$750

### **CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER DONATIONS (Davis-Bacon Wages)**

2011	Alaska Steel, Inc. – discount on steel siding	\$800
2011	Airport Equipment Rental – donated use of lift	\$4,200
2012	Alaska Demolition – donated service	\$1,139
2012	Action Environmental – donated labor & matls	\$4,926
2012	Alaska Abatement Corp – donated labor & matls	\$4,304
2012	Absolute Services – donated labor & matls	\$2,494
2012	Central Environmental, Inc. – donated labor & matls	\$2,044
2013	Alaska Abatement Corp – donated labor	\$4,000

### **VOLUNTEERS (Davis-Bacon Wage/Hour equivalents)**

2009	220 Hours =	\$2,200
2010	680 Hours =	\$36,755
2011	910 Hours =	\$52,330
2012	596 Hours =	\$35,858
2013	948 Hours =	\$53,504

Total Value \$316,413

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## Previously Completed Costs (not including volunteer labor costs):

Launch Control Building:

Roof B, 3440 sq ft. **completed 2013**

Roof F, 225 sq ft. **completed 2013**

Cost for abatement, carpentry and reroofing for both: \$57,529

State DNR Admin surcharge 3,250

AAHP Admin surcharge 2,175

Total expense for Roofs B & F: \$62,954 **(Completed 2013)**

## 2014 Projected costs (not including volunteer labor costs):

to complete **Launch Control Building Reroofing:**

1. <b>Roof E</b> , 1,320 sq ft. (Boiler Rm)	Abatement	\$5,500
	Carpentry	2,500
	Reroof	15,100
	Admin surcharge	2,310
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$25,410</b>

2. <b>Roof C</b> , 800 sq ft. *	Abatement	\$3,600
(Generator Rm)	Carpentry	1,500
	Reroof	10,300
	Admin surcharge	1,540
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$16,940</b> * FONSS will raise funds

3. <b>Roof A</b> , 1460 sq ft. (Drive thru Bay)	Abatement	\$6,000
	Carpentry	2,700
	Reroof	18,900
	Admin surcharge	2,760
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$30,360</b>

4. <b>Roof D</b> , 600 sq ft. (Control Van Rm)	Abatement	\$2,800
	Carpentry	1,100
	Reroof	8,600
	Admin surcharge	1,250
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$13,750</b>

Total cost to complete Launch Control Reroof = \$86,460

**Total 2015 Legislative Request** (not including Roof C) **\$69,520**

\* FONSS is committed to raising the funds for Roof C from private, business and foundation grants and donations.

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# Nike Site Summit



## About The Site

For two decades (1959-1979) Site Summit stood guard over Anchorage as a last line of defense against long range bombers from the Soviet Union. Constructed on the 4,000' Mt. Gordon Lyon on Fort Richardson from 1957-1959, Site Summit was one of three Nike Hercules missile sites guarding Anchorage. Construction of these sites in Alaska required major design adaptations to accommodate permafrost and harsh winter weather.

Nike Hercules missile sites in the Lower 48 consisted of three areas: battery control, launch, and housing. In Alaska, these were combined into two areas. At each site the Battery Control Building, pictured above, combined housing and battery control into one building. The clam shell covered radar towers were also a unique adaptation to Alaska's environment. These heated enclosures protected the radar and those maintaining it from weather that included winds approaching 160 mph and temperatures that sometimes dropped to minus 60 degrees.

The Missile Launch and Storage Area was located about 5,000 feet from the Battery Control Area. In the Lower 48 missiles were stored in underground bunkers and raised into launch position on a large elevator. In Alaska, the storage bunkers were constructed above ground and the missiles were rolled to the launch pad on a rail system.

*Left: Nike Hercules missile launch, ca. mid 1960s.*





## About The Missile

*Above: Nike Hercules missiles rolled into launch position at Site Summit, ca. 1964.*

The Nike Hercules missile was the U.S. Military's first nuclear capable anti-aircraft missile. Capable of speeds over 2,700 mph, the missile was designed to destroy close formations of bombers at ranges in excess of 87 miles. Site Summit was one of only two Nike Hercules missile sites in the nation to conduct live fire exercises. From 1960 to 1964 live fire exercises were carried out each fall and were exciting events for the military and Anchorage residents. Spent rocket boosters still litter the slopes around Site Summit.

## Preservation

Of the 145 Nike Hercules missile sites constructed during the 1950s and 1960s Site Summit is the only one to survive as a nearly complete site. Site Summit provides a unique opportunity to educate the public about Alaska's frontline role in the Cold War and tell the story of those who served. Its location at the head of Arctic Valley Road makes the site easily accessible during the summer.

## Friends of Nike Site Summit

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Friends of Nike Site Summit (FONSS) is a volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation of Site Summit. Under an agreement with the U.S. Army, the site's owner, we began efforts to preserve it during summer 2010. Tax deductible donations to support our efforts may be made by visiting our website, <http://www.nikesitesummit.net/>, or by mailing contributions to the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) at the address at left. Write "Nike Site Summit" in the memo field to direct your contribution to FONSS. Interested in volunteering or joining? We meet monthly. Visit our website for more information.



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February 8, 2011

Dear Alaska Legislators:

The Nike Historical Society is an international Nike Veterans organization that was founded to insure the proper interpretation of the Nike Missile System and the role it played in the defense of the United States and other countries during the Cold War. We have assisted with restoration projects, supplied technical information, assisted students in their studies pertaining to this period, and have been recognized as the leading organization in this historical endeavor.

We fully support and endorse Friends of Nike Site Summit's (FONSS) and the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation's (AAHP) request to carry out stabilization of buildings that are part of the Nike Site Summit Historic District so that visitors to your state may learn about the vital role that Alaska played in the Cold War. The Guided Missile Maintenance Building and the Launch Control Building were essential parts of the Nike Hercules missile battery and need to be preserved for the proper historical interpretation of Nike Site Summit, as a whole.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter, and trust that you will agree to their preservation.

Sincerely,

Ezio F. Nurisio  
National Secretary



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February 10, 2011

The Alaska State Legislature  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

I am writing to express my support for the Friends of Nike Site Summit's (FONSS) and the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation's (AAHP) request for funding to carry out stabilization of buildings that are part of Nike Site Summit Historic District. In September 2009, I had the privilege of being the keynote speaker for the National Nike Veterans Reunion held in Anchorage. I had a marvelous time in Alaska. Meeting Nike Missile veterans from across the United States and Canada, speaking to high school students at Bartlett High School, and touring Nike Site Summit with the men that served there were trip highlights. To see the last and best preserved of the 145 former Nike missile sites constructed across the nation during the Cold War was a real privilege.

I applaud the efforts of FONSS and AAHP to preserve this site and open it to the public. As the founder of The Cold War Museum ([www.coldwar.org](http://www.coldwar.org)) I have worked for many years to ensure that the memory of veterans like my father and the service of all Cold War veterans are not forgotten. More Americans served in the Cold War than all other American wars combined, yet as a nation we have done less to acknowledge and memorialize their service and sacrifice than those of any other veterans group.

Nike Site Summit provides a rare opportunity to memorialize Cold War veterans, preserve Cold War history, and educate the public on the Cold War and the huge role that Alaska played in defending our nation during this period. While Nike Site Summit is the last and best preserved site of its kind in the nation it needs immediate work to stabilize several key buildings and address safety concerns before tours can begin. I believe that whatever is invested today will benefit Anchorage, Alaska, and our nation in the future. You have a truly extraordinary site there – one that deserves to be preserved for future generations and that visitors will want to see.

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support of this request.

Very truly yours,

Francis Gary Powers, Jr.  
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## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NIKE SITE SUMMIT DEVELOPMENT

February 11, 2011

Dear Alaska State Legislator,

For the past several years, I've been proud to serve on the Advisory Board for the Friends of Nike Site Summit. I've watched the group develop a far-reaching and inspiring vision for the preservation and development of the Nike Site Summit, perched high atop the mountains of Arctic Valley.

I strongly believe Nike Site Summit has the real potential to significantly add to the visitor/tourism, educational and historic resources offered by the Anchorage area. The site offers a tremendous opportunity to educate the public on the Cold War, and Alaska's strategic role in our nation's defense. The remaining buildings present a spectacular "Star Wars" type appearance, and the sweeping views surrounding the facility are unmatched anywhere in the Anchorage area. The facility is accessible by road.

Friends of Nike Site Summit continue an exceptional program of outreach, and the organization enjoys the cooperation and support of the military, the National Park Service, the Municipality of Anchorage and many others. Development of the site will not compromise the Army's ability to train in the area.

I thank you for your past support, and respectfully urge you to consider this timely funding request to carry this project forward. Thank you for everything you do.

Respectfully,



George J. Cannelos, AICP  
Brigadier General (Retired)