



TOP SECRET

OPERATION End 22

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B-29 Superfortress

The Iconic Boeing Aircraft that Won World War II
is Helping Win the War Against Veteran Suicide



TEN YEARS BEFORE THE JAPANESE ATTACKED Pearl Harbor, Billy Mitchell predicted the event, right down to the day of the week - Sunday. Mitchell knew the secret to beating the enemy meant superior air power, bombs and technology. Eventually, the military brass agreed, but not before he was court-marshalled for unpopular beliefs against the status quo.

The Boeing B-29 was revolutionary, cutting edge and the very essence of what Mitchell envisioned as a fighting machine to dominate and win.

This formidable aircraft that was big enough to win World War II is big enough to win the war against the epidemic of veteran suicide through the innovative, challenging *End 22* Project.★



141-FT WINGSPAN

Longer than the First Flight at Kitty Hawk

- Enormous Flaps, 1/5th the wing
- Advanced Tricycle Gear
- Comfortable, Quiet Pressurized Cabins connected by a 40-ft tunnel
- Capable of flight at altitudes up to 31,850 feet at speeds of up to 350 mph
- Low, Short Landings
- Huge, Innovative Bombs
- General Electric Gunnery System that compensated for airspeed, gravity, temperature & humidity when aiming the remotely controlled turrets with .50 caliber machine gun
- Reliable LORAN navigation system

RUSSIA'S ARCTIC BUILD-UP

The map illustrates Russia's military expansion in the Arctic region. It shows various bases and infrastructure across the Arctic Circle, including:

- NAVAL BASES:** Indicated by anchor icons, located at locations such as Dudinka, Verkhnyaya Polyana, and others.
- AIRFIELD & SEARCH AND RESCUE:** Indicated by aircraft icons, located at locations such as Mirny, Verkhnyaya Polyana, and others.
- AIR DEFENSE:** Indicated by missile icons, located at locations such as Verkhnyaya Polyana, and others.
- HEADQUARTERS:** Indicated by star icons, located at locations such as Verkhnyaya Polyana, and others.
- ELECTRONIC WARFARE & RADAR:** Indicated by radar icons, located at locations such as Verkhnyaya Polyana, and others.

The map also shows the locations of the U.S. and Russia, with the U.S. labeled in the top right and Russia labeled in the bottom right. The map is titled "RUSSIA'S ARCTIC BUILD-UP" in large, bold letters at the top.

U.S. SENATOR for ALASKA
DAN SULLIVAN

KEY

- INFANTRY BASE
- HEADQUARTERS
- NAVAL BASE
- ELECTRONIC WARFARE & RADAR
- AIRFIELD & SEARCH AND RESCUE
- AIR DEFENSE

FOR NEARLY A DECADE, priorities have shifted away from homeland defense and the US has been essentially a no-show in terms of national security matters in the Arctic. Russia and China have established an impressive Arctic presence and the situation should raise the alarm bells with resources and strategic defense at stake. Money has been allocated from D.C. for six new icebreakers as well as consideration of the construction of a deep draft port in western Alaska would allow the Coast Guard and Navy to have a strong presence in the US Arctic.

Senator Dan Sullivan stressed that security in the Arctic is a matter of urgency and he has communicated with the US Army Corps of Engineers, expressing concern over their pace of the establishment of the deepwater defense port. "It's important for Alaska, it's important for Nome, it's important for the country."

General Mattis, during his visit to Alaska said, "Alaska is in many ways the absolute center of the defense of our country, for the Indo-Pacific region and certainly over the polar ice cap." ★

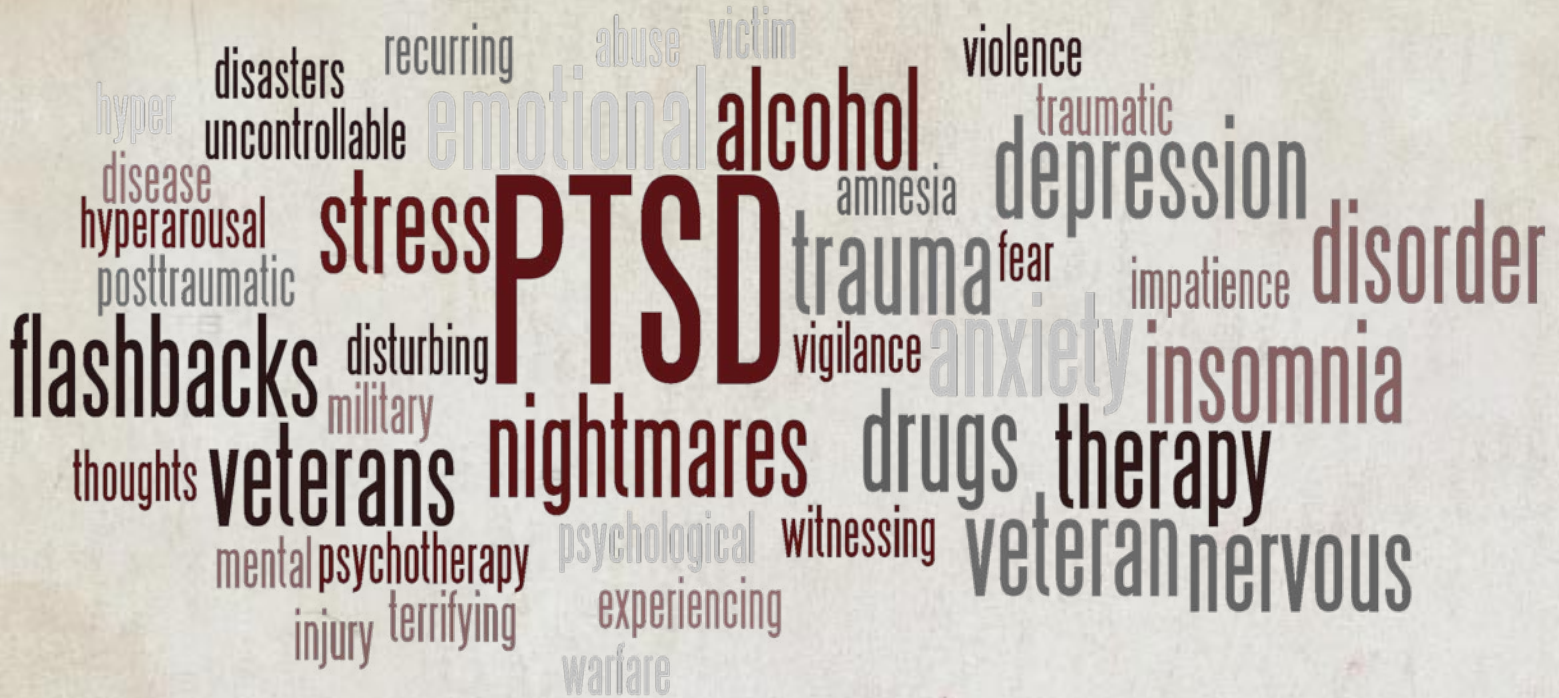
"Whoever holds Alaska
holds the World."

Billy Mitchell, 1935, in his last appearance before Congress.

ALASKA
MILITARY
HERITAGE
MUSEUM

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EVERY DAY, ABOUT 22 United States Veterans commit suicide. 22. Every day.

The Alaska Military Heritage Museum mission aligns with being an active part of the solution through the live-in [Veteran's Internship Program \(VIP\)](#), to prevent transitioning military personnel from becoming another fatal statistic.

The END 22 Boeing B29 Superfortress Restoration enlists Veterans of all rank and age to lend their skills and energy, helping the Museum achieve its mission, while giving a mission to those who are uniquely fit for the the challenge.

Based at Kulis Campus, Vets wake up each day knowing that they are having a positive impact as part of the AMHM Team, in an environment that was born of the military. Their skills in the areas like welding, carpentry, avionics, engineering, combustion engineering, logistics, administration and historic preservation are put to use and enhanced. Other aspect of the VIP program include Operation Combat Pike and the South HS Partnership.

The transition from military to civilian life can be rough and and there are productive alternatives to the despair and confusion felt by those who would take their own life. The AMHM Veteran's Internship Program provides a rewarding curriculum in a military setting. Saving lives. Sharing History. Striving forward. ★



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Boeing B-29 Superfortress Restoration

Veteran Internship Program Campus



The Historic Kulis Air National Guard Base (ANGB) was originally home to the 144th Fighter/Bomber Squadron during the winter of 1953, whose primary mission was 'Top Cover' national air defense.

Lt. Albert Kulis, the namesake of the base, still lays in rest 10-miles from this site in the cockpit of his F-86. There, he is entombed in dense volcanic ash and glacier silt mud near the location where his wing man reported seeing Lt. Kulis's aircraft bank right and vanish into the fog. The base was named 'Kulis', in honor of the lost pilot, and the lore of the place has grown ever since. Over the years the Base has served multiple roles for the nation and state, including serving as the operation headquarters for disaster relief following the 1964 Good Friday earthquake. Within minutes of the disastrous event, Guard members began streaming into Kulis, without being

called, to provide airlift, supplies and shelter for the affected communities. Kulis continued to play a key role in every natural disaster after 1964.

In 2011 after years of dedicated service, the 176th Alaska Air National Guard wing and the current occupants of Kulis ANGB, were relocated to Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson. The base ownership was transferred to the state of Alaska where it has been sporadically occupied by various companies. AMHM is working to preserve and repurpose these facilities for our Veteran Internship Program and museum.

If we succeed at repurposing these buildings, this national historic landmark and its proud history will be saved and utilized by the next generations of veterans. This program provides an opportunity to transition into civilian life in a familiar military setting. The VIP program will further-hone their military values and skills on a new mission. ★

Core Values:

- ★ Excellence
- ★ Accessibility
- ★ Relevance
- ★ Collaboration
- ★ Accountability
- ★ Responsiveness
- ★ Growth



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Operation: End 22

EIELSON AFB, ALASKA 1944 B-29 #44-62214
1st USAF aircraft to document Russian
nuclear activity in 1949.

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Photo: Staff Sgt Joshua Strang/USAF

LOCATED 26 MILES SOUTHEAST OF FAIRBANKS, Eielson Air Force Base is home to the agile F-16 Fighting Falcons of the 354th Fighter Wing and also plays host to "Red Flag" combat training exercises. But north of the base, beyond the end of the long runway, an iconic piece of US Air Force history lies abandoned in a flooded gravel pit - a mighty Boeing B-29 Superfortress,

B-29 BALD MOUNTAIN



Photo by Lars Gleitsmann, AMHM Curator



GREENLAND, KEE BIRD

From "Kee Bird, Frozen in Time" NOVA Films

which over the years has earned the name 'Lady of the Lake'. It is the last known surviving example of a WB-29 model Superfortress...and it is abandoned in a flooded, Alaskan gravel pit.

The WWII aircraft, which is submerged in a pond near Transmitter Road, has been a landmark at Eielson AFB for over 60 years.

It's believed that Eielson's last Superfortress was towed to its watery resting place for use in aircrew evacuation drills until the airframe sank deeper into the mud. The enigmatic B-29 was abandoned where it lay.

These aircraft did not serve in WWII but became part of the 58th Strategic 'Weather' Squadron under the Strategic Air Command when the Air Force became a separate service, "*hereby charged with the overall responsibility for detecting atomic explosions anywhere in the world.*". The Squadron was called the 'Pole Vaulters' for their frequent flights over the North Pole. This noble artifact, and useable parts from other B-29 crash sites, will help tell the story of Alaska's critical role in the Cold War and the heroic effort of the men who flew, supported and were lost in these aircraft.

She will also be the flagship of our Veteran Intern Program (VIP), where newly-discharged military personnel will be trained by retired veterans to become highly desired aircraft repair personnel. Success of this project will help reduce the tragedy of 22 veterans lost to suicide per day. This B-29 will save lives! ★

B-29 BOMBER GLACIER



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