

Operational Support, Surveillance, Minuteman Missile Defense, North American Air Defense, Berlin Airlift Training, Support for Alaska-based personnel >WWII, Air raids over Germany, Air route for Lend-Lease to Russia (ALSIB), Heavy Bomber Training

4. What has been its purpose over the years?
Surveillance, Training, Support, Defense

3. What is it being used for now?
Training and Support

2. What was it used for when it was created?
1942-Present (Still Used)

1. When was it used? Is it still being used?

Step Two: CONTEXTUALIZATION

Human Construction

6. How was it created?

Military Installation

5. What kind of site is it?
Sens. Wheeler and Murray

4. Who created it?
Construction began June 8, 1942

3. When was it created?
East of Great Falls, MT

2. Where is it located?
Great Falls Army Base, GTF Air Force Base, Malmstrom AFB

1. What is the site called? (Include all names for it.)

Step One: SOURCING

Step Three: INTERROGATE Questions I have:

1. Why was it called an Army Air Base?
(Army vs. Air Force??)
2. What was the ALSIB?
3. How crucial was the base for the Lend-Lease Program with Russia during World War II?

Step Four: CORROBORATE (Choose 2 ?'s to research further)

	Source 1:	Source 2:	Source 3:
Question 1: Army Air Base?	Loc: www.airforce.com	Loc: www.army.mil	Loc: www.aafha.org
Summary	1920 Army Reorganization Act made Air Service under the Army	Army Air Service re-designated in 1926. Kept w/ in Army b/c air supported troops on the ground.	Army traditionally assigned to branches (Corps) Air Corps a branch of Army in 1926. Became Army Air Force in 1942—autonomy b/t Army Air Forces and Army Ground Forces
Question 2: Importance to Russia?	Loc: www.airpower.au.af.mil	Loc: (Handout/ Malmstrom History)	Loc: www.usarak.army.mil
Summary	1,663 aircraft delivered by 11/1/42. Cold War difficulties/ Stalin & historical record.	8,000 in 21 mo period (to 1945) 1,717,717 lbs of cargo	Bi-lingual nature of exchange site (Ladd), translation, attitudes, weather, intelligence, COC.

Highlights

People: Sens. Wheeler and Murray, WASPs, Col. Axel Malmstrom

Places: Alaska, Germany, ALSIB Route, Russia, Soviet Union, Cuba, North America

Dates: 1942 Creation, 1947-Air Force, 1948-Berlin Airlift, Korean War, 1956-Malmstrom, 1962-Cuban Missile Crisis

Step Five: CONCLUDE

Most critical mission during WWII was the Air Base's support of Russia's defense against Germany through the Lend-Lease Program. This is largely down played because of the Cold War. Evidence from the Russian perspective is difficult to locate and narratives were largely re-written as the Soviet Union rose to power.