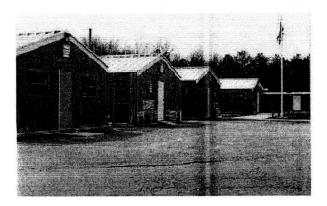


## Nike Battery NY-58/60 Old Bridge, NJ



Located in a pine forest, Nike Battery NY-58/60 guarded the southwestern approaches to the New York metropolitan area for more than a dozen years. This two magazine site was upgraded with the Improved Nike Hercules Missile System during 1961. Regular Army units manned the site until it was closed during 1968 as part of a major reorganization of the Army's air defenses within the continental United States.

Location Launcher Area: Old Bridge, (Middlesex County), NJ Control Area: Old Bridge, (Middlesex County), NJ

Dates of Operation 1955-1968

Weapons Systems & Missile Load Nike Ajax / 20 Nike Hercules / 12

Missile Magazines 2 Magazines. 2 type "B". Radar Types ACQR, ABAR.

Unit Information Army -A/526th (1955-1958) A/4/71st (1958-1964) A/3/51st (1964-1968)

**Present Status** The Old Bridge Board of **Education presently** operates the former launcher area on Jake Brown Road as a school bus maintenance facility. A few original buildings are still located on the site including the warheading building for the Hercules missiles. Scho of buses are parked where the underground missile magazines were once located. The nearby family housing area is mostly intact, although abandoned. At the end of Jake Brown Road, the site of the former control area (practically obliterated) now serves as a convenient spot for local residents to fly radiocontrolled model aircraft.

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