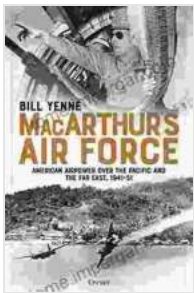


# MacArthur Air Force: The Complete History of Suffolk County's Air Force Base

MacArthur Air Force Base was a United States Air Force base located in Suffolk County, New York. The base was named after General Douglas MacArthur, who was the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the Pacific during World War II. MacArthur Air Force Base was opened in 1941 and was used as a training base for pilots and aircrew. The base also served as a staging area for troops and equipment during World War II. After the war, MacArthur Air Force Base was used as a base for the Strategic Air Command. The base was closed in 1974.



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## Early history

The land that would become MacArthur Air Force Base was originally owned by the Smith family. In the early 1900s, the Smith family sold the land to the United States government. The government used the land to build a military airfield. The airfield was named Camp Upton in honor of

Major General Emory Upton, who was a Civil War hero. Camp Upton was used as a training base for troops during World War I.

## **World War II**

In 1941, Camp Upton was renamed MacArthur Air Force Base. The base was used as a training base for pilots and aircrew during World War II. The base also served as a staging area for troops and equipment. MacArthur Air Force Base was a major hub for the movement of troops and supplies to Europe and the Pacific. After the war, MacArthur Air Force Base was used as a base for the Strategic Air Command.

## **Strategic Air Command**

The Strategic Air Command (SAC) was a major command of the United States Air Force. SAC was responsible for the operation of the United States' nuclear arsenal. MacArthur Air Force Base was one of the most important SAC bases in the United States. The base was home to a number of nuclear-armed bombers. MacArthur Air Force Base was also a major center for the development of new nuclear weapons.

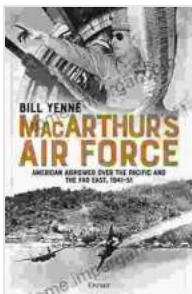
## **Closure**

MacArthur Air Force Base was closed in 1974. The closure of the base was part of a larger effort by the United States government to reduce its military spending. The closure of MacArthur Air Force Base was a major blow to the economy of Suffolk County. The base had been a major employer in the county and its closure resulted in the loss of thousands of jobs.

## **Legacy**

MacArthur Air Force Base is a reminder of the important role that Suffolk County played in the defense of the United States. The base was a major hub for the movement of troops and supplies during World War II and it was a key base for the Strategic Air Command during the Cold War. The closure of MacArthur Air Force Base was a major blow to the economy of Suffolk County, but the base's legacy lives on in the many people who served there.

MacArthur Air Force: The Complete History of Suffolk County's Air Force Base is a comprehensive history of the air force base located in Suffolk County, New York. The book covers the base's history from its beginnings in the early 1900s to its closure in 1974. The book is illustrated with over 100 photographs and includes interviews with former base personnel.



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