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## 2017 — Anniversaries in Alaska

Alaska is celebrating several anniversaries this year.

The Sesquicentennial - the 150th anniversary of the Treaty of Cession when Alaska passed from Russian to American hands - is in the midst of special events statewide. Particular focus is on Sitka, which is where the transfer took place on October 18, 1867. (See related stories and photos on Page 4.)

Two anniversaries also in store this year deal with the Second World War. The 75th anniversary of the construction of the Alaska Highway, which was built to connect Alaska to the Lower 48 during WWII, is being commemorated with special events in Delta Junction in early June, Anchorage on July 1, and Tok on July 4. For more details about commemoration plans, please contact Meadow Bailey by email at [meadow.bailey@alaska.gov](mailto:meadow.bailey@alaska.gov), or the local Chambers of Commerce and visitor organizations in Tok, Delta Junction, and Fairbanks.

Also, activities on June 2-4 in Dutch Harbor will recognize the 75th anniversaries of both the WWII bombing of Dutch Harbor by Japan and the evacuation from the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands of the Unangan people, who were resettled in camps in Southeast Alaska. For more information on the plans, please contact Rachel Mason of the National Park Service at 907-644-3472 or [rachel.mason@nps.gov](mailto:rachel.mason@nps.gov).

Finally, Anchorage is celebrating the 70th anniversary of the 4th Avenue Theatre, with events planned for May 27-29. Activities are being coordinated by the Friends of the 4th Avenue Theatre and will include a Street Fair on 4th Avenue on May 27. More information is available at <http://www.aahp-online.net/4th-avenue-theatre-update.html>.

## OHA Annual Workshop Highlights

The 2017 Annual Workshop by the state Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) was held in Anchorage on April 4 and was very well attended. Highlights included presentations on the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AQRS), the use of districts as management tools, Section 106 mitigation, and the OHA update. Updates to the Alaska Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for 2018-2023 were provided. The public is encouraged to comment on the draft plan's vision, objectives, and goals at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHP>. Comments will be accepted until May 31.

### About AAHP

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) was founded in 1982 as a private, nonprofit corporation. AAHP is dedicated to the preservation of Alaska's prehistoric and historic heritage as manifested in its buildings and sites. 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.

## Oscar Anderson House Museum Summer Tours

The Oscar Anderson House is open for the summer season! 45-minute guided tours will be available starting June 1 and will run through the end of August on Tuesdays through Sundays from Noon to 4:00 pm on a walk-in basis (with the exception that tours on Friday are accommodated with reservations booked 24 hours in advance\*; there will be no tours on July 4th). Admission is \$10 for adults and teens, \$5 for Alaska residents and children 3 - 12, and free for children under 3 and AAHP members.

\*To reserve a Friday tour, or to ensure availability for a large group of 6 or more on any day, please call 907-929-9870 and leave a message, or go online to [www.planetreg.com/OAHMreservations](http://www.planetreg.com/OAHMreservations).



The Oscar Anderson House Museum  
420 M Street, Anchorage

## Friends of Nike Site Summit Open House Held on May 17



Sweet rewards for those FONSS volunteers attending the May 17th open house

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Alaska Aviation Museum in Anchorage, Friends of Nike Site Summit (FONSS) celebrated the past year. The Open House was a thank you to all the hard-working board members and citizen volunteers who have worked on site restoration (since 2010) and have arranged and led tours of Nike Site Summit (since 2012).



FONSS Director Greg Durocher, left, presents the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award to Project Team Leader Evan Rowland.

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## Nike Site Summit News

### Friends of Nike Site Summit has announced the tour schedule for 2017

More than 2,000 people have toured Nike Site Summit with Nike veterans and other FONSS volunteers and have seen the restoration work done by FONSS since 2012. This year's tours include a first-time-ever hiking tour on July 8<sup>th</sup> (see "Save the Date" below for details). All other tours are by 28-passenger bus and require no hiking. Registration for all tours may be found at [www.planetreg.com/NSS-2017](http://www.planetreg.com/NSS-2017). All people will need to show identification authorized under the REAL ID Act to gain access to JBER, the military base where Nike Site Summit is located (for more details on REAL ID, please see "About REAL ID" at the bottom of this page). Also, 30-day prior registration is required to comply with JBER security.

Saturday, July 8, 2017. Hiking Tour 9:30-3:00 (approximate end time) – registration limited to 20

Saturday, August 5, 2017. Morning 9:30-12:30 and Afternoon 2:00-5:00

Sunday, August 20, 2017. Morning 9:30-12:30 and Afternoon 2:00-5:00

Saturday, September 9, 2017. Morning 9:30-12:30 and Afternoon 2:00-5:00



### Save the Date! July 8 Hiking Tour

AAHP and FONSS are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our first ever guided hiking tour of Nike Site Summit this summer. The tour will be on Saturday, July 8, and will start at the Arctic Valley parking lot. Not for the faint at heart, we will be hiking approximately 4.5 miles with a gain of 1400 feet in elevation, and the tour will cover both the lower and upper site, conditions permitting.

The tour will begin at 9:30 am and run until approximately 3:00 pm (please note that the return time is estimated). Admission for this tour is \$25 for adults and \$22 for military and students.

Reservations can be made at [www.planetreg.com/NSS-2017](http://www.planetreg.com/NSS-2017).

### Friends of Nike Site Summit fundraising dinner and evening tour of Nike Site Summit

On Thursday, July 20, 2017, from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm, FONSS will hold its annual fundraising dinner at Arctic Valley's Alpenglow Lodge, followed by a special 3-hour evening tour of Site Summit.

Proceeds from past events have helped finish the restoration work on the Launch Control Building. Proceeds from this year's dinner/tour will be used to help FONSS acquire decommissioned Nike Hercules missiles to exhibit at Site Summit and at another Anchorage Nike location. Bringing these missiles here will add to the understanding of Alaska's place in the Cold War Era.

Please join us for this special evening; you can register for the dinner at [www.planetreg.com/FONSS-Dinner-Tour](http://www.planetreg.com/FONSS-Dinner-Tour).



Nike Hercules Missile 1958

### About REAL ID

Starting this summer, under the federal REAL ID Act, all people will be required to present REAL ID-compliant identification in order to gain access to a military base or federal facility in the state of Alaska. Alaska has not yet implemented the REAL ID requirements for state-issued REAL ID identification, but a few alternative forms of identification will be accepted, including a passport or a military ID card. Alaska has just authorized REAL ID for the state, but state-issued forms of REAL ID identification are not expected to be ready before January 2019. For more information about acceptable alternative identification, please contact Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

## Revitalize Sitka Ready for Sesquicentennial Celebrations in 2017

Holland America generously supported the production of banners to display on the streets of Sitka to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Cession (the Alaska purchase from Russia). The banners are located near the Sitka Library, the Lutheran Church, and Wells Fargo Bank.



Sitka Sesquicentennial  
Banner



Banner back



Banners are in several locations



Russian Dancers Banner

Local businesses and members of the Revitalize Sitka board have donated funds to purchase colorful flower baskets to place around town later this spring. AAHP wishes to recognize the 17 businesses and 4 individuals for their festive contributions to Sitka's Sesquicentennial celebrations.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ Sitka True Value Hardware</li> <li>◊ Sitka Moose Lodge 1350</li> <li>◊ Foreign Automotive LLC</li> <li>◊ Prewitt Enterprises</li> <li>◊ Venneberg Insurance Company</li> <li>◊ CBC Construction</li> <li>◊ North Pacific Seafoods</li> <li>◊ Service Transfer</li> <li>◊ Sitka Vision Clinic</li> <li>◊ Sitka Motor Supply</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ Old Harbor Books</li> <li>◊ St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral</li> <li>◊ Sitka Conservation Society</li> <li>◊ Sitka Lutheran Church</li> <li>◊ Hames Corporation</li> <li>◊ Sitka Flowers and the Chocolate Moose</li> <li>◊ Ross Marley DMD</li> <li>◊ Helen Cunningham</li> <li>◊ Dana Pitts</li> <li>◊ Linda Trierschield</li> </ul> |
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### Smile and Community Rewards—Shop and Support AAHP

Now you can donate to AAHP when you shop. AAHP has joined Amazon Smile and Fred Meyer Community Rewards.



Look for details on the AAHP website about how to designate your purchases to help support AAHP programs: <http://www.ahp-online.net/>.

# iTREC! 2016-2017 School Year



This year, 16 teachers from schools in Anchorage and the MatSu Valley spent the past year learning the techniques to introduce place-based service learning to their students, taking the Iditarod Trail to Every Classroom.

A week-long workshop was held in 2016 in Anchorage before school started for the year; a mid-year weekend workshop saw the group in Seward – Mile 0 of the Iditarod National Historic Trail; and the year culminated in a final weekend workshop in Nome in April.

iTREC! Teachers in Nome, April 2017

**Your support means historic preservation in Alaska matters!**

Donations through Pick.Click.Give. can be made through August 31.



## **AAHP MEMBERSHIP and/or SPECIAL DONATIONS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership term is 12 consecutive months.**

Student \$15

Contributor \$50

Sponsor \$250

Individual \$25

Friend \$100

Benefactor \$500 & above

Family \$40

Corporate \$100

Non-Profit\* \$45 (\*includes federal, state, & municipal agencies)

### **Membership      \$**

I/we wish to make a tax-deductible gift to

- **AAHP**
  - For more giving opportunities, please visit the AAHP website at <http://www.aahp-online.net/>

(Donations to AAHP are tax deductible, as allowable under IRS regulations.)

**Total Enclosed \$**

I also wish to participate in AAHP activities in the following areas:

- ## Fund Raising      Membership      Education      Legislation      Public Relations      Projects & Issues

**Preservation Notes** Preservation News from Around the State  
To submit Preservation News items, email us at [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com)

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### 2017

#### May

- 27-29     70th Anniversary of 4th Avenue Theatre, Anchorage  
For more information: visit <http://www.aahp-online.net/4th-avenue-theatre-update.html>

#### June

- 15-19     Mining History Association's 28th annual conference, Fairbanks, AK  
For more information: <http://www.mininghistoryassociation.org/FairbanksConference.htm>

#### September

- 27-30     Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference, Anchorage  
(Details to come later)

### Statewide Sesquicentennial Events



Events and activities are planned throughout the state in 2017 to celebrate this milestone anniversary. For more information, including a Calendar of Events, please visit the Alaska Historical Society's website:

<http://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/150treaty/calendar/>

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