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THE DAY MORRIS COUNTY ALMOST BLEW UP

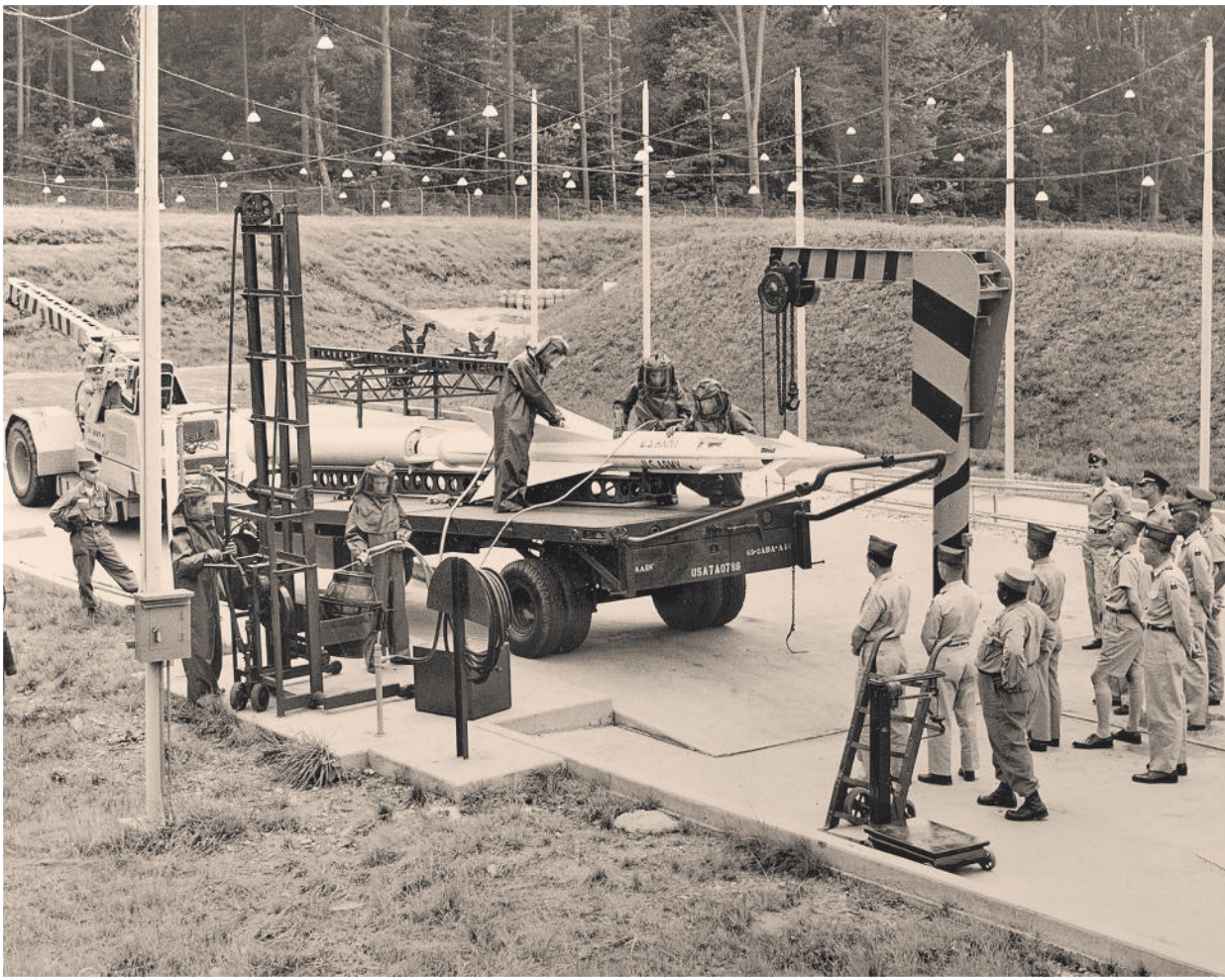


PHOTO COURTESY OF NATIONAL GUARD MILITIA MUSEUM OF NEW JERSEY
Soldiers from the 65th Air Defense Artillery, 2nd Battalion, wear protective suits as they refuel a Nike Ajax missile at a New Jersey missile base circa 1958 to 1960. Nike sites were manned by both National Guardsmen and soldiers in regular Army units.

Author remembers nuclear missile accident

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Nicholas Lambros remembers the day a missile nearly blew up in Morris County.

In the summer of 1961, he was a specialist fourth class in the Army working on the Nike missile base, which was off of Route 10 in East Hanover.

One day, a warrant officer directed him to help move a new Nike Hercules missile — freshly fueled and assembled with four JATO (jet-assisted take off) rockets — from the fueling area, on the upper part of a slope, down to its launch site.

“We were going to push the steel dolly that this missile was resting on,” recalled Lambros. “I asked the warrant officer if we should take the thing down diagonally because the missile, especially with four JATOs on the back, was pretty darn heavy, and that slope was steep.”

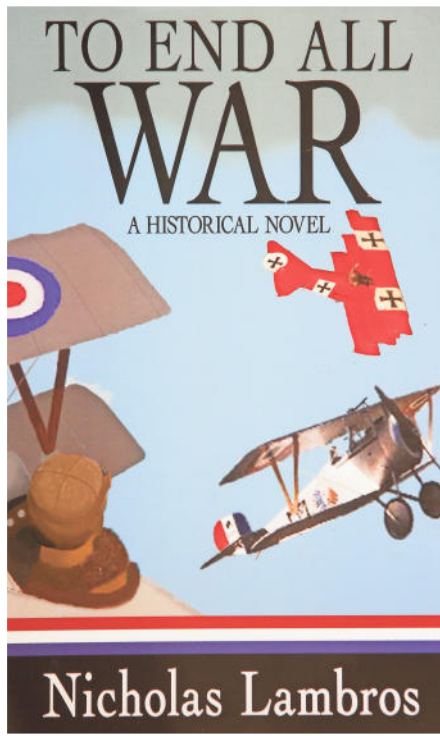
The warrant officer said no. On the way down, the missile picked up a lot of momentum, and Lambros and the crew were told, “Hit the brakes!” The brakes, operated by foot, were located on each of the rear wheels. Lambros jumped on one. Another helper jumped on the other.

The dolly stopped. The missile didn't.

As Lambros recalls, the nose of the Hercules, which is where its nuclear warhead is located, hit the tarmac. A thin wisp of smoke rose from one of the JATOs.

If the JATO had lit, according to Lambros, he could have died, and the missile

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“I'm the kind of guy who looks before he leaps.”

NICHOLAS LAMBROS
AUTHOR



Above: The cover of “To End All War,” a book by Nicholas Lambros, who is pictured (at left) at home in Maryland.

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Taxes here rise less than most

Average Morris bill up \$126

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Residential property taxes in Morris County increased at a lower rate than the state average from 2013 to 2014, according to state tax reports and a Daily Record analysis.

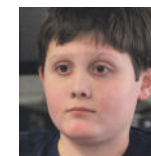
The average property-tax bill in Morris County increased by about 1.3 percent or \$126, while overall New Jersey property taxes increased at their fastest rate in three years in 2014. The average Morris County property-tax bill for 2014 came in at \$9,929.

New Jersey's average residential property tax bill, already the highest in the nation, jumped by 2.2 percent, to \$8,161, according to data compiled and released by the state Department of Community Affairs. The

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“My parents love to see what I'm doing.”

NICHOLAS FEZENKO
TINC ROAD SCHOOL STUDENT

Mount Olive students film lessons on video

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MOUNT OLIVE — Tuesday afternoon in Alyssa Puleo's fourth-grade class at Tinc Road School, 10-year-old Nicholas Fezenko sat in the “reporter's chair,” a student-sized chair situated behind a desk, and made another video for his parents.

With the help of Puleo, Nicholas recorded a Smart Shot film for his parents, explaining what he learned that day in English class — how to write a “how-to” essay.

“I learned that in ‘how-to’ essays you have to put materials, steps and transitional phrases,” Nicholas said.

Puleo, sitting off-camera behind the laptop recording Nicholas, asked him to provide examples of transitional phrases.

“First, second, last, next, finally, then, also. I think I got enough,” Nicholas said. “They're important because they help organize your writing.”

After the 45 second video was complete, Nicholas sent it to his mother's email via Dropbox. He planned to watch it with his family that night.

“My parents love to see what I'm doing,” Nicholas said. “We talk about it during the video, and they're impressed. They think it's good I'm talking about what I've learned to other people.”

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