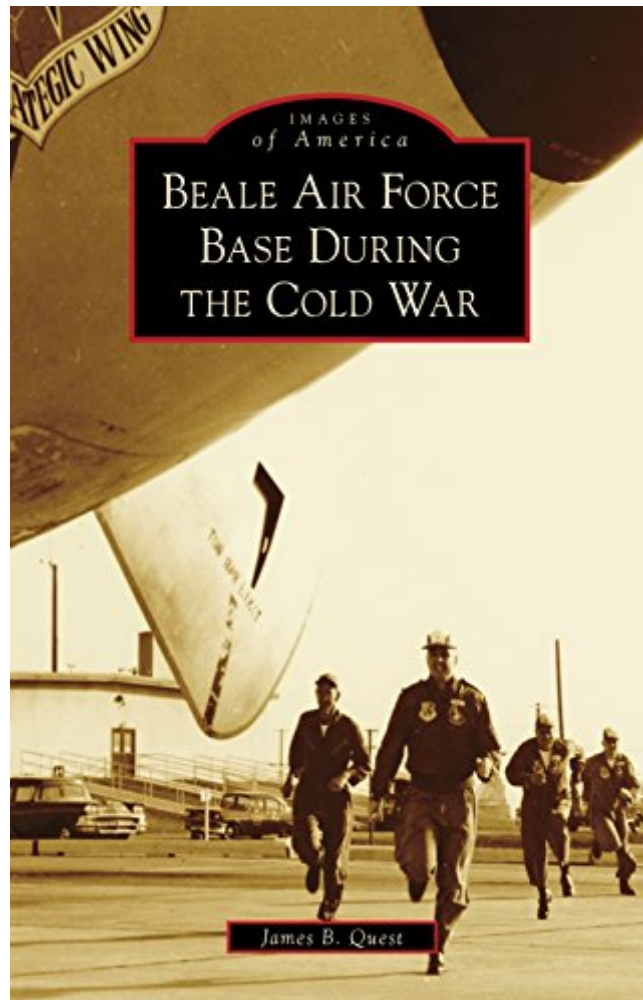


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# Beale Air Force Base During The Cold War (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

KLAXON! The alarm immediately sent the aircrews at Beale Air Force Base, California, scrambling to their alert aircraft in a race to get airborne first. The KC-135 tankers were usually the quickest to taxi out, with the B-52 bombers following closely behind. Soon, the air filled with the rumble of engines as aircraft roared down the runway trailing great clouds of exhaust and disappeared into the skies of Northern California. It was a dramatic scenario practiced many times during the Cold War and one that Universal Pictures filmed at Beale AFB for its movie *A Gathering of Eagles*, starring Rock Hudson and Rod Taylor.

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## Customer Reviews

I personally know the author. For years I have known that he was working on this book. So when he approached me at the Beale AFB Chow Hall (now known as the Dining Facility) that he has completed his book, I went on and bought a copy. I was not disappointed. The book is an outstanding glimpse of Beale AFB during the Cold War. I just had some comments which I

personally told James. Beale AFB's mission is diverse and not well known to people outside the military and the base itself. James had left out some of that mission. For example, the SAGE (Semi Automatic Ground Environment) mission and the PAVE PAWS (Precision Avionics Vectoring Equipment Phased Array Warning System) mission. James told me that because of the nature and template for this type book, he was limited on the amount of things he could include. Thus he decided to just include the items which shows most of the actions associated with Beale. James assured me that if given an opportunity, he will include both the SAGE and PAVE PAWS missions in any upcoming edition. James...I will eagerly await your next edition or your new book.

The airman guarding the flight line had orders to shoot anyone on flight line without authorization. Different time, we forget what we had to do to protect our way of life and liberty. Great reminder of what earlier generations did for us.

This book was well written and an awesome depiction of Beale AFB, CA! Reading and having pictures that relate to what the history of Beale holds was very impressive. Since retiring from Beale AFB this book has educated me on a variety of aircrafts that came and went, how it changed commands a few times and some of the actual buildings that were demolished when I was assigned in order to incorporate today's AF and upgrade with the times. I would recommend this book to everyone past and present who was or is assigned to Beale AFB, CA!

Our family is full of history buffs and this was the perfect book to add to our collection on war history. James Quest delivers a superb collection of history in action, through pictures and commentary. The current headlines of today make reading this book even more poignant...could the United States of America be on the edge of Cold War, Part II I am grateful to dedicated historians like Mr Quest who help us remember the sacrifices of our military servicemen, both past and present! I highly recommend this exceptional book."Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it.".....Edmund Burke

No complaints

As a collector of historic military books, this author definitely pulls you into an in-depth perspective of Beale AFB. Most books only scratch the surface of the history behind the subject. However, with this author's approach, this book surely

delivers a homerun. From building the base to scrambling alert KC-135s and B-52s, or admiring U-2 tail art to watching the SR-71 take off, you're always part of the action! I would more than highly recommend purchasing this book!

I love aviation history and as I was surfing the internet I found this book newly available, ordered it, and received it within a few days. The author has done his homework, provided lots of good picture documentation, explanations, but more importantly--let us open and walk thru the door of the lives of the men and women who were assigned to Strategic Air Command at Beale AFB. Good stuff!

I was there, spent many hours on alert during the height of the cold war, was astonished at finding this book and learned many things about Beale that I didn't know even though I was there for years.

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