In 1941 Redstone Ordinance Factory became a $50 million chemical weapons centre. Weapons such as phosgene and mustard gas were produced and stockpiled here. In 1943 the Ordnance Plant was renamed Redstone Arsenal. Over 27,000,000 chemical munitions items were produced and 45,200,000 ammunition shells loaded.

Also in 1943, Redstone Army Airfield was established to test devices for firebombing Japanese cities. In 1949 the Ordnance Rocket Center was opened and Redstone Arsenal became the centre of research and development for free-flight rockets.
In 1950 about 1,000 personnel transferred to Redstone from Fort Bliss, Texas – including 200 German scientists & engineers led by Wernher von Braun – to form the Ordnance Guided Missile Center (OGMC).

The German scientists came originally from Hitler’s V2 rocket program at Peenemünde in Germany. The V2 rockets were manufactured at Mittelwerk - a series of tunnels dug out of Kohnstein Hil.

Towards the end of WW2 the Mittelwerk underground V2 factory used forced labour from the Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp.
Wernher von Braun, facility Technical Director at Peenemünde, visited Mittelwerk in 1944.

It is estimated that V2 rockets killed some 2,541 & injured approximately 5,923 people but ~20,000 died at Mittelbau-Dora or soon after (inc. 1300 - 1500 killed by British bombs); 350 were hanged (inc. 200 for sabotage). Many others died from exhaustion, cold, malnutrition or disease - others were murdered by guards.

The US intelligence and military extracted scientists from Germany during the final stages of WW2 through a secret operation codenamed “Paperclip”. Rocket specialists were secretly transported to Fort Bliss, Texas and from there to Huntsville without State Department approval. Their work for Hitler’s Third Reich disqualified them from officially obtaining visas. Assigned to the centre at Huntsville, they settled and reared families in this area.
As the Korean War started, the OGMC was given the mission to develop what eventually became the Redstone Rocket. This rocket set the stage for America’s space program, as well as major Army missile programs, to be centred in Huntsville. Toftoy, then a brigadier general, commanded OGMC and the overall Redstone Arsenal. In early 1956, the Army Ballistic Missile Agency (ABMA) under Major General John Medaris was formed ... von Braun was appointed Chief of the Guided Missile Development Division.

In 1956, Redstone became the Army Ballistic Missile Agency (ABMA)

The Redstone was deployed by NATO as a short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) in West Germany from 1958-1964 and was also the first missile to carry a live nuclear warhead. Von Braun was present at the 1958 launch and high altitude detonation in the ‘Hardtack Teak’ Pacific Ocean test.
In 1958 the Army Ballistic Missile Agency was placed under the new Army Ordnance Missile Command (AOMC) and in 1960, the AOMC space-related missions & most of its employees, facilities, and equipment were transferred to NASA, forming the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) - von Braun was named as its director.

The Redstone family was developed during the 1950s and 60s – the Jupiter and Mercury rockets and Pershing missile derived from the original Redstone rocket. As director of the MSFC, von Braun oversaw the development of the Saturn V rocket that eventually carried men to the moon.

But not before many experiments to discover the effects of spaceflight on astronauts. These experiments involved placing animals on rockets, including:
Who were the Flying Monkeys?

The first ever primate astronaut was Albert, a rhesus monkey. In 1948 Albert rode to over 39 miles on a Redstone V-2 rocket but suffocated during the flight. In 1949, Albert II made it to 82 miles and ... into space!

Rockets were launched containing Alberts III to VI – however, none survived the trips. Unfortunately Able died during surgery to remove a medical electrode. Baker became the first monkey to survive spaceflight and subsequent medical procedures.

Huntsville - The Dark Side

Redstone remains THE centre for the US Army's missile programs. It is home to the US Army Materiel Command; the US Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command; the Tactical UAV Project Office; the Redstone Test Center; the Missile Defense Agency; the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, and other operations.
Also in Huntsville, Raytheon has a $100m manufacturing centre for the SM-3 missile. Versions of the SM-3 are used in missile defense systems of the US & NATO in Europe to help encircle Russia.

SM-3 missiles are used on Aegis missile “defense” ships in the Mediterranean and the Pacific, and in the Aegis Ashore site in Romania.

Use of SM3s in the US/NATO missile defense system in Europe to threaten Russia.
And nearby at its Pike County Operations facility in Troy, Alabama: Lockheed Martin manufactures, assembles and tests the interceptor missile used in the THAAD missile “defense” system. The US is deploying THAAD in Guam, South Korea, with Japan & Taiwan to come, in the Pacific.

How THAAD deployment in the Pacific focuses on China ... and there’s more ...

Huntsville receives some $7 billion of federal military spending every year as it also hosts many aerospace corporations, e.g: Boeing; General Dynamics; General Atomics; ManTech SAIC; SNC; Camber and AV aerospace companies - time to convert these companies to the production of more useful things ... rather than contribute to ...
US Global Control: The Phantom Menace


And so ... the Earth ... is surrounded by hundreds of satellites ... many of them run by, or for, the military,
Ground-Based Stations have been established Worldwide for Tracking Satellites and other Space Objects...

...and Spy Base Systems for Electronic Interception, Hacking...

...and Cyberwarfare activities

...and a Space Based Surveillance System (SBSS) to ensure “Space Superiority” through “Situational Awareness”

Satellite Communications Networks have been set up for the Command and Control of Everything, Everywhere, any Time...

...e.g. the Multiple User Operations System (MUOS)
Missile ‘Defense’ Systems will deny Retaliatation and Enable a First Strike...

Drones are used for surveillance and piloted remotely to spy and deliver death from thousands of miles away...

Drones are used for surveillance and piloted remotely to spy and deliver...

... loitering at high altitudes to detect and perhaps knock out missiles during their early boost phase with a high powered solid state laser...

Hypersonic Intercontinental Cruise Missiles and Scramjets are being developed for Prompt, Global Strike...

... and so are Secret, Unmanned Space Planes

And New Space Weapons Projects will be with us soon
The People Strike Back

There is a resistance ...
...to drones...
In the US
In Germany
In the UK
In Pakistan

against command centres
GN Conference Colorado Springs, April 1998
GN Conference Omaha, Nebraska, June 2008

...military satellite centres...
GN at the European Space Agency, Darmstadt, 2007
Global Network Protest at Esrange, Sweden 2013

...against the bases...
Waihopai, Aotearoa
Jeju Island Peace Walk
Menwith Hill, England
Ramstein, Germany

...against the bases...
Croughton, England
Lovon, Sweden
Pine Gap, Central Australia
Okinawa, Japan

...with celebrities...
Thom Yorke, Fylingdales
Martin Sheen, Cape Canaveral
Michio Kaku, Washington DC
Oliver Stone, Gangeong Village
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