The Island of Sevastopol was mostly uninhabited, other than sparce settlements by native Aleut peoples. In 1940, before pearl harbor the United states military began to establish a permanent military settlement there, as a station for reprovisioning incoming ships to and from Russia and China. The base become even more important after the 1942 invasion of Alaska by the Japanese, it was used as one of many air bases to bomb Japanese positions. After the war the population of the town grew as it was used as a military base throughout the cold war. The base became the last stop on the Alaskan Marine highway, and in 1963, much of the island became a state park which brought more tourism to the island. After the military left the island in 1993, the island was still able to thrive on its popular tourism industry that had been established. Its now know as, “The last stop in the middle of everywhere.”