

THE AIR MOBILITY COMMAND MUSEUM

1301 Heritage Road
Dover AFB, DE 19902-5301
www.amcmuseum.org

April, 2003



Dear Troop Carrier Veterans;

On behalf of the citizens of the First State and all the members of Dover Air Force Base, we wish you a warm welcome to Dover and to the "Salute to Troop Carrier". Over the course of the next several days we hope you will have the opportunity to greet old friends and meet some new folks who are anxious to hear about your service to our country. We have some interesting sessions scheduled, but the highlight will be the opportunity for fellowship.

In your welcome package there are maps and information about the local area. There are ten museums within 15 minutes of the Sheraton and just across the highway Dover Downs has slot machines for those interested in less structured entertainment.

If you have any special requests, please ask anyone at the registration desk or a Sheraton employee and they will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Leister
Director
AMC Museum

Mary Skelton
Executive Director
Kent County Tourism

We're glad you're here!

PS: We have reserved 50 tickets to the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band concert on Sunday, 27 April at 3:00PM right here at the Sheraton. First come, first served. Just identify yourself as Troop Carrier at the door. At 2:45PM, if there are seats left, they will be open to anyone who comes to the door.

SALUTE TO TROOP CARRIER

24 hour hotline starting 27 April 8 am 302-363-9218

Saturday 26 April - 2003

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration Desk open at Sheraton Dover Hotel for early check-ins

Sunday 27 April

10:00 am - noon & 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration Desk open at Sheraton Dover Hotel

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Oral History Interviews in the Hospitality Suite (Room 606)

All Day Free Time for meetings/social gatherings of various Groups & Squadrons

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Check in: Sheraton Dover Hotel

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Icebreaker Welcome Reception - Venetian Room

6:00 pm -? Dinner on your own (Tango's Bistro discount coupon in your registration packet)

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Hospitality Suite—Room 606—Staffed by Troop Carrier Vets

Monday 28 April

7:00 am - 8:30 am Breakfast buffet—Sauvignon Room

8:00 am - noon Registration Desk open at Sheraton Hotel

8:00 am - Early bus departs for AMC Museum and Briefings

9:00 am - Bus departs for tour of AMC Museum and briefings

10:00 am - Bus departs with spouses for tax-free shopping or Museums tour, optional.

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Welcome by 436 Wing Commander, Wing Mission Brief, Current Airlift Mission Brief, Q & A. Seating in hangar 1301 at luncheon tables.

10:30 am - 10:45 am - Break- Snacks provided by Dover USO

10:45am - 12:00 noon - Divide into groups, Guided tours including inside C-47, C-133, C-141

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm Lunch in hangar.
National Anthem by Lt. Nelson
MC Brig Gen Mike Quarnachio
Program: "Lasting Legacy of Troop Carrier"
[Jerry White, Air Force Historian, Author]

1:15 pm - Mall/Museum bus departs for Sheraton

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Tour C5 Galaxy- if available or (Oral History Interviews will be available)

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm - Free time to shop in museum store or look around or rest.

2:15 pm - First bus departs for Sheraton

3:15 pm - Last Bus departs for Sheraton

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - 438th TCG business meeting- Room 606

6:00 pm - Cash Bar Open—Sheraton lobby (Formation Assembly area)

6:25 pm - Call to dinner

6:30 pm - Event Begins

Welcome from MC, Brig Gen. Bundy.

Advance the Colors

National Anthem by First State Harmonizers (FSH)

Post colors.

Medley by FSH including invocation song

Dinner

Presentation of Commemorative Medals by Dover Company Grade Officers

Reading of Proclamations

“On a Wing and A Prayer”—Starring Phylis Hasty

Tuesday 29 April

7:00 am - 8:30 am - Breakfast buffet—Sauvignon Room

9:00 am - 10:45 am - The Truth about D-Day—Panel Discussion, Champagne Room

Led by Col. Walter Boyne USAF ret., Author

10:45 am - 11:00 am - Break—Champagne Room

11:00 am – 12:00 noon - Troop Carrier Operation in North Africa—Champagne Room

Col. Robert Swetzer USAF ret., AF Historian

12:00 noon - 15:00 pm - Oral History Interviews will be available

12:00 noon

Good-by and Thank-you

Optional checkout/conference officially ends.

6:00 pm - Optional Dinner and trip to Dover Downs Slots or various groups can hold their final business meetings.

THE AIR MOBILITY COMMAND MUSEUM

At
DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, DELAWARE

SUMMARY

The museum houses a growing collection of vintage planes and artifacts that reflect the evolution and history of the Air Mobility Command, and of the varied missions of Dover AFB since its beginnings in 1941.

The museum began in 1986 with a single C-47A that was rejected as "*beyond salvage*" by other museums. Today, it stands immaculately restored, complete with D-Day invasion stripes, as it was when it served with the 61st Troop Carrier Squadron in World War II. Its extensive combat history is meticulously documented with actual photos and memorabilia donated by former crewmembers. This plane, *Turf & Sport Special*, was the centerpiece of a reunion in July 1990 that included the D-Day pilot, aerial engineer, and three of the 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers who jumped from it into St. Mere-Eglise on June 6, 1944—forty-six years earlier.

Dover's first strategic airlifter is represented by the only remaining C-54M, which was specially modified during the Berlin Airlift for hauling coal. The *Skymaster's* restoration was also quite extensive, and took several years. The inside shows examples of its World War II cargo and passenger configurations. During the restoration process, we were fortunate to find a photograph of this aircraft showing its military serial #44-9030 and the markings it carried in the Pacific Theater in World War II. They were still in place during her service in the Berlin Airlift, and we have restored the aircraft in these markings.

In February 1998, the first C-141A "Starlifter" ever built arrived at the museum to take its place beside the C-141B already on display. Now visitors can immediately see the air-refueling receptacle and the twenty-five foot longer fuselage that makes the "B" model distinctively different from the "A" model.

Our C-141A served as a test aircraft for its entire career. Just before being retired to the AMC Museum, it was used to tow an F-106 fighter on a 1000-foot long towrope as a test to study the feasibility of launching the next generation of Space Shuttles from inflight.

The "B" model C-141 in our collection was the last "Starlifter" stationed at Dover. Whenever volunteers are available it is open for inside tours. A ramp leading to the aft troop door makes access easy for people that don't like to climb ladders, and it is wheelchair accessible.

One of the most charismatic planes in the collection is undoubtedly the B-17 *Flying Fortress*. Although produced too late to see combat in WW II, #44-83624 saw extensive service. First in a highly secret project that resurrected the idea of using obsolete aircraft as radio-controlled flying bombs, then as a drone-control aircraft in the ground-to-air missile development program. In 1957, it was retired to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. In 1989, it was given to the AMC Museum to replace the famous B-17G *Shoo-Shoo Baby* that was restored to airworthy condition here over a ten-year period.

Another one of our unique aircraft is a C-123 *Provider* that served in Vietnam from 1963-1968, before a second career with the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Peruvian police. After "El Burro," as it was called in Peru, was retired from the Drug Enforcement team, it flew here in October 1990. It is painted in the markings it carried while in Vietnam.

The collection also includes a C-45 light cargo plane and, to represent Dover's air defense role, an F-101B *Voodoo* and an F-106A *Delta Dart*. Our PT-17 bi-plane trainer was restored using pieces from several aircraft and hand fabricated replica parts. This rounds out our collection of trainers, which includes a BT-13, an AT-6 and a T-33, the USAF's first jet trainer. An HH-43 helicopter is on display in the main hangar, which is used to depict the Air Rescue Service story.

The C-119 *Flying Boxcar* represents the 512th Airlift Wing (Air Force Reserve). It was the last type they operated before becoming an associate wing at Dover. It is scheduled for restoration as soon as ownership is transferred from the US Forest Service to the USAF Museum system. Our C-7 *Caribou* saw action in Vietnam where it was crewed by our curator, Jim Leech, and piloted by Col. Bill "I.E." Hardie, our museum store manager.

Currently undergoing long-term conservation work in our restoration hangar is a CG-4A *Hadrian* Glider. The CG-4 was the most widely used troop/cargo glider of World War II. These were used in the invasions of Sicily and Normandy, and for crossing the Rhine at Arnhem. Gliders were also used to supply remote bases in China and Burma. Although nearly 14,000 were built, less than a dozen remain in the world today. It is one of only two aircraft of this type owned by the USAF. The cockpit of the glider has been completely restored and is on display next to a cockpit mock-up of America's newest Airlifter the C-17 *Globemaster III*.

Currently undergoing restoration is a KC-97 *Stratofreighter*, famous for its role as an air refueling tanker and a C-133 *Cargomaster*, the plane built specifically to haul intercontinental ballistic missiles during the Cold War.

Along one wall of the hangar is a series of rooms that each tells a story. One relates the history of airlift during the Korean War. Other rooms relate the accomplishments of Air Force enlisted members, selected Air Force airlift operations, and one that explains Dover's role in the development of rockets during World War II.

More aircraft and displays are being added regularly. Group tours are available, for museum information call (302) 677-5938. We are open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. See our web site at www.amcmuseum.org

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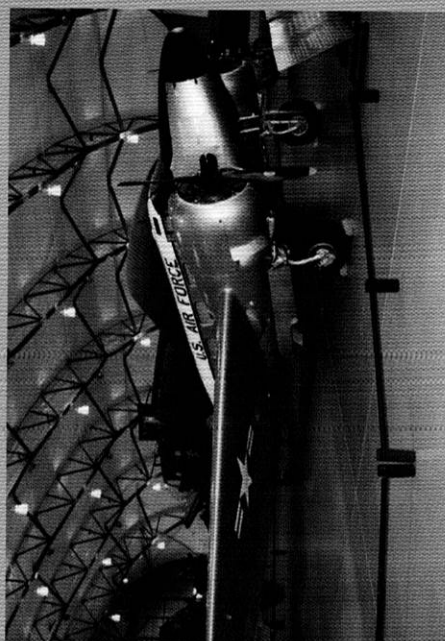
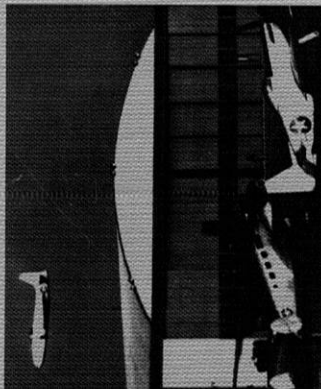
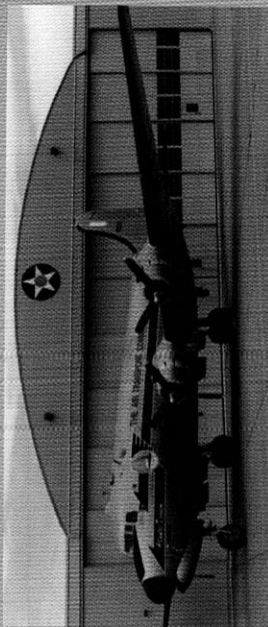
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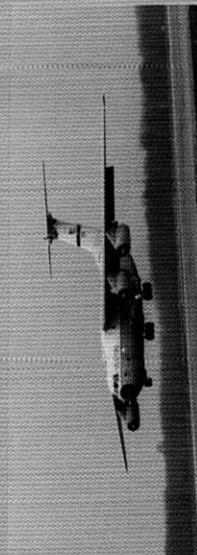
THE AIR MOBILITY COMMAND MUSEUM

on Dover Air Force Base



OPEN

7 days
a week
9am to 4pm



PLANES ON DISPLAY

B-17G Flying Fortress

C-7A Caribou

C-45G Expeditor

C-47 Skytrain

C-54M Skymaster



C-119G Flying Boxcar

C-121 Constellation

C-123K Provider

C-131D Samaritan

C-133 Cargomaster

C-141A Starlifter

C-141B Starlifter

CG-4A Hadrian

F-101B Voodoo

F-106 Delta Dart

KC-97 Stratofreighter

HH-43 Huskie

UH-1 Huey

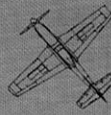
P-51D Mustang

T-6 Texan

T-33A Shooting Star

BT-13 Valiant

PT-17 Kaydet



Some aircraft may be removed for restoration.

PERMANENT EXHIBITS

C-17 cockpit

Berlin Airlift

Hall of Heros

F-106 Flight Simulator

WWII Nose Art

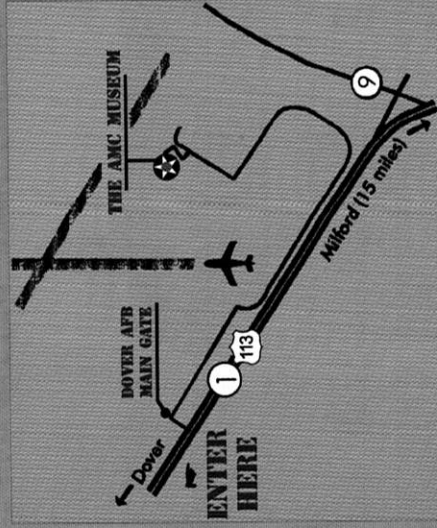
B-17G Ball Turret

Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP)

History of Dover Air Force Base Timeline

The mission of the Museum is to preserve and display the material history of the Air Mobility Command and Dover AFB. We present entertaining and educational exhibits for visitors of all ages. From bi-planes and bombers to the giant cargo jets in use today, see aviation history come alive on an active Air Force base.

During WWII, Dover Army Airfield was involved in secret rocket development projects. The building complex where these operations took place was Hangar 1301. Restored in 1996 and placed on the register of historic places, it was given new life as the home of the Air Mobility Command Museum.



The Museum is located on Dover AFB. Enter the base at the Main Gate, exit #93 from US 113/DE1. The road to the Museum is well marked with the National Star. Due to changing security procedures, please call ahead for current security guidelines concerning visitors and group tours at (302) 677-5938.

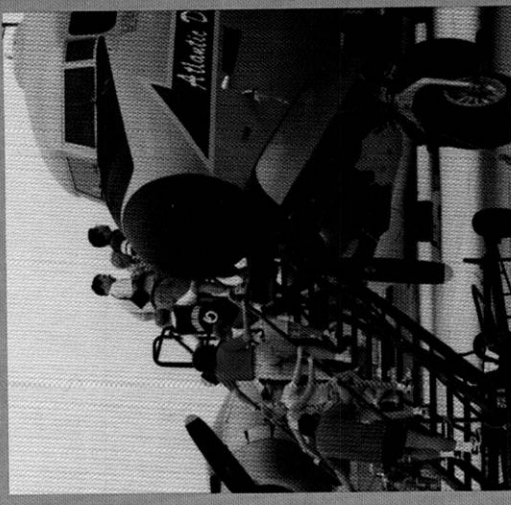
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WELCOME TO THE AMC MUSEUM



FACILITIES

The Air Mobility Command Museum has over 20,000 square feet of inside aircraft display and exhibit space, plus an attached building of 6,400 square feet to house a theatre, museum store, exhibit workshop, and administrative offices. Outside the hangar is *Commemoration Park*, a tranquil area dedicated to those who have served so honorably, plus an airpark featuring our large airlifters.

The Museum hosts group tours, reunions, and military functions of all types. Call for more information.

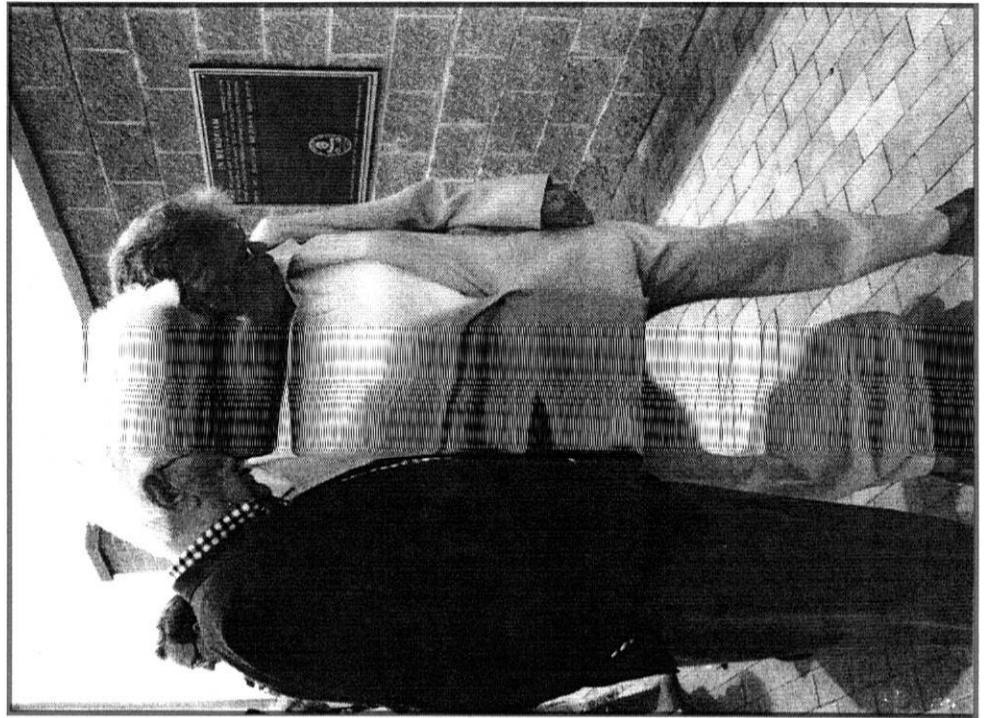
Outdoor picnic area and ample free parking for cars and buses.

Cameras are welcome! Bring a flash for indoor shots. Serious researchers are encouraged to examine the aircraft, documents, and artifacts more closely. Please make an appointment at 302-677-5938.

The museum store carries items related to the Base and Museum including military aircraft memorabilia, T-shirts and jackets, art prints, children's toys, and more! Stop in for a unique gift for the flying fanatic in your family or for a souvenir of your trip to the Base.

OP-AVE A P-ATH TO H-E-STORY

AT THE AIR MOBILITY
COMMAND MUSEUM



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-  to commemorate a special date,
-  as recognition for a special group,
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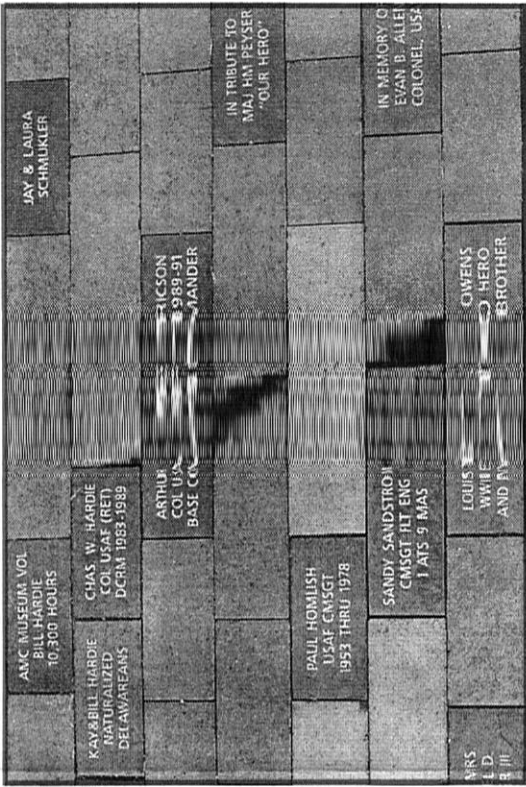
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THANK YOU!

Your participation and support is greatly appreciated. Please pass the word along to your friends and family about this project. They're sure to want to be part of Commemoration Park's path to history, too!