

302d Troop Carrier Group Medium - History

I put together this information about the 302nd Buckeye Wing to document part of the history of the wing. I served as a loadmaster in the 355 TAS from 1974 to 1982. The source of this information is a series of photos, buckeye flyers and the scrap books of Col Harry Jones.

I was also able to put a link to over 500 pictures on the buckeyewing.org site. I coordinated this with Lance Fairchild.

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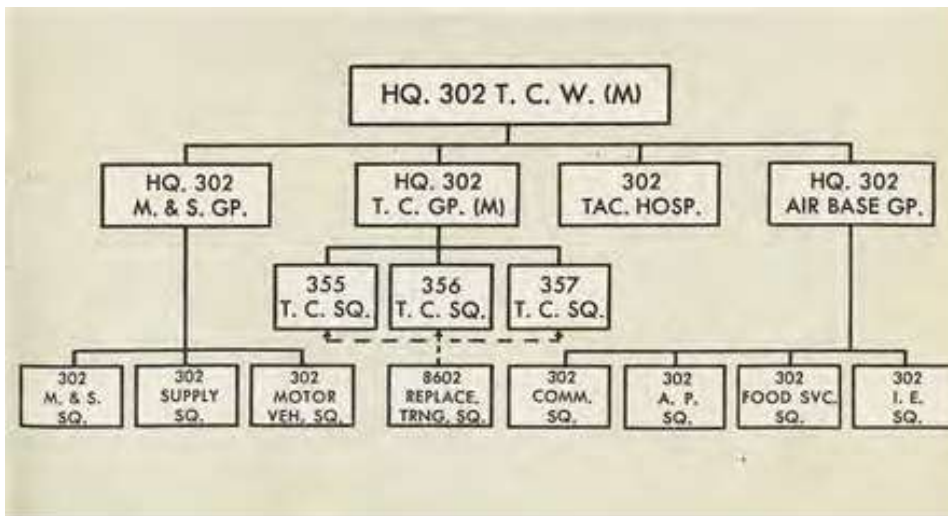
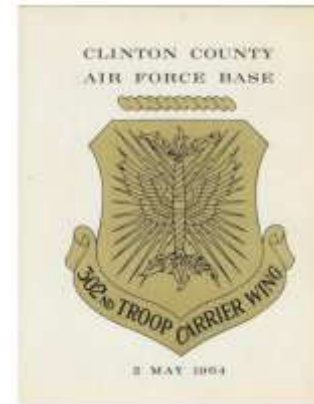
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302d Flying Squadrons at Clinton County AFB

355 Troop Carrier Squadron

356 Troop Carrier Squadron

357 Troop Carrier Squadron



Major Bases

Clinton County AFB, OH

Lockbourne AFB, OH

Maxwell AFB

Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

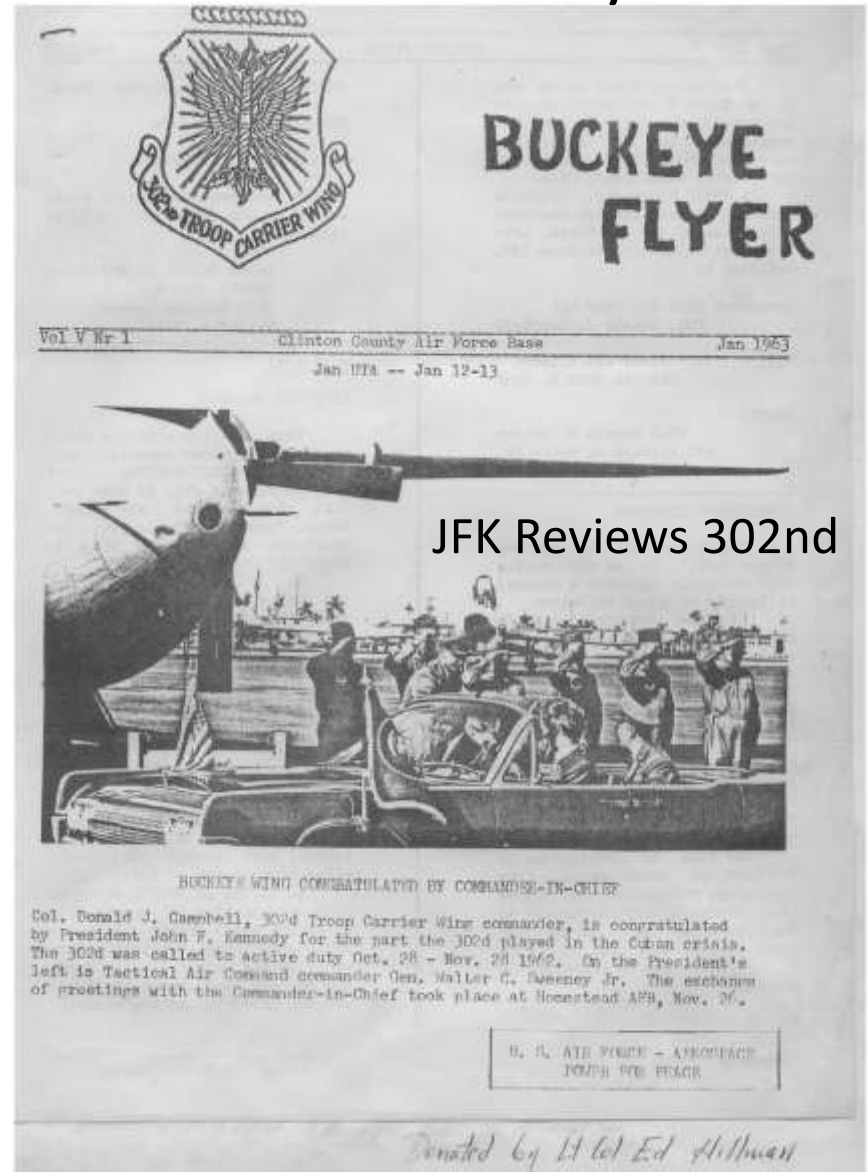
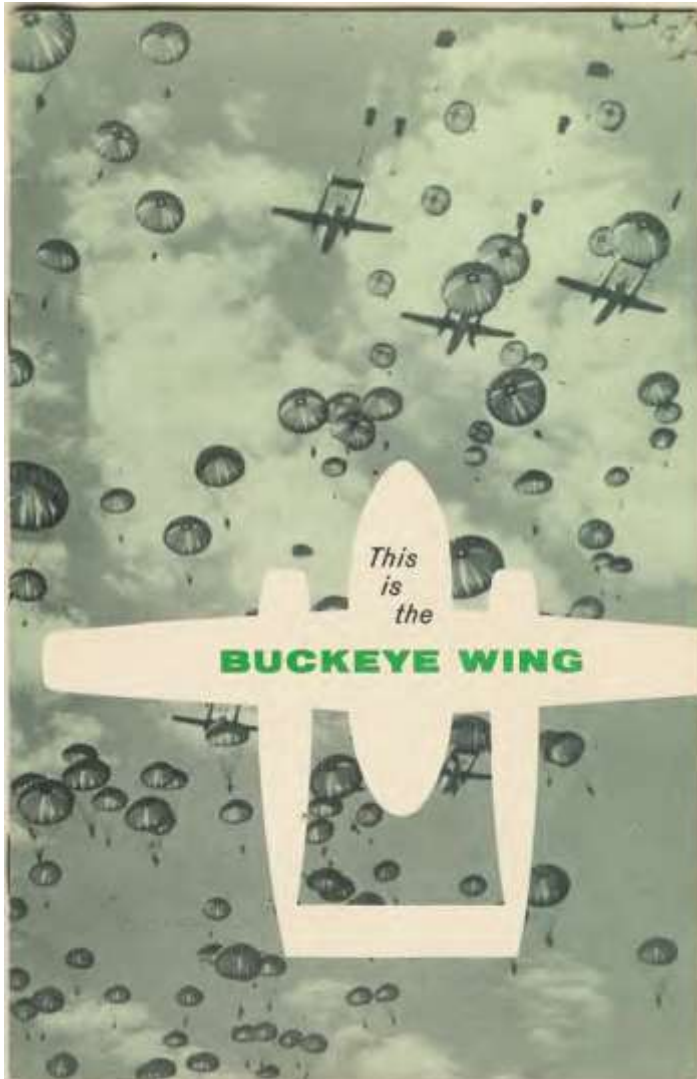
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The 302d Troop Carrier Group Medium descended from WWII organizations. The reserve group started on 14 June, 1952 at Clinton County AFB.

The 355th, 356th and 357th squadrons shared a similar history from 1952 to 1982.

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January 1963



JFK Reviews 302nd

U. S. AIR FORCE - AIRCRAFT
TOMMY PER BRACK

Donated by Lt Col Ed Hillman

355 Troop Carrier Squadron - History

C46



1952 -1957

C119



1956-1972

C123K



1972-1982



Clinton County AFB, OH



Original
Patch

1960
HS Jones
V Pendergast



Lockbourne AFB, OH

The 355 descended from WWII organizations and was part of the 302^d Troop Carrier Group Medium. The initial 355 Troop Carrier Squadron started on 14 June, 1952 at Clinton County AFB. The 355 Tactical Airlift squadron relocated to Lockbourne AFB in 1971.

355 Troop Carrier Squadron - History



- 14 June 1952 The 355th Troop Carrier Squadron was activated at Clinton County AFB.
The squadron flew C46 cargo aircraft.
- 1956-1957 The 355th upgraded to the C119 aircraft.
- 28 Oct 1962 Ordered to active service for Cuban Missile Crises.
- 28 Nov 1962 Relieved from Active Duty.
- July 1967 Renamed to 355 Tactical Airlift Squadron.
- July 1971 Transferred to Lockbourne AFB.
- 1972-1973 The 355th upgraded to the C123K aircraft.
- 1973-1976 Supported the Southern Command with aircraft stationed at Howard AFB, Panama
- 1978 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- June 1982 The 355th was inactivated. There was a final fly over and some members were transferred to other units at Rickenbacker AFB.

Four C123K spray aircraft were transferred to the 356th TAS and continued to fly until 1985.

355 Troop Carrier Squadron - History



Commanders of the 355th

- 1967 Carl Yerian
- 1969 Bob Hatfield
- 1972 Tom Lentz
- 1973 Harry Jones
- 1975 John Wenzelberger
- 1976 Don Snyder
- 1978 Dana Caldwell
- 1981 Vergil Fryberger
- 1982 The 355th was inactivated



Three C-123K on taxiway - Rickenbacker ANGB 1970's



355 Troop Carrier Squadron - History



Trained as a reserve squadron as part of the 302nd Troop Carrier Wing from Jun 1952. Began flying airlift operations in the United States and overseas in the mid-1950s. On active duty during Cuban missile crisis of 1962. From Apr 1968 to Mar 1973, provided C-119 gunship training for pilots, navigators, flight engineers, and mechanics of USAF active units and similar personnel from Jordan, Morocco, Ethiopia, and South Vietnam. By the mid-1960s, wing aircraft and crews performed worldwide airlift missions and participated in numerous tactical exercises.

In Apr 1973, the wing assumed a rotational airlift task in support of USAF Southern Command, continuing this mission through Jan 1976. Also in Apr 1973, the wing assumed a UC-123 aerial spraying mission, which frequently took wing crews to Central America, the Caribbean, the Azores, North Africa, islands of the Pacific, and to many U.S. points for insect-spraying missions. Inactivated in 1981. Reactivated in 1985 as a C-130 unit at Peterson AFB, Colorado.



President Kennedy, reviews 302d aircrew.



356 Troop Carrier Squadron - History

C46



1952 -1957

C119



1956-1972

C123K



1972-1982

C130



1982-1993

C141



1994-2007

C5



2007-2012

C17



2012-



Clinton County AFB, OH
Lockbourne AFB, OH
Wright Patterson AFB

The 356 descended from WWII organizations and was part of the 302^d Troop Carrier Group Medium. The initial 356 Troop Carrier Squadron started on 14 June, 1952 at Clinton County AFB. The 356 Tactical Airlift squadron relocated to Lockbourne AFB in 1971, then the Wright Patterson AFB in 1993.

356 Troop Carrier Squadron - History

356th TAS History

The 356th Tactical Airlift Squadron patch features the winged horse, "Pegasus". It was the logo of the Fairchild Aircraft Company, the builder of the C-119. The latin phrase, "VICTOR VIAM DUCAT", (Let a Winner Lead the Way) was added to give the patch a touch of class.

This information was provided by Ken Race, the designer of the 356th Squadron Patch.



Squadron Commanders: 356th TAS

Lubbe, Robert	1953-1955
Brickner, Darl	1955-1957
Rockenstein, John	1957-
Yerian, Carl	
Griswold, Richard	
Townsley, Justin	
Riddle, James	1970-1972
Laird, David	1972-1974
Evans, Richard	1974-1975
Fryburger, Virgil	1975-
Maurer, James	
Conant, Ernie	
Trott, Jerry	
Lavin, Paul	1991 last c130 flew out of RAFB
Wilson, John	1992-1995
Shondel, Robert	1994-1999
Kries, Keith	1999-2002
Dominguez, Brian	2002-Current