



Wings to Remember. Honor. Inspire.

The Tunison Foundation is a nonprofit, 501 C (3) organization that owns and operates a World War II veteran C-47 aircraft, *Placid Lassie*.

The foundation seeks a permanent home in the form of land or hangar space for an aviation museum, maintenance facility, offices and general home for this aircraft.

The ideal airport location will offer:

- A location east of the Mississippi River, southeast preferred.
- Proximity to an airport served by commercial airlines.
- Precision instrument approaches.
- Paved, minimum runway length of 4,000 feet and 75 feet wide.
- 100 LL Fuel
- Major power plant and airframe repair (radial engine expertise ideal).
- Cooperative airport and local authorities who recognize the attraction, and the economic impact, of being the home for three, World War II aircraft and also an aviation museum.
- A local cadre of volunteers who have a passion for World War II aircraft and would be eager to assist with minor aircraft maintenance, aircraft cleaning, preparing historic exhibits, greeting and hosting visitors and assisting with the creation and implementation of education programs.
- Available land to offer at a very nominal, nonprofit lease rate for the construction of a hangar and museum facility, or existing hangar space to accommodate a C-47 aircraft, parts and offices.
- Local and regional assistance in the identification of donors for hangar/museum construction (if needed) via cash or gifts-in-kind.
- Local funding to help build.

The new Tunison Foundation home will ideally incorporate:

- Up to 15,000 sq. feet, potentially in two separate facilities.
- The hangar(s) will ideally include two offices, a conference room, bathroom and shower facilities, storage, and a reception area.
- The hangars may also serve as a museum, with exhibits and artifacts related to the aircraft.
- The building site will have ample, free on-site automobile parking, and ramp space for visiting aircraft.
- The building site will be at a location with easy access from a major automobile artery, such as a highway, interstate or primary thoroughfare.

Benefits to hosting airport and the community:

- Significant 100LL fuel sales
- Increased airport visitation
- Venue for hosting events
- Economic impact via hotels, restaurants, car rentals
- Warbird presence
- Additional business for on-site maintenance facility (if appropriate)

MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE: The foundation is governed by an influential board of directors and managed by an Executive Director.

D-DAY SQUADRON: The foundation's *C-47 Placid Lassie* was the lead aircraft of the D-day Squadron, a group of 15 C-47 aircraft that crossed the north Atlantic to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-day in Normandy, France, and the 70th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift in Germany, in June, 2019.

TUNISON FOUNDATION WEBSITE: <http://www.tunisonfoundation.org>

D-DAY SQUADRON WEBSITE: <http://www.ddaysquadron.org>

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D-DAY VETERAN AND TUNSION FOUNDATION C-47 PLACID LASSIE



TUNSION FOUNDATION PBY-5 CATALINA FLYING BOAT

