

## 150<sup>th</sup> Aero Flying Club Heritage

Source: Pg 7 "Jersey Jennies to Thunderstreaks" Overview history of the 108<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing. Staff Historian 1960

A new addition to the 108th arrived with the activation of the **150th** Air Transport Squadron (Medium) (Air Evacuation) on 1 February 1956. This unit was assigned to the 108th Fighter--Interceptor Wing for training, operations, supply and administration. The **150th** was redesignated as the **150th** Aeromedical Transport Squadron (Light) on 1 February 1957 with no change in mission. This unit was reorganized on 10 October 1958 and was assigned, on 1 November 1958, to the 106th Aeromedical Transport Group, Floyd Bennett Field, New York; for training in channels of control and for mobilization. Aircraft used by this transport squadron were C46 and, with the designation of "Aeromedical Transport," C-1 19J, "Flying Boxcars."

The fighter elements of the 108th Fighter-Interceptor Wing transitioned from F51, "Mustang" aircraft into F-86E "Sabrejets", during the summer field training session of 1955. The same year, the New Jersey Air National Guard celebrated its 25th Anniversary while on field training at Otis Air Force Base.

During the Fall of 1957, the 108th Maintenance and Supply Group and the 108th Air Base Group moved from Newark Airport to join the 141st Fighter Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, and they were followed on 1 September 1958, by the Wing Headquarters. This movement left the facility at Newark Airport occupied only by the **150th** Aeromedical Transport Squadron, the 108th Tactical Hospital and the 119th Weather Flight.

The McGuire Air Force Base accommodations for the Air National Guard included a modern headquarters building, containing a fully-equipped dispensary; a supply building; motor pool; and a modern hangar, as well as other administrative and supply buildings. Messing and billeting facilities are also in use at the McGuire Air National Guard Base.

Prior to the movement of the Wing Headquarters to McGuire Air Force Base, the 119th Tactical Fighter Squadron (SD) moved from that base to the former Naval Air Station at Pomona, near Atlantic City, New Jersey.

During 1958, two redesignations took place that affected the wing. On 26 February 1958, the Wing and tactical elements were redesignated from Fighter-Interceptor to Fighter-Interceptor (Day) (Special Delivery). This new name reflected the new nuclear mission assigned to the New Jersey Air National Guard, and its mobilization assignment to the Tactical Air Command. The 401st Tactical Fighter Wing, England Air Force Base, Louisiana, became the Advisory Unit to the 108th in connection with the new mission.