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**Everett Sprous** April 9 at 8:32pm

This is the history of the C-119 on display at Air Commando Park at Hurlburt Field, FL 53-3144 (MSN 11155) received by USAF Apr 23, 1954. To MASDC Jan 28, 1971. Converted to C-119L in 1973.

To civil register as N8512N, then N37484 (several owners). One of its assignments involved agricultural spraying for grasshoppers until that became unprofitable. The owners then turned to contraband and delivered television sets from Texas into Mexico. Customers bought the TV sets directly from the aircraft. On its sixth and final illegal operation, it was damaged when it struck a large cactus tree in the middle of an airstrip. It returned to the United States and sat at Laredo, Texas, until sold again to a private individual who exchanged it and an AT-11 for a Beechcraft U-8 and a C-118. In 1987, the aircraft flew to Hurlburt for display in the airpark in honor of all commandos who served on this type of aircraft. It arrived Sept. 23 after being chased by Customs and Drug Enforcement Agency aircraft after Beaumont, Texas, and New Orleans. The pilot had no aircraft radios and failed to file a flight plan. When he was picked up on radar and couldn't be contacted, he was considered a drug smuggler. Registration N37484 sale reported Mar 25, 1994, cancelled Sep 12, 2012. Preserved at Hurlburt Field, Florida, displayed as AC-119G.