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**Fairchild Provider
C-123K/UC-123K
1972 - 1982**

C-123K = Agent Orange Poison!

**AGENT
ORANGE**

WWW.C123KCANCER.BLOGSPOT.COM

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Seems like the Air Force didn't get around to notifying the aircrews and maintainers assigned to the C-123K at Westover and other Reserve bases that our aircraft were contaminated with **Agent Orange** residue left over from their last Ranch Hand spray missions during the Vietnam War!

There is **no** indication anything was known about the contamination during the years we flew the aircraft (1972-1982), but beginning in 1993 tests done on *Patches* (Tail 362) at the Air Force Museum established that the C-123s were "**heavily contaminated**" with every test sample proving positive for the poison dioxin.

Many more tests confirmed the toxicity of the airplanes. To solve the contamination, the Air Force finally had to shred all C-123Ks, melting them into scrap ingots! The Air Force decided to keep the information "*in official channels*" and **not** tell us! The full list of Agent Orange illnesses is at our blog:
www.c123kcancer.blogspot.com

We have had quite a tumultuous journey the last few weeks. First, the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine contacted us to coordinate with them on our Agent Orange exposure—they want to establish whether or not the flyers have been exposed, so that the AF can tell the VA so.

And shortly after that, the VA itself announced their decision that aircrews weren't exposed, even though the aircraft were contaminated. A confusing hypothesis! And easily challenged by the authorities who've come to our aid.

The School of Aerospace Medicine at Wright-Patterson AFB needs your help: their statistical folks want to look at our population and need to get names and social security numbers of the aircrews. They also hope to find, with our help, tail numbers we've flown.



So you have an important task: First, call the Agent Orange hotline and get yourself checked out—my best friend did so to take advantage of a free physical, and found himself blessed with news that he has a heart problem perviously unidentified!

The next thing for you to do is get all your old copies of flight orders, Form 5s,...anything which identified aircrews and tail numbers so the School of Aerospace Medicine can continue their vital research and eventually help prove our claims!

Tonight we meet at Westover to honor our old first sergeant, George Gadbois. I was happy to be a house guest of Majors Gail and Al Harrington, and to have my son Ben join in the evening.

Other news: The *Air Force Times* did an article about us, and the Second Line of Defense (SLD) had a full page article about us in their web site. The leader of the Blue Water Navy Group called this morning to express his support and share strategies. He agrees the VA's position about us is faulted and he has many experts ready to support us.

Friends, if you flew C-123s between 1972 and 1982, you've been exposed to Agent Orange and you need to get your claim filed with the VA. We also need your support in pressuring your congressional representatives to in turn pressure the VA to change their faulty position about us...we were crews of contaminated airplanes and we are truly Agent Orange victims!



Your Ad Hoc C-123K Agent Orange Committee (leaders invited)

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