

# Tinker Bell



# FACT SHEET

• The Curtiss C-46 Commando is a transport aircraft used as a military transport during World War II by the United States Army Air Forces and also the U.S. Navy/Marine Corps, which used the designation R5C. The C-46 served a similar role to its counterpart, the Douglas C-47 Skytrain, but was not as extensively produced. At the time of its production, the C-46 was the largest twin-engine aircraft in the world, and was the largest and heaviest twin-engine aircraft to see service in World War II. After World War II, a few surplus C-46 aircraft were briefly used in their originally designated role as passenger airliners, but the glut of surplus C-47s dominated the marketplace and the C-46 were soon relegated to primarily cargo duty. The type continued in U. S. Air Force service in a secondary role until 1968. However, the C-46 continues in operation as a rugged cargo transport for Arctic and remote locations with its service life extended into the 21st century.

## Performance and Weights:

**Empty Weight: 29,899 lbs**

**Engine: Pratt and Whitney R2800**

**Fuel Capacity: 1400 Gallons**

**Wing Span: 108 ft. 11 in.**

**Length: 76 ft.**

**Height: 5 ft. 7 in.**

**Top speed: 264 mph**

