

# WWII Plane Crash Memorial Site

At 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of August 19, 1943, a U.S. military C-49J, (#43-1971) on "Army ASTTF Transition training", was seen circling Island Pond in Hampstead, New Hampshire, at an altitude of between 1,000 and 1,500 feet with its wheels extended, when it suddenly went into a spin and crashed into this wooded area.

The United States Army Air Force plane departed from Logan AP, Boston and the weather at the time was broken to scattered clouds, 3-4000 feet, visibility unrestricted.



April 2023

All five men aboard lost their lives:

Pilot Robert G. Whidden - Massachusetts, age 25  
2nd Lt. Charles R. Appier - Indiana, age 21-22  
2nd Lt. Robert W. Barron - Michigan, age 20-21  
Pfc. Robert A. Bell - South Dakota, age 21  
Pfc. Conroy N. Newcomb - Kansas, age 21

## U.S. military Douglas C-49J (DC-3)



**Thank you to these men for their service to and sacrifice for our country.**

**Directions:** From Emerson Avenue, take Randall Lane, right on Sawyer Road, left on Lancaster Road. Park on the right before the fire pond off the end of Lancaster Road.

**Please be respectful of this site and the private property surrounding the site.**

