

1903 Wright Brothers stay in Elizabeth City during historic flight trials



1942 Weeksville Naval Air Station (current TCOM site) commissioned and began operations

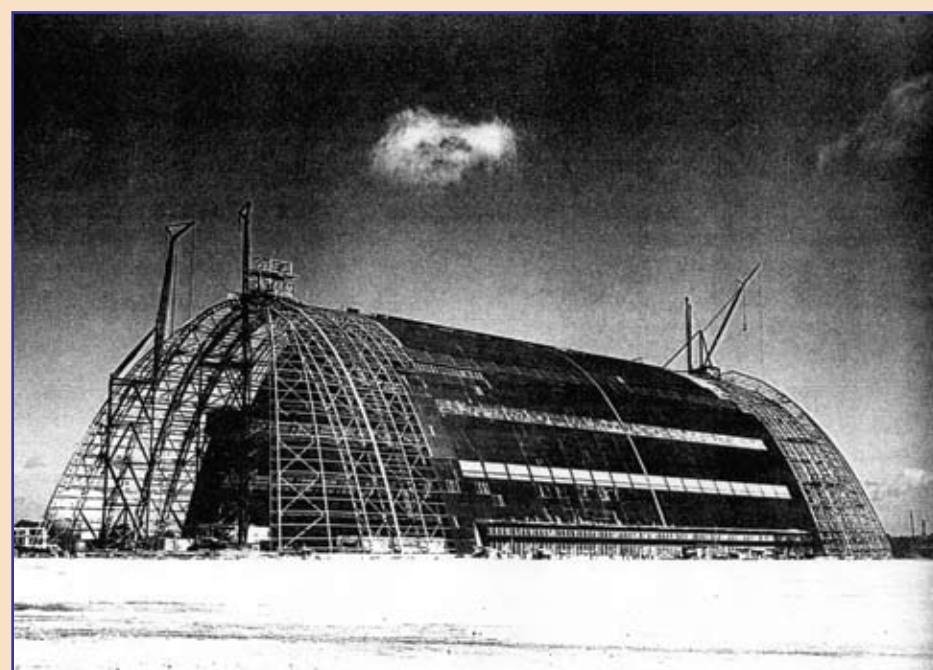


1943 Airdock #2 construction completed (former TCOM hangar)

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1942 Airdock #1 construction completed (current TCOM hangar); Airship Squadron ZP-14 established



1942-44 Airships escort ships and perform search and rescue missions

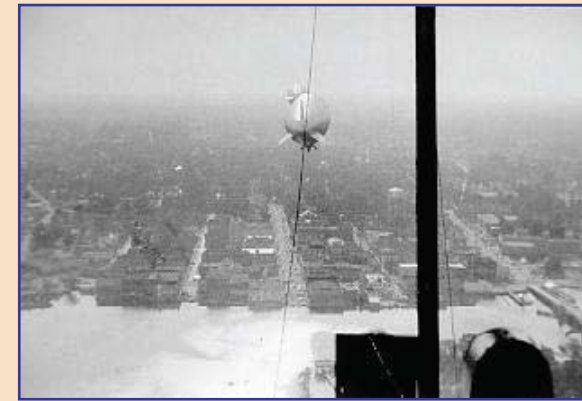




1945 Weeksville mission changed to maintenance and storage of heavier-than-air craft



1953 "Nan" ship landed



1957 Weeksville NAS decommissioned; last blimps leave and fly up Main Street



1960 Test inflation of ECHO Balloon in Airdock #1

1966 Property sold to Westinghouse

1945

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1947 LTA Squadron ZP-1 transferred to Weeksville

1947-57 Airships patrolled for submarines

1959 Last flight of K ship, Vice Admiral Rosendahl aboard

1964 Property sold to North Carolina State Ports Authority; Hayes aircraft occupies Airdock 1





1971-86 TCOM, based in Airdock 2, developed land-based aerostat programs in the Bahamas, Korea, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Nigeria and in the US

1986-94 US Army deployed TCOM sea-based aerostats to detect airborne, sea-going and ground moving targets



1995 Airdock #2 and aerostats destroyed by fire

2008 TCOM expands

1971

2008

1984-87 US Coast Guard deployed TCOM sea-based aerostats for interdiction of drug traffickers in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico



1989-03 TCOM provided numerous large aerostat systems to US Customs for the "War Against Drugs"



1996 TCOM moves to Airdock 1



Today TCOM aerostat systems are part of air defense in the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Israel and India

