



## **Aircraft: Martin RB-57A Canberra**

Serial Number: 52-1426

NMUSAF accession no: 1979-287

Current Location: Yankee Air Museum, Belleville, Michigan

Condition: Fair

- Aircraft is externally complete; no internal components
- No major structural issues
- No engines
- Additional images are available upon request

### **History:**

At the start of the Korean War, the USAF looked for a jet-powered medium bomber to replace the B-26 Invader. By 1953 they found it in the B-47, built under license by Glenn L. Martin Company from the British Electra Canberra. The photo reconnaissance version of the B-47, the RB-47 came with cameras installed behind its bomb bay.

S/N 52-1426 served with the 66th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Sembach Air Base Germany providing tactical reconnaissance coverage for US Air Forces Europe and NATO. It was then assigned to the Michigan Air National Guard's 172nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Kellogg Field in Battle Creek.















