

Brig. Gen. Philip E Tukey Jr

Philip E Tukey Jr was born 1 November 1917 in Portland. He died 4 March 2001 at his home in Rockledge, Florida, and is survived by his wife, two daughters and one grandson.

Philip entered the US Army Air Corps as a flying cadet and earned his wings in 1940. In 1943 he was transferred to England, where he flew 125 combat missions in P-47 and P-51, with a total of 344 combat hours. He was Officer Commanding, RAF Martlesham Heath, until 1945.

He became commander of the 101st Fighter Interceptor Wing in 1947. In 1952 he was assigned group commander at McChord AFB, 567th AB Group, the assumed command of the 101st Fighter Interceptor Wing. A 1956 reorganization found him as commander of the Hdg. 101st Air Defense Wing, where he served until 1975, except when the units were recalled during the Korean war.

Philip Tukey held several advisory and executive committee memberships until his retirement in 1977, after 38 years' military service.