

CENTENNIAL OF MILITARY FLIGHT CELEBRATION

A crowd of nearly 1000 people enjoyed watching replica Wright "B" Flyer aircraft soar and taxi at the MacArthur Parade Field. A cadre of re-enactors, dressed in period uniforms, set up camp; and military and civilian dignitaries spoke about the past and future of military aviation during the March 2 ceremony commemorating Lt. Benjamin Foulois' foray into the air in a heavier-than-air craft, on the same date 100 years earlier.



Amanda Wright Lane, great grandniece of Orville and Wilbur Wright, and "Yellow Bird" pilot Don Gum taxi onto MacArthur Parade Field during the Centennial of Military Aviation celebration, March 2.

Photo by Steve Elliott



Members of the Texas Military Forces Living History Detachment wearing early 1900-era uniforms march on the MacArthur Parade Field during the centennial celebration.

Photo by L.A. Shively



Rich Stepler and Don Stroud, Wright "B" Flyer pilots, performed a demonstration flight of their "Brown Bird" March 2, over MacArthur Parade Field at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, during the Foulois Centennial Military Flight Celebration event.

Photo by Lance Cheung



U.S. Army Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr and Amanda Wright Lane ride in a restored 1910 Cadillac as part of the centennial ceremony.

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Photo by Lori Newman

Retired Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, a member of the Army Aviation Association of America Hall of Fame was the keynote speaker for the Centennial of Military Aviation ceremony. Brady served more than 34 years in the Army and received over 70 awards including two Distinguished Service Medals, the Defense Superior Service Medal, The Legion of Merit, six Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.



Aircraft from the Centex Wing of the Air Force fly over MacArthur Parade Field near the end of the centennial celebration March 2.

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Above: The "Brown Bird" a Wright "B" Flyer replica soars over the MacArthur Parade Field in a reenactment of Lt. Benjamin Foulois' first flight in a military aircraft, March 2, 1910.
Below: The Brown Bird can be seen in the air over the "Yellow Bird" on the ground during the reenactment.