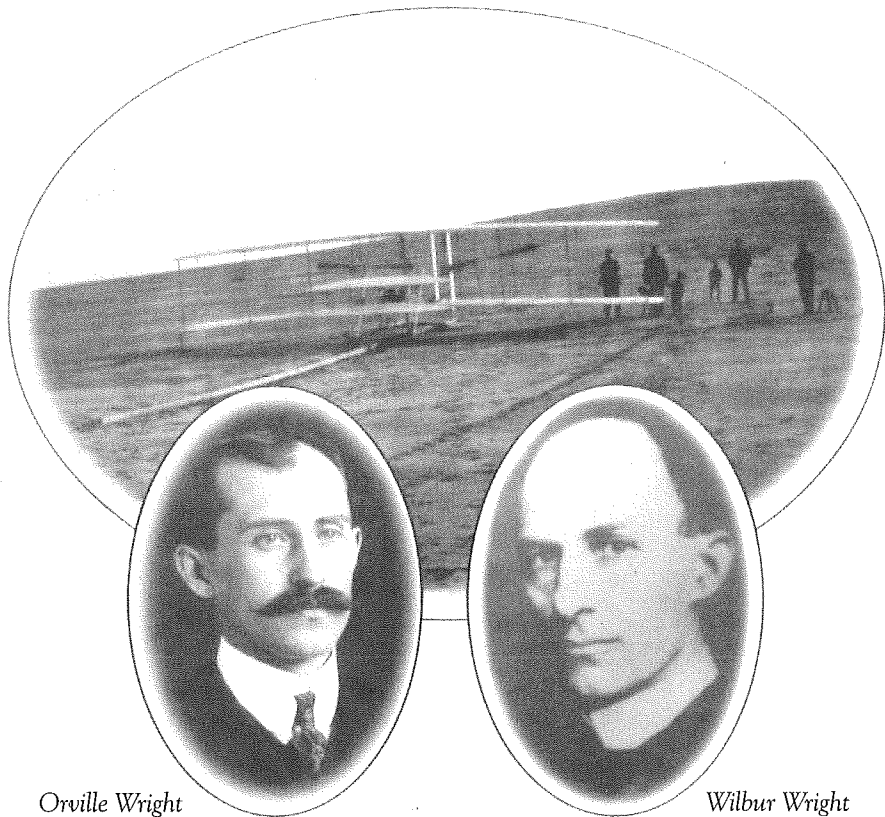


# 103rd Anniversary of Powered Flight



*Orville Wright*

*Wilbur Wright*



## December 17, 2006

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WRIGHT BROTHERS NATIONAL MEMORIAL  
*Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina*

# 103<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF POWERED FLIGHT

Wright Brothers National Memorial • Sunday, December 17, 2006

## First Flight Boulder - 8:30am

### PLACING OF THE WREATH

Darrell Collins, Historian  
Wright Brothers National Memorial  
Descendants of Witnesses

## Pavilion - 8:45am

Bill Harris, President, First Flight Society - Presiding

### BAND CONCERT

Northeastern High School Band  
Elizabeth City, North Carolina  
Wayne James, Director

### PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Northeastern High School Junior Air Force ROTC,  
Elizabeth City, North Carolina  
Col. Thomas Quance

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Melvin Daniels, Jr.  
First Flight Society Board Member and Former President

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Graham Outten, Seaside Singers  
First Flight High School  
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

### INVOCATION

Colonel. Walter L. Gallop, USAF (Ret.), Chaplain

### OFFICIAL WELCOME

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras Group, National Park Service  
Warren Judge, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Dare County  
Raymond Sturza II, Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Kill Devil Hills  
Gary Perry, Councilman, Town of Kitty Hawk

### RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUEST

Jack Overman, 1st Vice President, First Flight Society

### WRIGHT BROTHERS STORY

Darrell Collins, Historian  
Wright Brothers National Memorial

### GUEST SPEAKER

General Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, (Ret.)

### TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY "TONY" JANNUS

Dr. Tom Crouch, Senior Curator  
Division of Aeronautics, Smithsonian Institution

### INDUCTION OF THE PAUL E. GARBER

### FIRST FLIGHT SOCIETY SHRINE HONOREE

Dr. Tom Crouch  
General Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, (Ret.)  
Colonel Joseph Bullers, USAF, (Ret.)  
St. Petersburg Museum of History  
John De La Vega, Artist

## Flyover Tribute To The Wright Brothers

Wright Brothers National Memorial  
10:35 a.m.

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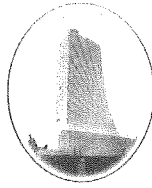
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Paul Shaver



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# *First Flight Society Honoree*

## 2006

Anthony "Tony" Habersack Jannus, a pioneering American aviator, is the 2006 Honoree for the Paul E. Garber First Flight Society Shrine. Born in Washington, DC, in 1889, Tony Jannus taught himself to fly by the age of twenty-one and soloed in a Rexford Smith Biplane at College Park, Maryland. Quickly becoming a skilled aviator, Jannus moved to St. Louis in 1911 to serve as the chief pilot for the Benoist Aircraft Company.

On March 1, 1912, Jannus and his passenger, Albert Berry, made aviation history when Berry dropped from the airplane at an altitude of fifteen hundred feet in the world's first parachute jump from a moving airplane. His history-making jump was perfect. Later that year Jannus received worldwide newspaper coverage for his record-setting, 1,973-mile flight from Omaha, Nebraska, to New Orleans, Louisiana. In the process, the flight provided thousands of people with their first exposure to aviation.

On January 1, 1914, with the inauguration of the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line, Tony Jannus entered history books as the world's first airline pilot. Three thousand people crowded St. Petersburg's waterfront in anticipation of the big event. With a high bid of \$400, former St. Petersburg Mayor Abe Pheil won the honor of being the first passenger to travel from St. Petersburg to Tampa by air.

At exactly 10 A.M. Tony Jannus, the airline's chief pilot, gave the flying boat full throttle. Soon the flying boat was fifteen feet above Tampa Bay, headed toward Tampa. Twenty-three

minutes after their departure, Jannus landed the flying boat on the Hillsborough River and slowly taxied toward a hastily constructed platform near the Tampa Electric Company. Several thousand Tampa residents cheered the arrival of Jannus and his passenger.

Six days a week, the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line scheduled two trips between St. Petersburg and Tampa. During a three-month period, the airline's two flying boats logged a total of 11,000 miles and carried hundreds of pounds of cargo as well as 1,205 passengers. In accordance with the terms of its contract with the city, the airline ceased operation on March 31, 1914. Tony Jannus and the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line had shown the world that passengers could be carried on a scheduled basis and that a demand for such service existed. Jannus had proven the dependability, practicality, and safety of scheduled air service.

After the airline ceased operation, Tony and his brother Roger designed and constructed the Jannus flying boat for their own company, Jannus Brothers Aviation. Just months later Tony Jannus was in Canada, employed as a test pilot at Curtiss Aeroplanes and Motors, Ltd. With the Great War raging overseas, the Curtiss Company was producing hundreds of airplanes for use in the European conflict. In October 1915, Tony Jannus traveled to Russia to test fly and assist with the delivery of approximately fifty Model K Curtiss flying boats that had been sold to the Russian Imperial Navy.

On October 12, 1916, the veteran test pilot lost his life when the Curtiss H-7 flying boat that he was flying crashed into Russia's Black Sea. In a career that spanned less than a decade, Tony Jannus had accomplished more than many aviators do in an entire lifetime. His achievements left a lasting mark on the world of commercial aviation.

*Artist of the portrait for the Paul E. Garber  
First Flight Society Shrine of Tony Jannus*

# JOHN DE LA VEGA

John de la Vega was born Juan Carlos Gomez de la Vega in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to a family of teachers and diplomats. He came to America in 1961 to fulfill a childhood dream, becoming a top portrait painter of ever – increasing reputation. He has painted many famous personalities of government and sports, including President Ronald Reagan, John McEnroe, etc. Among his many awards, his 1993 portrait of theater artist/film director Julie Taymor (“The Lion King”, “Titus”, “Frida”) received the Distinguished Achievement in Portrait Painting Award at the John Howard Sanden Seminar in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1971, while still a very young man, John de la Vega was honored with a retrospective of his paintings, sculptures, and photographs at the Miami Museum of Modern Art.. On the same year he won top honors at the First Pan American Art Exhibit, with artists representing the United States, Canada, and all Latin American countries.

In March of 1995 the artist had a critically acclaimed one-person show at the Zeitgeist gallery in Norfolk, Virginia, and in the Fall of 1996 he was one of the artists chosen for the group exhibition “USA in Germany”, in the city of Cologne.

After three years of working in his Carnegie Hall studio in New York City, the artist is back painting on his beloved Outer Banks, ready, in his own words, "to take off into space like the Wright Brothers did over a hundred years ago".

In August 2004, a major exhibit of John's paintings, portraits, and drawings was held at the Dare County's Festival Park Exhibit Hall in Manteo, North Carolina.

John de la Vega, Nancy Reagan, Patricia Neal, Dr. Robert Schuller, astronaut Sally Ride, Larry King, and other figures in the arts, business, and sports, were chosen as examples of outstanding personal achievement to appear in "Dreaming and Winning in America", published by America's Press in 1985. A quote from the book:

"The child prodigy grew up to become the Renaissance Man...above all a philosopher who reads, studies, thinks constantly about everything human and everything divine, placing no limits on his mental scope. He believes in mastery. To see his work is to become aware of a master's hand, reflecting a sensitive nature, an intense humanity, a unique sense of beauty, romance, magic. He works on his whole life as a creation, finding inspiration everywhere".