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From [BookerRising](#):

*PHOTO OF THE DAY: The Black Man Who Runs The White House: Admiral Stephen Rochon, USA*

No, I'm not talking about President Barack Obama. I thought I'd return to the older dudes. Who is this guy? Rear Admiral Stephen Rochon is the White House Chief Usher.

The Louisiana native is in charge of the domestic staff at the White House, and making sure everything runs like clockwork. He is the eighth person and the first black person to hold this position. He was appointed to this position in 2007 under President George W. Bush after the previous usher retired after 20 years of service, and the Obama's decided to retain him.

However, don't get it twisted. Ol' boy ain't the butler. Admiral Rochon manages the day-to-day operations of the White House, with its 132 rooms, \$13-million plus budget, and 90+ staff.

He oversees the White House operations, maintenance and utilities and works with the White House Social Security on ceremonial events of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. If the president needs him, he's on it.

If Mrs. Obama wants an environmentally-friendly, American-made swing set for Sasha and Malia, he's testing the equipment on her behalf. When the Obama's host dinners, he's there. When the Obama's say they want to make the White House more accessible to the public, he's on it.

His job is to run a tight ship, of which he is very familiar. Admiral Rochon previously served as the Coast Guard's commander of the Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic, where he was responsible for naval and civil engineering, financial management, personnel, legal, civil rights, electronic systems support, and contingency planning across 40 U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Europe, and the Middle East.

Admiral Rochon has a B.S. in Business Administration from Xavier University, and an M.S. in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University. He has earned the Coast Guard Distinguished Medal and three Legion of Merit medals. Admiral Rochon is married and has four children.

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"The Chicago "DODO" Chapter of TAI is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization whose mission is to perpetuate the historic legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen and to encourage and assist minority youth in pursuing post-secondary education and careers in the aerospace industry."

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# CALENDAR OF



June 13th  
@ 9:00am  
Young Eagles  
Gary-Chicago Airport

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June 16th  
6:30PM  
Chapter Meeting  
8134 S. Stony Island



July 11th  
@ 9:00am  
Young Eagles  
Gary-Chicago Airport

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July 14th @ 6:30pm  
TAI Directors Meeting  
8134 S. Stony Island

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July 21th  
6:30PM  
Chapter Meeting  
8134 S. Stony Island

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



Lawn Sprinkler Patented By  
J.H. Smith  
May 4th, 1897

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Civil Rights Act  
May 6th, 1960

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A. Phillip Randolph  
Organizes The Brotherhood  
of Sleeping Car Porters  
May 8th, 1926

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Germans Surrender  
VE Day in Europe  
May 8th, 1945



Robert Smalls  
Captured Confederate Ship  
"The Planter"  
May 13th, 1862

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U.S. Supreme Court Outlaws  
School Segregation in Brown  
vs. Board of Education  
May 17th, 1954

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Ex-Slave, Sgt. William H.  
Carney  
Earned Medal of Honor  
May 22, 1863

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Michael Howard  
Attended West Point Acad-  
emy  
May 27th, 1870



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## E-Mail Column



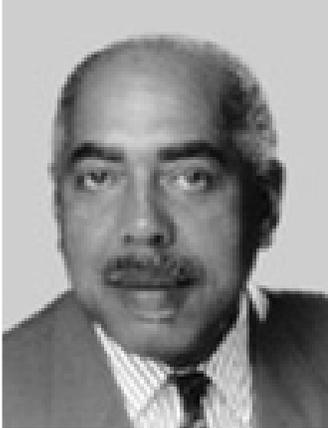
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Subject: New Chairman of Bank of America



New Chairman of Bank of America

BofA's directors then elected the 71-year-old Massey chairman.

Massey trained as a physicist and mathematician, rather than a banker, but he shares elements of Lewis' biography as a small-town Mississippian catapulted onto the national stage.

### **Walter E. Massey**

The African-American administrator and educator was born in Hattiesburg; Lewis, 62, in Meridian. He received his bachelor's degree in physics and math from Morehouse College in Atlanta; Lewis graduated with a finance degree from Georgia State University. Massey is also a longtime BofA director. He has been on the board since 1998 and is a member of its Audit Committee. Before that, he was a director of BankAmerica Corporation from 1993 to 1998.

"We are disappointed the bank did not consider a candidate outside the existing directors," said shareholder Jon Finger, who had campaigned for the CEO-chairman split. Mr. Finger's family owns more than 1.1 million Bank of America shares. Others, however, pointed to Massey's history as a tough-minded overseer who has managed complex organizations from research laboratories to universities.

"President Massey will provide strategic leadership, sound judgment and integrity for one of America's great financial institutions," Morehouse's current president Robert Franklin told the [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#).

Lewis, meanwhile, acknowledged shareholders' frustration over the company's hastily-arranged \$50 billion acquisition of Merrill Lynch and Co. last year.

"Our company's shareholders have carried a heavy burden recently," he said in a [statement](#) released by the bank. "We are doing everything within our power every day to fight through today's adversity and drive toward tomorrow's promise." Massey has been a director of several large companies besides Bank of America. He is currently a director of McDonald's and has served on the boards of Delta Air Lines, Motorola and BP PLC.

In the early 1990s, he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to head the National Science Foundation, an organization that led the government's support of research and education in mathematics, science and engineering. He then served in the No.2 administrator job at the University of California before being chosen president of Morehouse. Among his duties as provost and senior vice president was oversight of three labs that the university manages for the Department of Energy: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Massey returned to Morehouse in August 1995 where he served as president until June 2007.

He has also served as a director of the Argonne National Laboratory, a vice president for research at the University of Chicago and as founding Chair of the University of Chicago Development Corp.

More recently, he was a member of the Gates Millennium Scholars Advisory Council and the National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century.

Massey and his wife, Shirley, have two sons and three grandchildren.

*"Wilk"*

----- Original Message -----

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2009 6:29 AM

**Subject:** Fw: Charles F. Bolden, Jr. (Brig. General, USMC); former astronaut nominated for NASA

**President Barack Obama will name Charles Bolden, a four-time space shuttle astronaut and retired Marine general, as administrator of NASA as it faces questions about its future, the White House said on Saturday [today].**

**NAME:** Charles F. Bolden, Jr (Brig. General, USMC) NASA Astronaut (Former)

**PERSONAL DATA:** Born August 19, 1946, in Columbia, South Carolina. Married to the former Alexis (Jackie) Walker of Columbia, South Carolina. They have two children. He enjoys racquetball, running and soccer His mother, Mrs. Ethel M. Bolden, resides in Columbia.

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from C. A. Johnson High School in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1964; received a bachelor of science degree in electrical science from the United States Naval Academy in 1968, and a master of science in systems management from the University of Southern California in 1977.

**ORGANIZATIONS:** Member of the Montford Point Marine Association, the United States Naval Institute, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Lifetime member of the Naval Academy Alumni Association, the University of Southern California General Alumni Association.

**SPECIAL HONORS:** Recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Strike/Flight Medal (8th award), Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from the University of South Carolina (1984), Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Winthrop College (1986), the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal (1992), NASA Exceptional Service Medals (1988, 1989, 1991), the University of Southern California Alumni Award of Merit (1989), and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Johnson C. Smith University (1990).



**EXPERIENCE:** Bolden accepted a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps following graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1968. He underwent flight training at Pensacola, Florida, Meridian, Mississippi, and Kingsville, Texas, before being designated a naval aviator in May 1970. He flew more than 100 sorties into North and South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, in the A-6A Intruder while assigned to VMA(AW)-533 at Nam Phong, Thailand, June 1972 to June 1973. Upon returning to the United States, Bolden began a two-year tour as a Marine Corps selection officer and recruiting officer in Los Angeles, California, followed by three years in various assignments at the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California. In June 1979, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, Maryland, and was assigned to the Naval Air Test Center's Systems Engineering and Strike Aircraft Test Directorates. While there, he served as an ordnance test pilot and flew numerous test projects in the A-6E, EA-6B, and A-7C/E airplanes.

He has logged more than 6,000 hours flying time.

**NASA EXPERIENCE:** Selected by NASA in May 1980, Bolden became an astronaut in August 1981. His technical assignments included: Astronaut Office Safety Officer; Technical Assistant to the Director of Flight Crew Operations; Special Assistant to the Director of the Johnson Space Center; Astronaut Office Liaison to the Safety, Reliability and Quality Assurance Directorates of the Marshall Space Flight Center and the Kennedy Space Center; Chief of the Safety Division at JSC; Lead Astronaut for Vehicle Test and Checkout at the Kennedy Space Center; and Assistant Deputy Administrator, NASA Headquarters. A veteran of four space flights, he has logged over 680 hours in space. Bolden served as pilot on STS-61C (January 12-18, 1986) and STS-31 (April 24-29, 1990), and was the mission commander on STS-45 (March 24-April 2, 1992), and STS-60 (Feb. 3-11, 1994).

Bolden left NASA and returned to active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps as the Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, effective June 27, 1994.

Brig. General Bolden is the Assistant Wing Commander, HQ 3rd MAW Miramar, San Diego, California.

**SPACE FLIGHT EXPERIENCE:** STS-61C Space Shuttle *Columbia*. During the six-day flight crew members deployed the SATCOM KU satellite and conducted experiments in astrophysics and materials processing. STS-61C launched from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, on January 12. The mission was accomplished in 96 orbits of Earth, ending with a successful night landing at Edwards Air Force Base, California, on January 18, 1986.

STS-31 Space Shuttle *Discovery*. Launched on April 24, 1990, from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. During the five-day mission, crew members deployed the Hubble Space Telescope and conducted a variety of middeck experiments. They also used a variety of cameras, including both the IMAX in cabin and cargo bay cameras, for Earth observations from their record-setting altitude over 400 miles. Following 75 orbits of Earth in 121 hours, STS-31 *Discovery* landed at Edwards Air Force Base, California, on April 29, 1990.

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On STS-45 Bolden commanded a crew of seven aboard Space Shuttle *Atlantis*. Launched on March 24 from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, STS-45 was the first Spacelab mission dedicated to NASA's Mission to Planet Earth. During the nine-day mission, the crew operated the twelve experiments that constituted the ATLAS-1 (Atmospheric Laboratory for Applications and Science) cargo. ATLAS-1 obtained a vast array of detailed measurements of atmospheric chemical and physical properties, which contribute significantly to improving our understanding of our climate and atmosphere. In addition, this was the first time an artificial beam of electrons was used to stimulate a man-made auroral discharge. Following 143 orbits of Earth, STS-45 *Atlantis* landed at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, on April 2, 1992.



On STS-60 he commanded a crew of six aboard Space Shuttle *Discovery*. This was the historic first joint U.S./Russian Space Shuttle mission involving the participation of a Russian Cosmonaut as a mission specialist crew member. The flight launched on February 3, 1994, from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, and carried the Space Habitation Module-2 (Spacehab-2), and the Wake Shield Facility-01 (WSF-1). Additionally, the crew conducted a series of joint U.S./Russian science activities. The mission achieved 130 orbits of the Earth, ending with a landing on February 11, 1994, at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

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This is the only version available from NASA. Updates must be sought direct from the above named individual.

March 6, 2009

Chicago "DODO" Chapter  
Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.  
Beverly Dunjill, President

Dear Sir:

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Chicago "DODO" Chapter will not be active as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. This is because of its members has previously and are joining the "DODO" Chapter T.A. Inc.

There are four (4) members left. They will be members working with their husbands in the volunteer of tables and guest for the Spring Fling Scholarship Fundraiser.

The members joining the "DODO"s, some already belong and work on committees. The ones we don't see at meetings work at home on other projects. I, Yola Moore have strived to encourage new ladies to become members and has also other members done so. We commit the chapter for the Young Eagles and the Scholarship Fund.

This move will eliminate the gift to the Educational Assistance Committee of \$100 when the auxiliary loses a member because of death.

The women in the "DODO" Chapter will have to create programs to raise this type of funds.

I wish to remain the chair of the Annual Officers Installation Lunch.

Sincerely Yours,

Yola Pryor Moore  
Chicago "DODO" Chapter T.A. Inc.

# CONVENTION INFORMATION UPDATE

## MAY 28, 2009

### REGISTRATION:

I ENCOURAGE ALL PARTICIPANTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ONLINE REGISTRATION CAPABILITIES. OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS IS ([tuskegeeairmen.org](http://tuskegeeairmen.org)). THERE IS ALSO A LINK DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION ([https://rooms.stationcasinos.com/cgi-bin/LANSAWEB?procfun+rn+Resnet+PAL+funcparms+UP\(A2560\);:PCITUSK;?/](https://rooms.stationcasinos.com/cgi-bin/LANSAWEB?procfun+rn+Resnet+PAL+funcparms+UP(A2560);:PCITUSK;?/))

. IF YOU CHOOSE TO CALL THE HOTEL THEN ENSURE THAT YOU ASK FOR THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN GROUP RATES.

### RATES:

Courtyard	m/w: \$ 25.99	w/e: \$49.99
Tower	m/w: \$ 45.99	w/e: \$65.99

Note: The above rates do not include taxes and fees. There are limited courtyard rooms available and the courtyard facility does not have elevators and are very basic. (more suitable for younger unaccompanied folks)

### RESERVATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals attending the **Tuskegee Airmen National Meeting** are to call the Reservations Office at **(800) 634-3101**, and identify themselves as attendees of the **Tuskegee Airmen National Meeting or Reservation ID Tuskegee Air**. In order to receive the group room rate a credit card or a deposit in the amount of one (1) night's room and tax charge is to be received no later than fourteen (14) days from the date the room reservation was made. If the room guarantee of one (1) night's room and tax charge is not received within the fourteen (14) day grace period, the reservation will be cancelled. **Palace Station Hotel & Casino** will take reservations for the **Tuskegee Airmen National Meeting** group until **July 27, 2009**, after this date the hotel will take reservations on a space available basis and at prevailing hotel rate.

### VENDOR TABLES:

ONLY 20 AVAILABLE AT 200 DOLLARS EACH AND GOING FAST. As I have indicated this is bare bones—Table, Chairs and wastebasket with basic skirting. Security will be limited so be prepared to store valuable items overnight. I will post a floor plan showing locations of vendors. You may sign-up on line or download the paperwork and mail to me per instructions.

### JOURNAL:

I HAVE RECEIVED SOME CHAPTER PICs and Ads. PLEASE GET THEM IN EARLY AS WE HAVE LIMITED TIME AND LITTLE HELP.

NOTE-I WILL BE VISITING THE HOTEL AND ENVIRONS NEXT WEEK TO SOLIDIFY SOME PLANS AND I WILL PUBLISH AN INFORMATION UPDATE SHORTLY AFTER MY RETURN.

Respectfully,

Robert D. Rose  
National First Vice President  
CPO



## Young Eagles Column



Saturday, June 13, 2009 is International Young Eagles Day. Why not plan to join us at the Gary-Chicago International Airport for our International Young Eagles Day rally and bring Dad along to pre-celebrate Fathers' Day. We will operate out of the terminal building with all aircraft parking West of Gate 4. The pilot briefing will be at 8:30 A.M. with flights beginning at 9:00 A.M. Refreshments will be provided for all pilots, volunteers and Dads. Call the hotline on the morning of the rally after 7:00 A.M. to check flight status. In Illinois call 312-4-9-5621; In Indiana call toll free: 888-235-9824. Press 3 to access the flight status mailbox. We're looking forward to seeing you at the Gary Airport.

Happy Flyin'!

Ken Rapier, Chief Pilot  
Tuskegee Airmen Young Eagles Program



### **TUSKEGEE AIRMEN GROUP LOOKING FOR SUPPORT**

The Tuskegee Airmen, the first African American fighter pilots, recently received the group's second congressional recognition. With the conclusion of Black History Month, the group knows full well that its veterans are dwindling in numbers. Hoping that the legacy will not die with them, the nonprofit [Tuskegee Airmen Inc.](#) is looking for dedicated people to join the organization and carry out its mission of inspiring young people to achieve goals and take on leadership roles in society.

June 5, 2009

### **EAA, AOPA To Work Together For GA**

By [Russ Niles](#), Editor-in-Chief

EAA and AOPA say they've entered into a new spirit of collaboration to promote general aviation. Senior staff from both organizations met recently to figure out how to play on each other's strengths for the common good of GA and members of both organizations, of which there is considerable crossover. "The majority of our nation's pilots belong to one or both of these organizations, so our members expect us to utilize these strengths in a way that addresses the long-term vitality of general aviation," EAA President Tom Poberezny said in a joint news release with AOPA issued Thursday. AOPA President Craig Fuller said it's a natural alliance. "This is a logical collaboration that makes sense for the greater good of general aviation," Fuller said.



Among the things that got done at the meeting was the decision to jointly hold a roundtable meeting in early 2010 that brings together representatives of all facets of GA. More details on the relationship and the specific initiatives are on the way later.

**Source: AVWeb**



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### **Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation (TASF) and University of Phoenix Announces New Scholarship Program**

Los Angeles, Calif., May 21, 2009 –The Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation has partnered with University of Phoenix to establish the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation/University of Phoenix Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide educational opportunities to disadvantaged students in pursuit of their academic studies.

Five full-tuition scholarships will be awarded to students to seek an associates or bachelors degree online or at a University of Phoenix campus. The scholarships will cover tuition and fees (including University of Phoenix online textbooks). The scholarship award is a non-cash credit to the recipient's University of Phoenix account. These scholarships are directed toward students who graduated from high school since 2007 and may be used for an undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Application forms and instructions may be obtained from the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation's website ([www.taisf.org](http://www.taisf.org)).

The application process includes a two page essay and letter of recommendation from a community leader. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2009. The scholarships will be awarded on September 1, 2009.

"This partnership will allow us to continue the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen by assisting even more people who want to improve their lives through education," said Jerry T. Hodges, Jr., president of the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation.

#### **ABOUT TASF**

TASF is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. Its board of directors is comprised of Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen (DOTAs) and corporate and community leaders committed to providing leadership by ensuring that funds are available to assist financially disadvantaged and deserving students in the pursuit of their education. For more information, please visit [www.taisf.org](http://www.taisf.org).

#### **ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX**

University of Phoenix is constantly innovating to help students balance education and life in a rapidly changing world. Through flexible schedules, challenging courses and interactive learning, students achieve personal and career aspirations without putting their lives on hold. As of February 28, 2009, 397,700 students were enrolled at University of Phoenix, the largest private university in North America. University of Phoenix serves a diverse student population, offering associates, bachelors, masters, and doctoral degree programs from campuses and learning centers across the U.S. as well as online throughout the world.

## Vintage planes and World War II vets re-create battle



Welton Taylor

Vintage World War II planes venture out for a ride at the Poplar Grove Airport, while some of the veterans who actually commanded those aircrafts keep their eyes on the sky.

Posted: June 6, 2009 09:26 PM CDT

By Samantha Ptashkin

POPLAR GROVE (WREX)- Vintage World War II planes venture out for a ride at the Poplar Grove Airport, while some of the veterans who actually commanded those aircrafts keep their eyes on the sky.



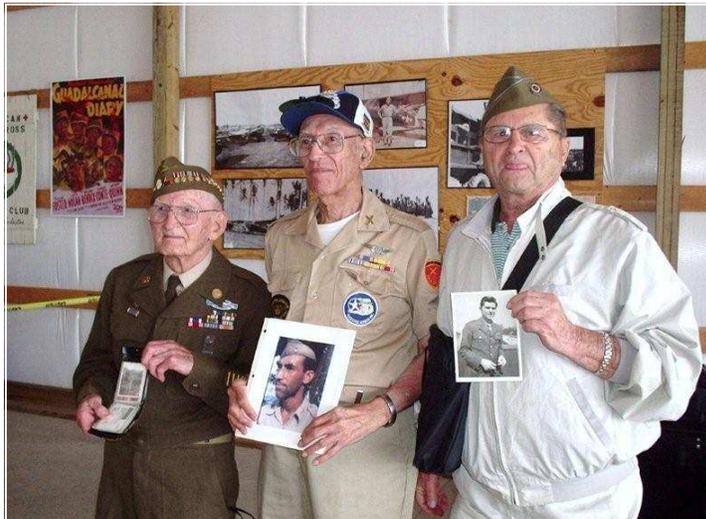
Welton Taylor as a liaison pilot in World War II

World War II re-enactors and veterans join forces for the third annual Army Wings and Wheels event. It's all about promoting the preservation and restoration of the combat liaison aircrafts. Simulations recreate World War II battles, but there's no better way to hear the real deal than by listening to the vets themselves.

The roar of a plane engine is a sound Welton Taylor will never forget. As a World War II liaison pilot, he became



the eyes, ears, nose, and throat of the field artillery. He traveled all over the world. Even now, at age 89, he remembers each stop. "Here's my itinerary right here," Taylor said, pointing to the list on his shirt. "I wear it. I started at Guadalcanal and went to Bougainville."



Taylor fondly recalls his time as a pilot. "It was a lot of fun for me because, except rarely, I wasn't shot at."

But back then, because liaison pilots went through separate training and were considered part of the U.S. Army, instead of the Air Force, they took some heat. "The airplanes played a very vital role, but because of their small size and simplicity I think even at the time the pilots were looked down on," said Tom Murray, who organized the Army Wings and Wheels event.

That's why Army Wings and Wheels

honors their service, so the veterans know they're appreciated and they get a chance to rise up in their past glory, even if sitting in the cockpit now isn't quite like sitting in it over 60 years ago. "I don't know, I was a younger guy then and a lot of things feel different when you're 21 as compared to being 89," Taylor said.

Army Wings and Wheels 2009 runs through Sunday at the Poplar Grove Airport's Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum until 3p.m. For more information you can visit [www.ArmWingsAndWheels.com](http://www.ArmWingsAndWheels.com)





A C-130 Hercules crew rapidly and correctly analyzed a developing situation, applied emergency procedures and recovered an aircraft, its passengers and crew without incident after encountering unforeseen wind shear May 20 in Southwest Asia.

The 737th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron C-130 and its crew, hailing from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, was carrying 45 Soldiers when it was suddenly hit by violent winds while on approach to Al Asad Air Base in Iraq.

"We were on our initial approach into Al Asad," said Capt. Andrew Gillis, a 737th EAS C-130 aircraft commander and native of San Jose, Calif. "We were the third aircraft to go in. No one else reported any issues. In the middle of our approach, it started getting real rocky, and our air speed indicator ended up bouncing up and down plus or minus 20 knots."

Falling back on countless hours of training and simulations, Captain Gillis advanced the throttles to max power to break off the descent and go around again. There was only one problem.

"We had absolutely max power from the airplane," Captain Gillis said. "There's a specific escape maneuver, and we were in the process of doing that maneuver, but the airplane was still sinking."

Tech. Sgt. Joe Holloway, the aircraft's flight engineer and a son of Pensacola, Fla., said even the crew on the ground could tell the aircraft was in a difficult situation.

"The controller even asked, 'Confirm you're going to climb,'" he said. "So even he knew."

Finally, after sinking through the wind shear for almost seven miles, the C-130 began to climb again.

"We didn't climb away until we reached the approach end of the runway," Captain Gillis said. "So we had to be in it for seven miles, about two minutes. It started at 1,800 feet above the ground, and we recovered at 1,000 feet."

With the winds making a safe landing impossible, the crew headed for home, enduring another 30 minutes of intense turbulence. 1st Lt. Jeff Stanek, the aircraft's navigator, said the wind shear and turbulence were caused by a massive storm front hundreds of miles away.

"There was a huge storm front the size of California that moved over Turkey," said the native of Marlboro, Md. "And it moved faster than anticipated. We were clear of the actual storm, but the gust front in front of the storm is what we hit."

Lt. Col. Buff Burkel, the 737th EAS commander, said the C-130 crew performed just as they were trained to and by doing so safely recovered their aircraft, their passengers and themselves.

"It's definitely what I expect from my Desert Foxes," she said. "Flying is a profession that is inherently dangerous. We spend a lot of training time teaching and practicing emergency procedures that may occur in the flight environment. Training, discipline, professionalism and teamwork are the standards. Captain Gillis and his crew met them that night."

Source: *Military.com*



**President Barack Obama Embraced By Our Troops**



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