From the Archives: The Science of Air

In the 1950s and 1960s, the United States was at the forefront of aviation technology. Two Naval Air Stations located in Glynn County in World War II, NAS Glynco and NAS Brunswick, were instrumental in the development of both military and civilian aviation. Both forms of flight were carried out after the war at NAS Glynco, safely launched and landed from both bases using the technology at hand at the time. Both Naval Air Stations were used as training bases, with a focus on pilot training and aircraft maintenance.

Certified Flight Instructors

Brett Miller: Certified Flight Instructor Airplane Single Engine (ASE)

Martin Durkin: Airplane Multiengine Land (AMEL) added to Private Pilot certificate

Jacob Higgins: Airplane Multiengine Land (AMEL) added to Commercial Pilot certificate

Jason Blackman: Certified Flight Instructor Airplane Single Engine Land (ASEL)

Corporal Henderson: Instructor Airplane Single Engine (ASE)

Recruit Basildon: Instructee Airplane Single Engine (ASEL)

Airplane Single Engine Land (ASEL) added to Private Pilot certificate

Soars in the South

Soars acts as a network of volunteer pilots to transport patients to medical procedures and appointments at no cost to the patients. The non-profit organization recruits pilots that own, or have access to, an aircraft that can seat two to six passengers. The pilots that transport patients to distant medical care on a regular basis are called Angel Flight Soars pilots. The volunteers cover fuel costs and all other expenses, which are tax deductible. The organization serves over 3,400 missions per year, carried out by volunteer pilots. In many cases, the most compelling story about Angel Flight's role in followup care includes the importance of the ability to act quickly.

Angel Flight Soars pilots who are able to overcome the difficulties of US airspace by the FAA to bring a flight already planned for that victim to the hospital. Other volunteer pilots have saved lives by speaking for themselves at the fly in. Angel Flight Soars pilots who attend the meeting also have the opportunity to display, speak with the staff about their flights.

The United States' aviation history is rich with stories of innovation and progress. From the early days of flight to the present, aviation has played a significant role in shaping the nation's economy, military, and daily lives. The United States continues to lead the world in aviation technology, and it is an industry that shows no signs of slowing down. As the nation celebrates its history, so too should we celebrate the many achievements that have brought us to where we are today.