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Historic Flight Over Washington, D.C., Honors Nation's Veterans

30 WWII-Era Aircrafts in First-Ever 'Potomac Flight'

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Approximately 30 World War II-era aircrafts, called the T-6 Texans, soared in formation down the Potomac River this week. This “Potomac Flight” was the first-ever flyover of the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery. The planes made the round-trip from Culpeper Regional Airport, and the historic flight was organized by the Culpeper Air Fest. The flight was in honor of DAV (Disabled American Veterans), and pays tribute to the services and sacrifices veterans have made to secure our nation's freedom.

The North American T-6 Texan is a two-seat aircraft used as the advanced trainer for World War II pilots. Designed by North American Aviation, Inc., and first flown in 1938, the “Texan” quickly became the most popular trainer aircraft for the U.S. Military in the 1940s and 1950s. Over 15,000 “Texans” were built between 1938 and 1947, and approximately 400 are still flying today.

This ceremonial formation flight will be visible from Alexandria, Arlington and Rosslyn, Va. [Culpeper Air Fest](#) will serve as a home base for the ground-breaking flight. The Potomac Flight of the Texans will culminate with the 15th annual Culpeper Air Fest airshow in Culpeper on Saturday, Oct 11, 2014. Learn more at: www.culpeperairfest.com.

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