



# The First Flight Society

The First Flight Society was founded in 1927 as the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association. Its initial purpose was to acquire the site where the Wright Brothers made their flights in 1903. After that was accomplished, and the land was transferred to the War Department for the construction of the Wright Brothers Monument (later transferred to the National Park Service), the Association continued to be involved in celebrations surrounding the First Flight, from the first celebration in 1928 up to the present day. Its name was later changed to the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, and in 1966 its name was changed to the First Flight Society.

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## Mission

One day people everywhere will be inspired by the dauntless resolution and tireless work of the Wright Brothers.

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## Vision

We tell the story of the Wright Brothers through community events, education, and the commemoration of the world's very first powered flight, in Kitty Hawk, NC.

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## Core Values

- **Guiding Principle** – We embrace the best traditions of the Wright Family – their dauntless resolution, tireless work, and courage – in everything we do.
- **Passion for Flight** – We are excited and inspired by all things aeronautical.
- **Trust** – We earn the trust of our members, donors, and partners through open communication, honesty, and accountability.
- **Respect** – We treat everyone with dignity, compassion, and integrity.
- **Partnerships** – We collaborate with others to get things done.

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