

The EMMY-nominated documentary series *Pioneers In Aviation* profiles America's legendary aerospace pioneers, whose achievements led the nation and the world from the era of open-cockpit biplanes to the very threshold of space. A 3-hour/3-part series, *Pioneers* features newly recovered archival footage from the early years of flight in pristine High Definition, period music, and on-camera commentary by some of America's foremost aviation scholars.

3 x 60 minutes — HDTV

*"(This) well-produced documentary provides a historical background and fascinating overview of what has been called one of the greatest achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Highly recommended for its exceptional quality and content."* - **Library Journal**

*"Pioneers In Aviation is a pleasure to watch... (It) is an aviation buff's dream, richly detailed with the sort of footage often missing from historical films."*

**John Levesque** – **Seattle Post Intelligencer**

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## Episode I: The Early Years



Episode I details the birth of American aviation — from the Wright Brothers’ earliest flights, through the Roaring ‘20s. *The Early Years* documents the captains of the aviation industry as young men, as they build planes for America’s effort in World War I, begin flying the mail, and create the first passenger airlines. Highlights include:

- **Footage of the Wright Brothers’ first public demonstration of flight in 1908, at Fort Myer, VA.**
- **Newly recovered footage of the Boeing factories (circa 1918), as they build aircraft for America’s effort in World War I.**
- **Newsreel footage of the 1924 U.S. Army Air Service “*Around-the-World-Flight*” in four Douglas World Cruisers.**

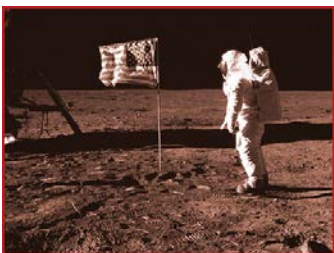
## Episode II: The War Years



Episode II documents the 1930s & '40s, as the clouds of war gather over Europe. President Roosevelt declares that America must now become “the Arsenal of Democracy” — calling on the captains of his aviation industry to give the Allies air supremacy and, ultimately, victory in World War II. Highlights include:

- **Newly discovered footage of the legendary 1942 Doolittle Tokyo Raid.**
- **Newly recovered 1940s footage of the wartime factories at Boeing, Douglas, and North American Aviation.**
- **A World War II newsreel of the famous P-51 Mustang in the skies over Berlin.**

## Episode III: The Race to the Moon



Episode III documents the Cold War era of the 1950s & '60s, as America finds itself locked in an ideological struggle with the Soviet Union. The Soviet launch of Sputnik in 1957 shifts the Cold War battlefield to space. President Kennedy turns to the captains of his aviation industry with the century’s greatest aerospace challenge. Highlights include:

- **Newly discovered footage documenting President Kennedy’s 1963 visit to McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis, to celebrate the Mercury <sup>[15]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>Space Program.**
- **Photographs of the unknown 19-year-old Marilyn Monroe, modeling the cabin features of the new Douglas DC-6.**
- **Boeing Test Pilot Tex Johnston’s legendary barrel-roll of the Boeing 707 over Lake Washington during the 1955 Seattle SeaFair races.**