

*THE MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE WELCOMES YOU TO THE*

## **2LT Eugene J. Bullard and LTC Bruce P. Crandall**

**Air Traffic Control Facility Memorialization Ceremony**

**March 26, 2024**



# CEREMONY EVENTS

**WELCOME  
REMARKS**

**Heath Potteiger**  
*Narrator*

**INVOCATION**

**Chaplain (LTC) James D. Dice**  
*Garrison Command Chaplain*

**NATIONAL  
ANTHEM**

**Maneuver Center of Excellence Band**

**REMARKS**

**MG Curtis A. Buzzard**

**GUEST  
SPEAKER**

**The Honorable Sanford A. Bishop**  
*Congressman, 2nd Congressional District, Georgia*

**UNVEILING**

**MCoE and USAG Fort Moore Command Teams**

**ARMY SONG**

**Maneuver Center of Excellence Band**  
*\* See Lyrics On Last Page*



**ONE FORCE, ONCE FIGHT!**  
**BE MOORE!**

# BIOGRAPHIES

## Eugene J. Bullard

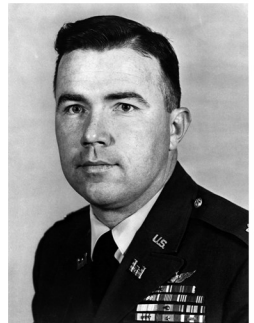
Eugene J. Bullard was the first African-American military pilot to fly in combat, and the only African-American pilot in World War I. Bullard was born in Columbus, GA in 1895. He went on to join the French Foreign Legion, transferred to the French Air Service and received his wings in May 1917. During WWI, he flew at least twenty missions and claimed two aerial victories. In October 1959, Bullard was made a knight of the Legion of Honor, the highest ranking order and decoration bestowed by France. Eugene Bullard died in 1961 and was posthumously commissioned a 2LT in the U.S. Air Force.

---



## Bruce P. Crandall

Medal of Honor recipient, LTC (R) Bruce Crandall is a veteran Master Army Aviator in both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. Crandall was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953 and went on to complete Officer Candidate School, commission as an Engineer Officer, and attend Army Flight Training. He led over 900 combat missions during two tours in Vietnam. LTC Crandall flew in the lead elements in the first major division operation of the Vietnam War into Landing Zone X-Ray in the Battle of Ia Drang. For his actions in the Battle of Ia Drang, he was awarded the Medal of Honor in February of 2007.



# LAWSON ARMY AIRFIELD

## History

Lawson Army Airfield began as a rudimentary landing field, constructed in 1919. The airfield consisted of two small hangars that housed an observation balloon unit. In 1931, the airfield was named in honor of World War I pilot, Captain Walter R. Lawson. In 1940, Lawson Field became an official Army airfield under the Commanding General of the Army Air Corps. By 1960, Lawson's facilities consisted of runways, parking aprons and taxiways. Today, Lawson Army Airfield remains the only TRADOC airfield with the strategic requirements to mobilize and deploy the Reserve, National Guard, and inactive ready reserve.



## The Project

In July 2015, the Installation Management Command (IMCOM) identified a need for a new Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at Lawson Army Airfield. In 2019, The United States Army Corps of Engineers awarded the contract to ACC Construction Co. Inc., to build a 12-story flight control tower to replace the existing 8-story tower. Lawson Tower began operations in the new facility in November of 2022.



# THE ARMY SONG

## *Verse.*

**March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.  
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.  
We're the Army and proud of our name!  
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:**

## *Chorus.*

**First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.  
Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.**

## *Refrain.*

**Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the cadence loud and strong (TWO! THREE!) -  
For where e'er we go,  
You will always know  
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.**