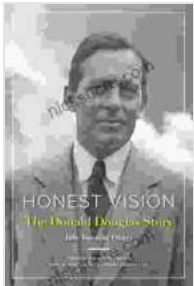


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Donald Wills Douglas Sr. was an American aviation pioneer who founded the Douglas Aircraft Company, which later became part of Boeing. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1892 and developed an early interest in aviation. After graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1914, he joined the Glenn L. Martin Company, where he worked on the design of the Martin MB-1 bomber.

In 1920, Douglas founded his own company, the Douglas Aircraft Company, in Santa Monica, California. The company's first aircraft was the Douglas Cloudster, a biplane that was used for both commercial and military purposes. In 1925, Douglas designed the Douglas M-2, which was the first all-metal monoplane to be produced in the United States. The M-2

was a successful aircraft and was used by both the United States Army Air Corps and the United States Navy.

In 1933, Douglas designed the DC-3, which became one of the most successful aircraft in aviation history. The DC-3 was a twin-engine, all-metal monoplane that was used for both commercial and military purposes. It was used extensively in World War II and later became a popular airliner. The DC-3 is still in use today and is considered to be one of the most reliable aircraft ever built.



In addition to the DC-3, Douglas also designed a number of other successful aircraft, including the DC-4, the DC-6, and the DC-7. He also designed the A-20 Havoc, which was a light bomber that was used

extensively in World War II. Douglas's aircraft were known for their reliability, durability, and performance.

Douglas retired from the Douglas Aircraft Company in 1957 but remained active in aviation until his death in 1981. He was a member of the National Aviation Hall of Fame and the International Aerospace Hall of Fame. He is considered to be one of the most important figures in aviation history.

Legacy

Donald Douglas's legacy is immense. He was a pioneer in the field of aviation and his aircraft played a major role in the development of commercial and military aviation. His aircraft were used in both World War I and World War II and helped to shape the course of those wars. The DC-3 is still in use today and is considered to be one of the most successful aircraft in aviation history.

Douglas was also a generous philanthropist. He donated millions of dollars to educational institutions and other charitable causes. He was a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America and the Salvation Army. He also established the Donald Douglas Foundation, which continues to support aviation education and research.



Donald Douglas was a true visionary. He had a passion for aviation and he dedicated his life to advancing the field. His aircraft have made a lasting impact on the world and his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.



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