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It's Girls in Aviation Day!



A Women in Aviation International® Event

Saturdays at the WAI conference are full of fun and laughter with the youthful energy of hundreds of girls and young women, courtesy of Girls in Aviation Day. This year, girls aged 8-18, can earn their WAI Aviation Fun patch by participating in over 20 activities from flying an aircraft simulator to exploring the longitude and latitude on a giant moon map. Along with the many STEAM activities, we have hands-on stations to promote aviation maintenance and engineering including basic circuitry, scooter bots, and creating aviation jewelry with mechanical tools.

For the older girls, there will be a college fair offering information about their aviation-focused programs including California Aeronautical University, Central Washington University, Cypress College, Drone Soccer, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Liberty University School of Aeronautics, Saint Louis University, SUU Aviation, United Aviate Academy, Utah Valley University-Aviation Science, and Western Michigan University College of Aviation.

A stellar career panel including **Heather McNevin**, FAA air traffic controller, Cmdr. **Jeanine Menze**, U.S. Coast Guard, **Stacey Rudser**, Frontier Airlines field maintenance vendor representative, Dr. **Jamesa L. Stokes**, NASA materials research engineer, **Renee Wambaugh**, Wheels Up senior talent acquisition partner, and **Claudia Zapata-Cardone**, Latino Pilots Association president, will share their personal aviation journeys and offer advice to the participants.

The girls will have their own luncheon speaker, **Stephanie Chung**, Wheels Up global brand ambassador. And look out for the GIAD attendees this afternoon when they participate in an exciting scavenger hunt in the WAI exhibit hall starting at 1:45 p.m.

GIAD Long Beach could not happen without our generous sponsors and volunteers! Thank you for empowering these young learners through lessons, scholarships, opportunities, and the words of encouragement that girls can do anything!

—**Annie Stikeleather**, WAI 107402, is WAI manager of youth programs.



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Meet our 2023 Pioneers Tonight!

Celebrate this year's WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees—**Nancy Bird**, **Martha and John King**, **Col. Merryl Tengesdal**, USAF (ret.) at **6 p.m.** in **Hall A**. (tickets required)

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“So as women, as men, as people of Color—of other ethnic groups, we have to get out there and have these touch points with people, these kids, to show them that there is a different way.”

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“For all the women here who are not sure if this world has a place for you, I am here to tell you that it does. There is no shortage of opportunity in the world of aviation or the domain of aerospace.”

—Dr. Candace Givens

Educate Yourself About Air Traffic Control

Air traffic control can be mysterious or even intimidating to some aviators. Come and chat with an air traffic controller today from **1:45-2:45 p.m.** in **102 B** to learn the tricks of how to best communicate in the air, as well as ways to increase your safety as you fly in the national airspace system.

As pilots, it can be difficult to understand all that goes into keeping air traffic moving. As a CFI and air traffic controller, **Heather McNevin** likes to teach both groups about the other. This seminar will provide an overview of air traffic system operation. Heather will then sharpen her focus on how delays are managed in the system.

No matter the type of flying you do, Heather can offer operating tips that will help you operate smoothly in the national airspace system. You'll even learn how to check for ATC traffic management initiatives from your phone! Talking with Heather you'll uncover ATC's great mysteries, what it's like being a controller, what her inner monologue is saying when she's controlling, and why you can't always get that shortcut you've requested.

This is an educational seminar that promises something useful for all pilots, from students to ATPs! If you like rock and roll music, want to hear ATC stories, and are interested in learning how to check for traffic constraints from your phone, come hang out for an hour and learn from an expert.



Heather McNevin

—Michelle Graves, WAI 45798

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Visit www.WAIEC.net for more details. This event is being organized by the WAI Riviera, Scandinavia, and Iceland Chapters.

Celebrating 30 Years of Women in Combat Aviation



Caroline "Blaze" Jensen



Jeannie "Tally" Levitt



Regina "Torch" Sabric



Sharon Preszler



Rochelle Kimbrell

Celebrate 30 years of Women in Combat Aviation this afternoon in **101A** at **1:45 p.m.** as Lt. Col. **Caroline "Blaze" Jensen** and her fellow women combat veterans share their stories. The education session panel includes Maj. Gen. **Jeannie "Tally" Leavitt**, USAF chief of safety and one of its first three female fighter pilots. Brig. Gen. **Regina "Torch" Sabric** is currently mobilization assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff for formulating policy supporting air, space, cyberspace, irregular warfare, counter-proliferation, homeland security, and weather operations.

Lt. Col. **Sharon Preszler** was hand-picked as part of the initial cadre of women fighter pilots in the USAF.

She was the first woman to fly the F-16 combat missions. After her military retirement, Sharon went on to fly as a captain with Southwest Airlines. Lt. Col. **Rochelle Kimbrell**, retired from the USAF after 22 years of service. She attended the United States Air Force Academy and graduated from F-16 training to become the first Black American female fighter pilot.

Blaze is a retired combat veteran who was the first female Reserve officer to fly for the USAF Air Demonstration Squadron (Thunderbirds) and the first woman to qualify to fly in the new T-7A Red Hawk. You will also find Blaze at the Texas Women's University booth 602 where the WASP are also represented, and she serves on the board of directors.

—**Mary Woolf**, WAI 45799



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Explore Corporate Aviation Careers

EXHIBITOR SPOTLIGHT

During yesterday's interactive panel, corporate aviation experts shared their experiences and answered questions. The education session was moderated by **Kimberly Kissh**, a corporate aviation professional currently working for a corporate flight department as a Gulfstream 550 pilot.



Panelists at yesterday's Corporate Aviation Career session

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Pearls with Purpose

"My youngest daughter Jerica LOVED dresses. At the age of six she was asked to be the flower girl in her cousin's wedding. She was given a beautiful purple dress to wear, which she absolutely loved. Over time she outgrew it. Running a non-profit I encouraged her to donate it so someone else could benefit from it. She reluctantly agreed and off the dress went to the Philippines. That was a beginning," said Wendy Bird, founder, Pearls with Purpose.



Today, Wendy has established Pearls With Purpose (booth 556) in Kenya, the Dominican Republic, and Peru—manufacturing jewelry in seven countries and empowering 680 women artisans with training and education that helps them to break the cycle of poverty in their families. That is their unique spin on micro-enterprise.

As the on the ground trainer she has witnessed first hand that everyone has a desire to contribute back to self, family and community regardless of their culture, ethnicity or education.

The career panel featured **Kel-lie Young**, Gulfstream G600 captain and NBAA top 40 under 40; **Emily White**, Wheels Up operations data and tech analysis senior specialist; and **Viviana Kozin**, Priester Aviation chief operating officer, who detailed how the aviation industry helps or hurts work/life balance, and what a typical (or not so typical) day looks like. Their information helped attendees understand how to make corporate aviation a good career path.

In celebration of Women in Corporate Aviation's 30th anniversary, WCA hosted brunch and networking event on Friday morning. WCA had its first meeting at the WAI Conference in 1993, and its core members have grown the organization to thousands of members across the globe. The non-profit organization offers a networking hub, scholarships, and highlights role models and leaders in the profession. For more information on WAC, visit www.WCA-Intl.org.

—Mary Woolf, WAI 45799

—Amy Laboda, WAI 14

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Mia Price, student at Florida Tech, and secretary of WAI Space Coast Chapter

"I came to WAI2023 with my executive board. I'm so happy to see so many women in aviation. It seriously surprised me because at school it feels like there are not that many women in aviation. But here at WAI2023, you see them."

Alice Nguyen, Seattle, WA, Project Manager for Boeing

"I'm learning a lot from other people's stories, and how they overcome challenges."

April Blair, Melbourne, FL

"This is the second conference I've attended. I enjoy the education sessions and networking. The presenters are so knowledgeable."

Jamie Gotto, St. Louis, MO

"I'm a private pilot and a university professor, but this year I came as a chaperone. Wow! This conference is really big, and there are so many diverse companies. I'm enjoying seeing all these opportunities."

Jenny Charron, Detroit, MI

"I'm getting so much information and had the chance to talk with dispatchers which is great for me, a pilot. I'm surprised at how relaxed this conference is compared to other aviation conferences! I enjoy talking to all the different people here."

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General Session

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Girls in Aviation Day Long Beach Program

For girls ages 8-18 and chaperones

8 a.m.-3 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

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Pioneer Hall of Fame Ceremony & Celebration Dinner

6-8 p.m. • Hall A

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SATURDAY,
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Seaside meeting rooms

Visit WAI.org/2023-industry-hiring-events for all the details.

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Industry Briefings

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Authors Connect

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The Authors Connect booth is located in the Exhibit Hall,
Hall B.

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Merryl Tengesdal

*Shatter the Sky: What Going to the
Stratosphere Taught Me about Self-
Worth, Sacrifice, and Discipline*



Robin Kardon

Flygirl; Angel Flight; Flying Home



12:00-1:30 p.m.

Graciela Tiscareño-Sato

*Taking Flight with Captain Mama/
Despegando con Capitán Mamá
(third in Picture Book trilogy)*

Erin Miller

*Final Flight, Final Fight: My
Grandmother, the WASP, and
Arlington National Cemetery &
What Grandma Did*



1:30-3:00 p.m.

Julie Clark

Nothing Stood in Her Way



Victoria Yeager

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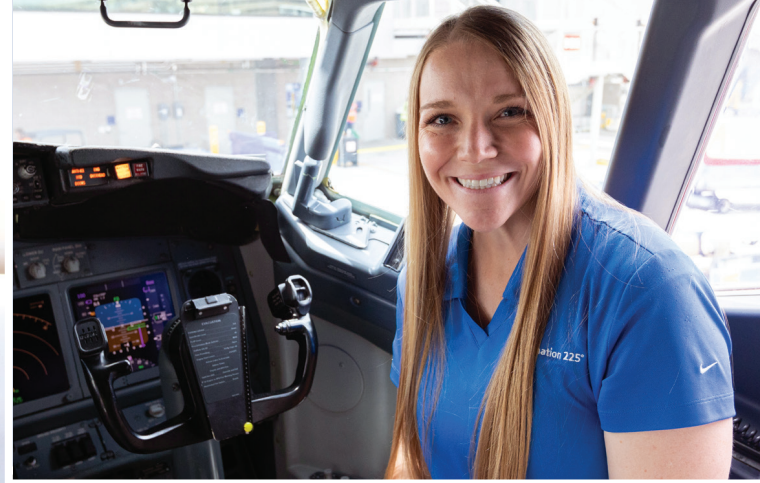
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