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May 2026

Help WAI Honor The WASP This Memorial Day

Each Memorial Day weekend, Women in Aviation International (WAI) comes together to remember and honor a remarkable group of trailblazers—the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). Now in its ninth year, the Honor The WASP initiative invites WAI chapters, members, families, and friends to pay tribute at the final resting places of these pioneering aviators.

To support this important mission, WAI has partnered with Texas Woman's University to create and maintain a comprehensive database of WASP gravesites across the United States. Every known resting place has been carefully identified, recorded in a master spreadsheet, and plotted on an interactive Google Map. As new information becomes available, this living document is continually updated to ensure no WASP is forgotten.

During Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2026, WAI members are encouraged to visit a WASP gravesite near them and leave a meaningful remembrance—flowers, a small flag, or another appropriate tribute. WAI also provides a commemorative tag that members may print and place at each gravesite, helping to share the story of the WASP with future generations.

This event is a meaningful and accessible chapter activity and a wonderful way to involve family members and friends. Whether visiting a nearby cemetery or traveling to a specific site, participants help preserve the legacy of the more than 1,000 women who served our country as military pilots during World War II.

Members are encouraged to document their visits and share photos on social media using #HonorTheWASP, amplifying awareness and celebrating the collective impact of the WAI community nationwide.

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[Honor The WASP event info](#)

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Harvard Class of 2026 Ready to Attend On Campus Emerging Leaders Program

Congratulations to the WAI Harvard Emerging Leaders Class of 2026 with 30 members receiving scholarships to attend an on-campus three-day professional development program hosted by WAI and conducted by Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education. This year in addition to the May 12-14 on campus program in Cambridge, Massachusetts, two additional online classes will be held June 2-4 and November 4-6.

Harvard Women in Leadership 2027 scholarship applications will open June 1,



The Women in Leadership program for Emerging Leaders included 30 WAI members in the Class of 2025.

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Congratulations to all the recipients!
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Harvard Emerging Leaders 2026 Cohort

[WAI To Support Canadian Women in Aviation Conference](#)

Learn about WAI programs, resources, and the chapter network during #CWIA this month, May 11-14 in Montreal, Quebec, at the Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us for four unforgettable days of learning, connecting, inspiring, and fun!



May 11-14, 2026 | Montreal, Quebec



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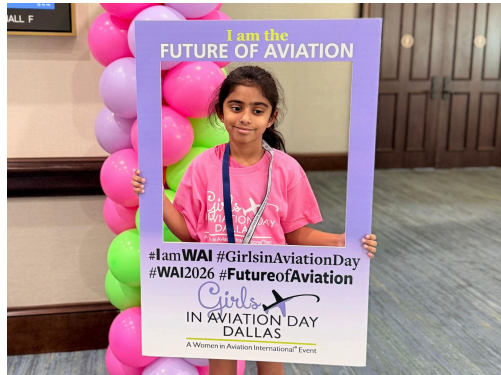
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GIAD events spark curiosity through hands-on STEM activities, static aircraft displays, and role models who show youth what's possible. Our signature pink GIAD Activity Kits, packed with STEAM resources, plant the seeds of future careers and early allies.



Every event helps close the industry's gender gap and strengthen tomorrow's workforce. Hosts like you make it happen.

Ready to inspire your community? Register your 2026 GIAD event: <https://bit.ly/GIAD26Registration>



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Job descriptions are detailed at [WAI Jobs Connect](https://wai.org/jobs-connect). Apply by May 14, 2026.

WAI's Global Access Program (GAP) Opens Doors for Aviation's Next Generation

At WAI, we believe your passion for aviation shouldn't be grounded by where you live or what you earn. That's why we're proud to spotlight the Global Access Program (GAP)—a meaningful step forward in making WAI membership accessible to aviation professionals and students around the world.

Through GAP, membership dues are automatically adjusted to reflect regional economic conditions—no application, no extra steps. Members joining from a GAP-eligible country simply sign up at a locally aligned rate: \$19 for Individual members and \$13 for Student members. Renewing members in GAP regions will see the updated rate on invoices issued after April 1.

What makes this especially meaningful is how it started: seeded by personal contributions from WAI's own Board of Directors—a powerful signal that this organization puts its money where its mission is.

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about joining? Share this with them.

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The Global Access Program (GAP) is an initiative designed to expand access to WAI membership across diverse economic environments worldwide.

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The new [WAI Help Center](#) is now available, making it easier than ever to find the information you need. You can browse by topic, explore the most popular questions, or simply type your question to receive an instant response. Whether you are looking for membership details, events, scholarships, or resources, the WAI Help Center guides you quickly to the right place. This is also Skye’s new home base, bringing everything together in one convenient space to better support you.

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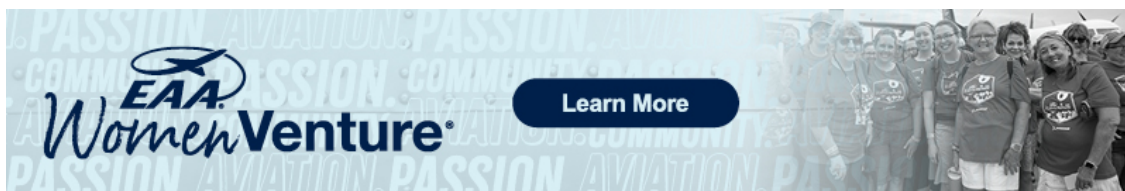
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We are excited to launch monthly virtual meetups for our WAI Together members, taking place every last Friday of the month. These one-hour sessions are an opportunity for members to connect, share, and network.

Download the free **WAI Together app** to connect with the WAI community!

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VIRTUAL MEETUPS & EVENTS

We are pleased to share these special dates:

- **March 18, 2026** – Special Video from Lynda Coffman, CEO of Women in Aviation International
- **March 27, 2026** – How to Find a Mentor and How to Be One
- **April 24, 2026** – From Student to Professional: Navigating Your First Aviation Role
- **May 29, 2026** – Wellness in Aviation: Managing Stress, Fatigue, and Work Life Balance
- **June 26, 2026** – Leadership at Every Level: You Do Not Need a Title to Lead
- **July 31, 2026** – Financial Confidence for Aviation Professionals
- **August 28, 2026** – Innovation in Aviation: *How Technology is Shaping the Future*
- **September 25, 2026** – Breaking Barriers: *Women in Non-Traditional Aviation Roles*
- **October 30, 2026** – Resilience in Aviation: *Thriving in Uncertain Operational Environments*
- **November 20, 2026** – Gratitude in Action: *Celebrating Wins and Recognizing Those Who Lift Us*
- **December 18, 2026** – Year in Review & Vision Forward: *Setting Intentions for 2027*

Speakers to be announced. Dates subject to change.

Meetups held at 8 AM & 12 PM EST

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Upcoming Events

The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events.

2026

May 11-14 - Canadian Women in Aviation Conference, Montreal, Canada. Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel. www.cwia.ca

May 12-14 - WAI Harvard Emerging Leaders 2026 Professional Development On Campus

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