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Girls in Aviation Day 2026 Continues to Impact Youth Attendees!

Women in Aviation International's 12th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day was celebrated around the world on September 19, 2026, sparking an interest in aviation for youngsters. Approximately four additional events are planned for later this month.

This year, WAI chapters and corporate members will share their love of aviation at 200 events in 28 countries and 69 international events at airports, FBOs, museums, and hangars throughout the United States, Europe, Africa, and Asia. More than 30,000 attendees will be introduced to the career and lifestyle possibilities in aviation and aerospace through meeting female role models, career panels, and visits to airplanes and airports

Girls IN AVIATION DAY
A Women in Aviation International® Event



GIAD WAI UNO Maverick Chapter, Omaha, NE



panels, and visits to airplanes and airports.

Attendees explore hands-on fun and educational activities ranging from a sectional chart scavenger hunt, to making a tailwheel airplane, and learning about aircraft engines and avionics with maintenance technicians.



GIAD WAI Connecticut Chapter, Windsor Locks, CT



GIAD WAI Ireland Chapter, Shannon, Co. Clare

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Registration is Open—Join Us in Savannah for WAI2027!

Have you registered yet? Join thousands of aviation and aerospace professionals, industry leaders, and future aviators for the 38th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference —three unforgettable days of education, networking, inspiration, and career opportunities.

February 25-27, 2027 | Savannah Convention Center | Savannah, Georgia

NEW for WAI2027: You must complete conference registration to receive WAI group rates at one of the 15 select hotels.

Tell a friend and register now for early bird pricing—visit wai.org/2027-conference for all the details.

Register for WAI2027 in Savannah





Help Us Lift Girls Everywhere

As we reflect on the success of the 12th anniversary of Girls in Aviation Day, we are reminded that removing the barriers for women to enter careers in aviation and aerospace doesn't start or stop with a one-day event. WAI provides year-long educational resources to girls around the

world—including many in rural, underserved, and first-generation communities—where a career in aviation once felt out of reach.

Every gift, big or small, helps us on our mission to lift every girl, everywhere. Join us by donating today.



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Are You a New WAI Member?

Join the Q4 New Member Welcome on Friday, October 2, for an hour-long information session to connect, learn benefits, and start your journey. This virtual session is designed especially for new WAI members who have joined within the past 90 days. During this interactive session, you'll meet new members, connect with WAI leaders, and learn how to make the most of your membership from day one. Register for either Session 1 from 7-8 a.m. EDT or Session 2 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. EDT. Welcome aboard!

Register for WAI New Member Welcome: Q4 Session 1

Register for WAI New Member Welcome: Q4 Session 2





Welcome New Official WAI Chapters!

Congratulations to the following Women in Aviation Chapters on becoming official!

- Farmingdale State College
- Southwest Florida

Welcome New Provisional WAI Chapter!

We also welcome our newest provisional chapter joining the WAI network, Stephen F. Austin State University.

WAI chapters are the heartbeat of our organization, creating local communities where members can connect, mentor one another, and turn their passion for aviation into lasting friendships and career opportunities. To find a chapter near you, visit the WAI website's chapter directory at https://www.wai.org/chapters/

Lead the Market in 2027 — Download the Media Kit!

Secure your 2027 WAI advertising program now. By planning early, your company can lock in prime print and digital placements, boost your brand visibility, and set your campaigns up for maximum impact with WAI's 20,000 members around the world.



Download the 2027 WAI Media Kit

Download the 2027 WAI Media Kit for print and digital advertising options in *Aviation for Women* and *Aviation for Girls* magazines, plus monthly Connect eNewsletters and the WAI website. WAI Corporate members receive a 10% discount on all ad rates.

Email Kelly Murphy, director, communications and education, with

communications and education, with questions or for more information.

Review the Media Kit

Mentor Connect Has a New Home!

Great mentoring relationships deserve great tools! After four years of connecting WAI mentors and mentees on Guider, we're moving Mentor Connect to a new platform this fall (powered by Thrive), built to help you get even more out of every conversation.

Want a guided tour? Join our live walkthrough on **Tuesday, November 10, at 11 a.m. ET (U.S.)** and learn how to:

- Pick up right where you left off by signing in and refreshing your profile
- Make every session count with Content Packs that guide your conversations
- Set goals that matter to you and track how far you've grown
- Get recognized for your commitment with new rewards for mentors and mentees

We'll save time at the end for your questions, so come curious! All current Mentor Connect participants are welcome. Can't join live? Sign up anyway and we'll send you the recording afterward.



Save My Seat for the Mentor Connect User Update

Become a Mentor

WAI2026 Education Session Recordings — Still Available!

Missed WAI2026, or want to revisit your favorite sessions? Now you can watch the conference's top education sessions anytime, anywhere.

These member-only recordings are organized into curated, topic-focused bundles—from career pathways and military aviation to leadership and resilience—so you can dive into exactly what matters to you. Packages are available now on the WAI website.

Did you attend WAI2026? Check your inbox for your special promo code and unlock discounted pricing today!



Select a package of WAI2026 Education Sessions and be inspired!

Browse Packages Here

Have You Heard the Recent WAI On Air Podcast Episode?

Discover a world-class podcast that informs, inspires, and educates - WAI On Air. Each episode will take you behind the scenes of the aviation/aerospace world to meet the remarkable women shaping its future.

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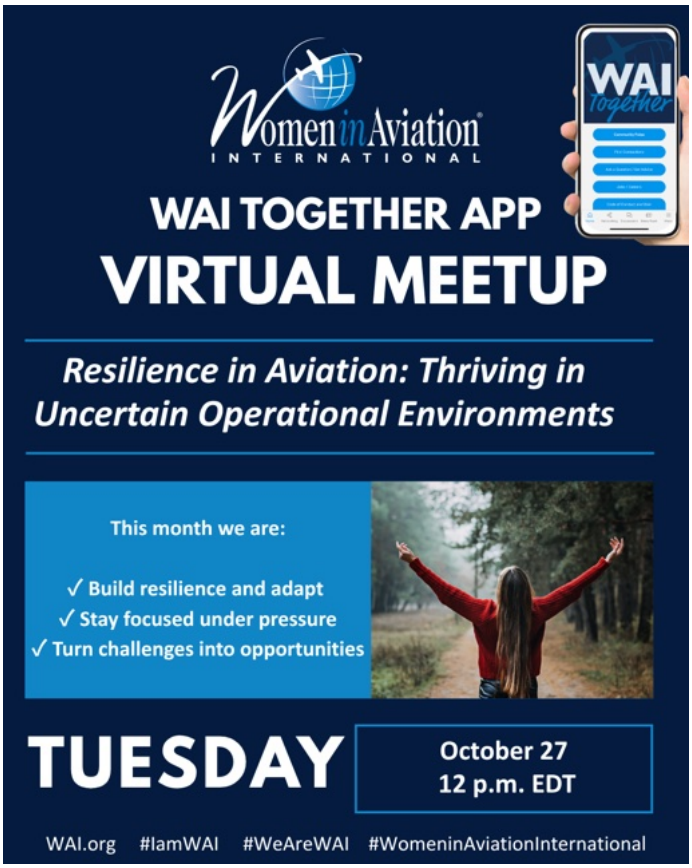
Join WAI Together Monthly Virtual Meetup on October 27 at Noon EDT

Topic: Resilience in Aviation: Thriving in Uncertain Operational Environments
Date: Tuesday, October 27 at 12 p.m. EDT Virtual

Discover the stories and strategies of women who are excelling in aviation roles that are often underrepresented. This session will highlight challenges, successes, and practical tips for pursuing non-traditional career paths in aviation. Learn how to overcome obstacles, seize opportunities, and inspire the next generation of women to reach new heights in every area of the industry.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions directly during the event.

Join WAI Together here: WAI Together - Women in Aviation International
Our virtual meetups take place on the last Tuesday of every month.
Download our free WAI Together app to join the conversation and get access to the meetup.



Register for the October Event

Join WAI Together

Upcoming Events

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

2026

October 20-22: NBAA-BACE, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada NBAA.org

October 27: WAI Together Virtual Meetup - Resilience in Aviation: Thriving in Uncertain Operational Environments on WAI Together

November 4-6: NGPA's 2026 Aviation Inclusion Summit, ALPA's Valo Park, McLean, Virginia NGPA.org

November 6: 20th Annual Aviation Education & Career Expo, Rider Jet Center at Hagerstown Regional Airport, Hagerstown, Maryland ParagonAviationGroup.com/aviation-education-career-expo/

2027

February 25-27: 38th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, Savannah Convention Center, Savannah, Georgia WAI.org/2027-conference



"Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women."
-Maya Angelou

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