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Registration is Open—Join Us in Savannah for WAI2027!

Mark your calendars—the 38th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference is heading to Savannah, Georgia, and registration is officially open!

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

Join thousands of aviation and aerospace professionals, industry leaders, and future aviators for an unforgettable three days of networking, inspiration, education, and career opportunities. WAI2027 will feature:

- **Education sessions** covering the topics shaping our industry today
- **Professional development seminars** to help you grow your career
- **Scholarship awards** providing members with financial support to pursue their aviation/aerospace dreams
- **Keynote speakers** sharing insight and inspiration from across aviation and aerospace
- **The Pioneer Hall of Fame ceremony and celebration**, honoring the trailblazers who paved the way
- **A busy exhibit hall** connecting you with top employers and organizations
- **Girls in Aviation Day Savannah** educating hundreds of local youth with hands-on activities
- **Countless ways to connect, engage, and inspire** with fellow aviation professionals from around the world

Don't wait — register now and secure your spot in beautiful Savannah!

Register for WAI2027

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WAI2027
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Scholarship Applications Due TODAY!

WAI is offering 80+ scholarships worth over $400,000—and applications close **tonight, September 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

Interested in aerospace engineering, dispatch, flight training, UAS, or leadership development? Current members can apply for up to three scholarships. Applicants must be WAI members by August 30, 2026, or hold a membership expiring March 30, 2027, or later.

Don't wait—apply before the deadline!

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Countdown to Girls in Aviation Day Events!

Girls IN AVIATION DAY
A Women in Aviation International® Event

Be part of Women in Aviation International's 12th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day on September 19, 2026, and help spark that interest in aviation for youngsters around the world.

Nearly 200 events are planned 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. Attendees will also explore hands-on fun and educational activities ranging from sectional chart scavenger hunt, to making a tailwheel airplane, and learning about aircraft engines and avionics with maintenance technicians.

Thank you to Girls in Aviation Day 2026 supporters!
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GIAD2026 Resources for Event Hosts

Find Your Local GIAD2026 Event

Help Us Lift Girls Everywhere

Last month we launched our six-month campaign—Lift Every Girl, Everywhere—building toward #GivingTuesday on December 1, 2026. In 2025, our Aviation for Girls programs reached more than 45,000 youth across 85 countries, including many in rural, underserved, and first-generation communities where a career in aviation once felt out of reach.

As members of WAI, you likely know that only 6% of technical aviation workers are women—and that number hasn't moved much in decades. We've found that aviation's gender gap starts in childhood. Women in Aviation International is changing what girls believe is possible for their futures, one runway at a time.

Your support keeps that reach growing by funding the app, access to mentors, Girls in Aviation Day events, and the year-round programming that tell a girl: this is for you.

Give today and help us Lift Every Girl, Everywhere.

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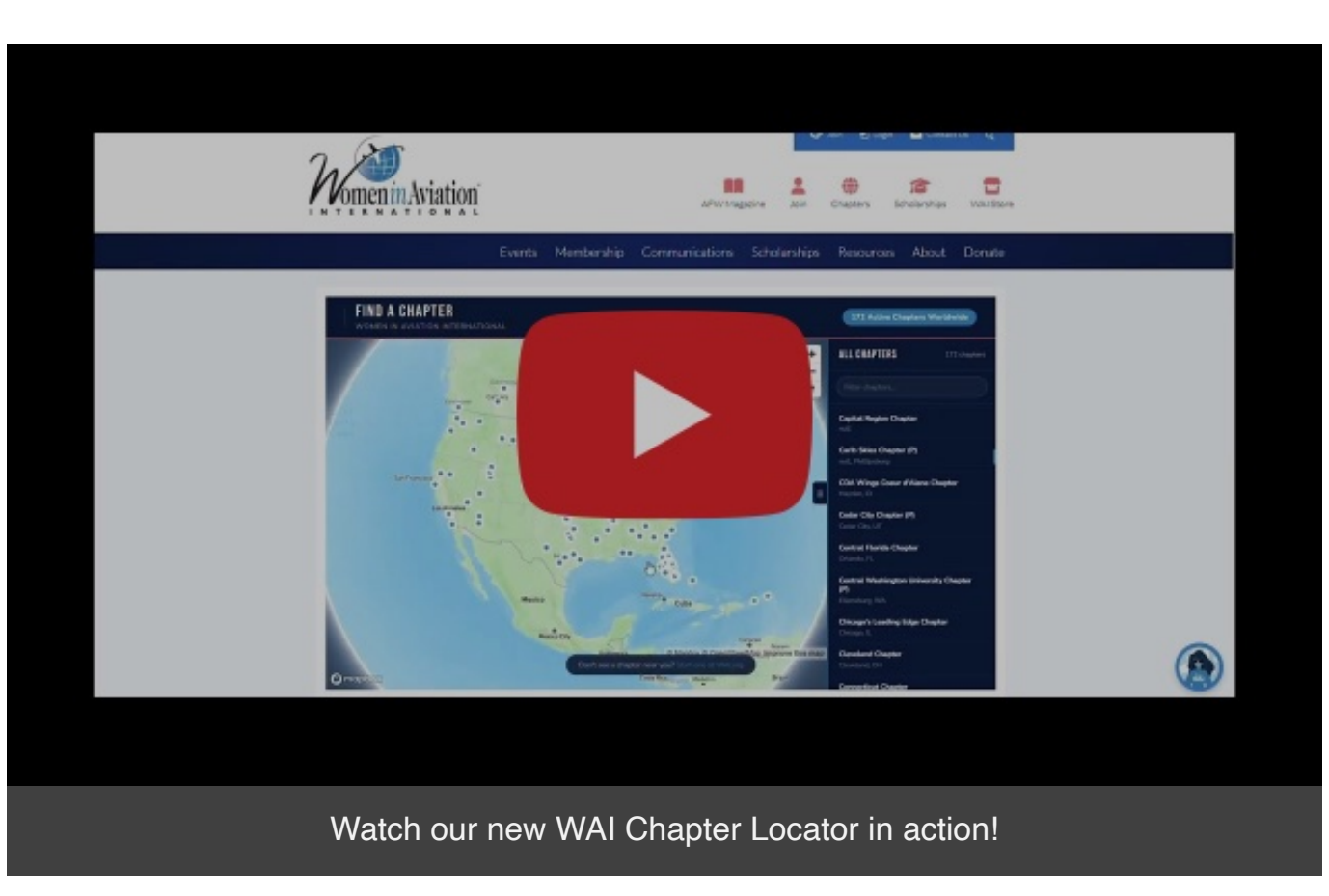
Check Out the New WAI Chapter Locator

Finding a WAI chapter is easier than ever! With our new, interactive map you can view WAI chapters around the world. Simply search by country, city, state, or turn on your web browser's location services to locate a chapter near you.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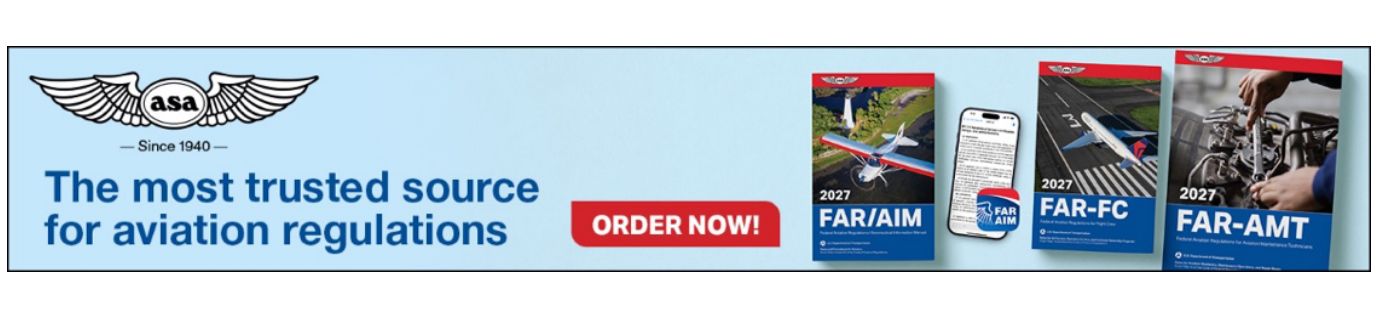
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- GEAR-UK (London)
- Japan
- Mountain State (WV)
- Mzansi/South Africa
- NCAT Zaria (Nigeria)

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/

We Value Your Experience: Become a Mentor

Mentors are a critical part of WAI's Mentor Connect program. Every connection, every "aha" moment, every career turning point in this program traces back to a member who chose to share their time and experience. Today, more than 1,400 WAI members across every corner of the aviation and aerospace industry, from every region of the globe, are part of this community—and it keeps growing because members like you keep saying YES.

Becoming a mentor means passing forward the guidance and open doors that helped shape your own career. Sign up today and help keep WAI's network of support thriving, one connection at a time.

Become a mentor through WAI Mentor Connect

Become a Mentor

WAI2026 Education Session Recordings are Available!

Missed WAI2026? For the first time ever you can watch it on your own time from anywhere in the world!

This new, member-only benefit provides access to recordings of the conference's education sessions into curated, topic-focused bundles—from career pathways and military aviation to leadership and resilience—so you can revisit the sessions that matter most to you, anytime and anyplace. Packages are now available for purchase on the WAI website.

Did you attend WAI2026? Check your inbox—an email containing a special promo code for discounted pricing is available!

Select a package of WAI2026 Education Sessions and be inspired!

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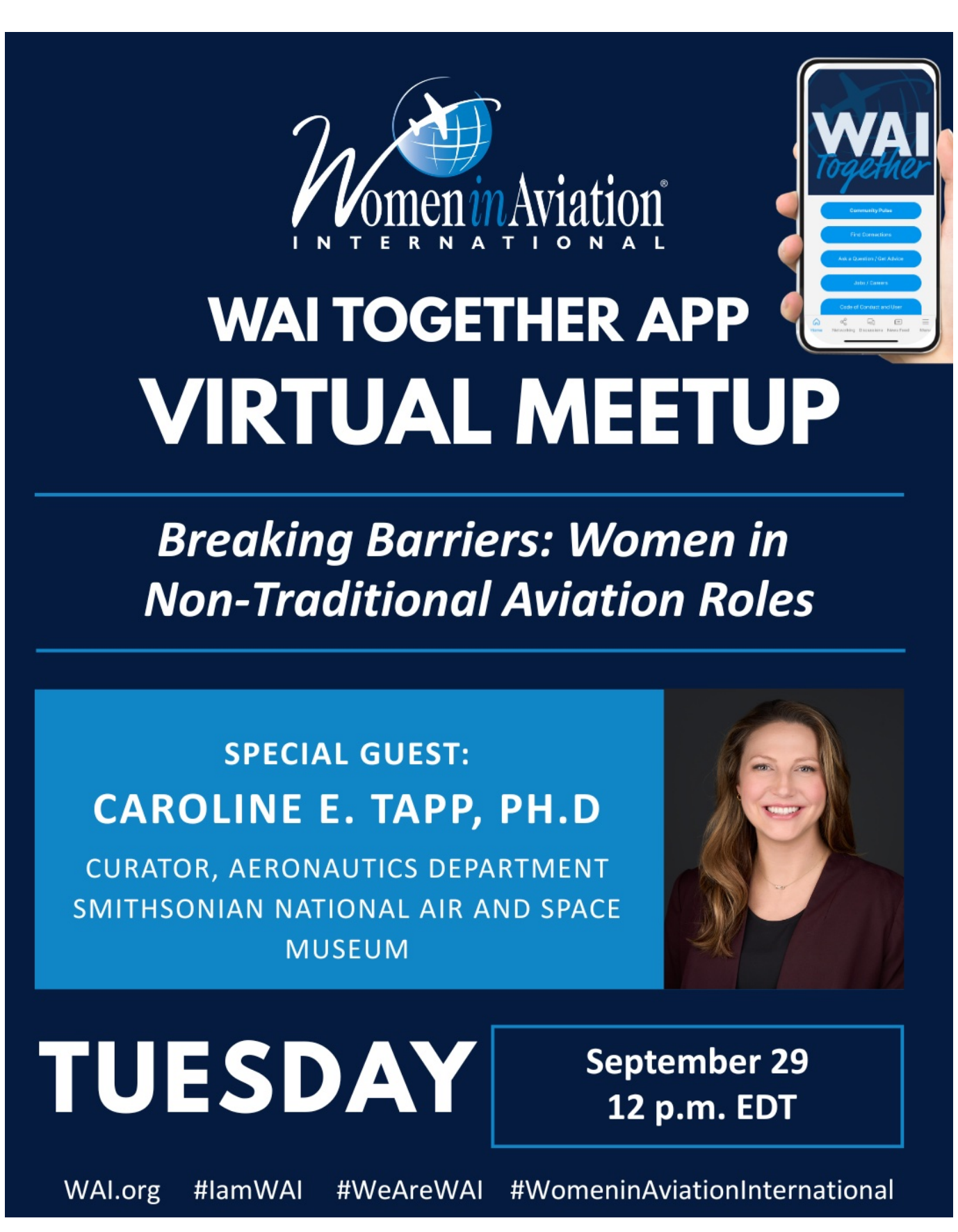
Join WAI Together Monthly Virtual Meetup on September 29 at Noon EDT

Topic: Innovation in Aviation: Breaking Barriers: Women in Non-Traditional Aviation Roles
Date: Tuesday, September 29 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.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Upcoming Events

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

2026
September 17-18: 2026 LPA Aerospace Industry Expo, Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, Florida LPA-AERO.org Sign up to volunteer at our booth here.

September 19: 12th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day wai.org/giad

September 29: WAI Together Virtual Meetup- **Breaking Barriers: Women in Non-Traditional Aviation Roles** on WAI Together

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

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

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