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Message from WAI

Happy Holidays from the WAI Team



The WAI staff is grateful for the support of our more than 16,000 members around the world. Please stay safe and healthy during this 2022 holiday season, and enjoy this special time with family and friends. (Photo credit: Mike Ullery)



California Dreamin' at WAI2023!

During our annual three-day gathering, learn about a wide variety of interesting topics by attending education sessions, personal and professional development seminars, as well as training and education workshops. All will be scheduled during the [34th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, February 23-25, 2023, in Long Beach,](#)



[California.](#)

[Check here for more online registration information.](#)

Learn more about [professional development seminars](#), [local tours](#), and [industry briefings](#).

[Room blocks](#) are filling fast. There are a variety of hotels at nearby locations to the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center. Take advantage of special conference pricing. Discounted rates will sell out. Visit [WAI.org/2023-conference-hotels](https://www.wai.org/2023-conference-hotels) for details.



Visit Southern California February 23-25, 2023, to experience the [unique WAI2023 conference](#), and learn why our theme is *connect. engage. inspire.*





**PIONEER
HALL of FAME**

2023



NANCY BIRD



MARTHA &
JOHN KING



COL. MERRYL
TENGEDAL
USAF (RET.)

Congratulations to [Nancy Bird](#), [Martha & John King](#), and [Col. Merryl Tengesdal USAF \(ret.\)](#), for being selected by WAI for the 2023 International Pioneer Hall of Fame. These

trailblazers will be honored at WAI2023 during a ceremony and celebration on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the Long Beach Convention Center. To learn more about each the 2023 inductees visit [pioneers](#).

More WAI Scholarships!

Thanks to a generous grant, Women in Aviation International will announce additional Spring 2023 scholarships in January 2023.

These new opportunities for WAI members will focus on professional development for young professionals, as well as international educational offerings.

Be sure to visit [WAI.org/scholarships](https://www.wai.org/scholarships) in the New Year for all the details!



All winners of the WAI2023 scholarships will be notified by December 25, 2022. WAI looks forward to awarding 112 scholarships valued at \$679,730 during our annual conference February 23-25, 2023.

Help Change the Face of Aviation

It's not merely a motto for WAI, it's a mindset. Connecting, engaging, and inspiring women as they venture into the diverse and exciting aviation/aerospace industry is our passion and purpose for existence. Consider an [advertising plan](#) for your company or organization next year by booking space in WAI's official publications *Aviation for Women* and *Aviation for Girls* magazines. There are various print and digital options to get your message out to our more than 16,000 members around the world.



The [2023 Media Kit](#) is your guide to creating an advertising program that best fits your company's goals to support WAI's mission.

2023 Media Kit



Chapter News

We're all better together. Every month through 2022, the officers and leaders for all the WAI chapters across the network are invited to participate in a monthly webinar focusing on topics to help us manage and grow our chapters, as well as to serve our chapter members. Watch the Chapter Leader Facebook page, the WAI Connect newsletter, and the [WAI Chapter Resources page](#) for registration links monthly.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS MONTH'S CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONNECT!

December 9, 2022 - (1 p.m. EST)

Topic: Establishing A Dynamic Program of Events for Your Chapter

[Register here.](#)

Thinking about starting a WAI Chapter? Have questions about WAI Chapters? [Email Jessi Rowden](#), WAI chapter relations manager!



Establish a dynamic program of events for your chapter! What is the first question from everyone when you start telling them about your chapter? "What does your chapter do?" AND you'd better have a good answer! With a little pre-planning, you'll be all set for an awesome year with a dynamic, fun, and growing WAI chapter.

[Register](#) for this December 9 webinar [here](#).

Want to Volunteer to Beta Test Mentor Connect 2023?

WAI will be completely revamping our Mentor Connect program in 2023, and we need your help! We're looking for volunteers across all the industry segments and throughout the world to help us prioritize features and functionality and iron out the wrinkles in the program as we develop it.

Are you interested in volunteering to be on the Mentor Connect 2023 Beta Test team?



If so, please visit this link and join the team:

<https://bit.ly/BetaTestMentorConnect2023>



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- Do you love aviation and STEM?
- Do you want to learn more about living your aviation passion?
- Are you interested in finding out more about scholarships in aviation?

We have a free WAI membership for you!

Join for free here and learn about all the resources and benefits at WAI.org/membership-information



Upcoming Events

*The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events. Events marked with * are WAI events that we sponsor, exhibit, or partner.*

Interested in volunteering to help at events where WAI is participating? [Email Rorie Ainbinder, Chapter Relations Specialist](#), to sign up.

2023

***January 24-26** - Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference, Music City Center, Nashville, Tennessee, www.NBAA.org

February 9-12 - NGPA Winter Warm-Up, Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel, Palm Springs, California, www.NGPA.org

***February 23-25** - 34th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, Long Beach, California, www.WAI.org/2023-conference

Member Benefits

[WAI members](#) seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! We invite you to take advantage of exclusive discount programs, including many diverse benefits, available to our valued members.

[Exclusive Discount Programs for Members](#)

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"We are not interested in the possibilities of defeat; they do not exist."
-Queen Victoria

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