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Plan A Memorable Memorial Day *Honor The Trailblazing WASP*

For the eighth year, WAI chapters and members will visit the graves of the pioneering Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) and leave an appropriate flower, flag, or note during Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26.

WAI provides a [commemorative #HonorTheWASP tag](#) that can be printed and used by everyone to add to each gravesite Memorial Day tribute. This event is a wonderful WAI chapter activity and can involve family members and friends. Post and share photos on social media using the hashtag #HonorTheWASP. For more information and a database of WASP graves at cemeteries across the United States can be found at www.WAI.org/events/wai-honor-the-wasp.

[Find a WASP gravesite near you](#)[Watch our #HonorTheWASP video](#)





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Plan a Girls in Aviation Day on Saturday, September 20, 2025!

Continue to grow our worldwide Girls in Aviation Day by organizing an event at your local airport, FBO, or aviation museum. All WAI Chapters and Corporate Members are invited to register their event. WAI provides resources and guidelines [here](#).

Supporting WAI's [11th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day](#) is a unique opportunity to promote your company to thousands of aviation enthusiasts worldwide and show your support of Women in Aviation International. Our GIAD partners provide much needed resources to guarantee the success of our Aviation for Girls STEM education program. For more information



about GIAD 2025 Sponsorship Opportunities
[fill out this form](#).

Participate in WAI's [11th Annual International Girls
in Aviation Day](#) on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

[Register your GIAD 2025 event here](#)

[Fill out this form for GIAD 2025 Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

Join the EACH ONE REACH ONE Membership Campaign

Be inspired by WAI CEO Lynda Coffman's request to bring one new friend to the WAI community. If each member encourages a friend, daughter, niece, or male ally to join our collective strength as a non-profit organization, WAI will continue to reach new heights. Please be a part of our EACH ONE REACH ONE campaign.



Help grow our membership and invite a friend to join our WAI community.

[Each One Reach One videos](#)

WAI and Harvard University Welcome 30 Emerging Leaders

This month, WAI will welcome 30 female members to the Class of 2025 *Harvard Emerging Leaders* program May 13-15 at Harvard University's on-campus professional development program in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A fourth day of training will be held virtually on June 23.

Meet the Class of 2025 participants by scanning the QR code.



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Turn Up the Fun at the 51st Annual SUN 'n FUN

Daily Women Shine SUN 'n FUN radio shows during the week of April 1, 2025, featured interviews with WAI members representing various career interests.

WAI also partnered with SUN 'n FUN for the Women ACES breakfast and Olivia Lisbon, WAI member relations coordinator, hosted Sunrise Zumba.



Amazon Air representatives Kayle Bott (L) and Tori Cox (R) talked about their Lakeland, Florida, operations with Kelly Murphy, WAI Director of Communications.

[Listen to the Women Shine radio shows](#)

Bring Your Conversations with Members to WAI Together! 🚀

We are proud to announce the launch of our brand-new member discussion platform, [WAI Together!](#)

This innovative platform is designed to enable members to connect, share insights, discuss key topics, and expand their networks within a user-friendly, dynamic environment.

[WAI Together](#) allows members to interact one-on-one, exchange valuable aviation and aerospace knowledge, and foster meaningful relationships within the WAI community. The platform mirrors popular social networking tools like WhatsApp and Facebook groups, creating a familiar yet professional space for collaboration.

How to Join:

1. Be a current WAI member
2. Scan the QR code
3. Log in to your account, update your profile, and start connecting today!

For questions, contact: membership@wai.org or comms@wai.org



Connect Year-Round With WAI TOGETHER

- Our new member discussion app allows members to interact one-on-one, exchange valuable knowledge, and foster meaningful relationships within the WAI community.
- Only available to WAI Members!
- Scan the QR code and log in.



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[Watch WAI Together video](#)

16- to 18-Year Old Members—Don't Miss a WAI Minute—Upgrade to Student Membership Today

Beginning May 1, 2025, all current Junior members of Women in Aviation International who are over the age of 15 will be upgraded to a Student Membership. To continue enjoying the benefits of your membership, please ensure to pay the invoice that will be sent to you. Rest assured, you will still have access to the "Aviation for Girls" materials until you turn 19 years old. We look forward to your continued participation and enthusiasm in our community!



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Updates From WAI Membership Team

At the beginning of 2025, WAI moved to a more environmentally sustainable distribution plan and frequency for the *Aviation for Women (AFW)* and *Aviation for Girls (AFG)* magazines delivering each issue (AFW quarterly, AFG annually) digitally by default to Student and Individual members. If Individual or Student members would like to receive a printed copy of AFW, we ask that you "opt-in" for the printed version, which will be delivered at no additional charge until your next renewal date. At your next renewal date, if individual members wish to receive a printed issue of AFW, you'll see a \$20 fee for this membership add-on.

In 2025, WAI is also adding the ability to send communications such as membership renewal reminders, event notifications, and program information via SMS/text message inside the U.S. and Canada.

To opt-in for either text messages or the print version of AFW, simply visit your Member Compass at www.WAI.org/member-compass and

1. Login with your email and password
2. Select "Update Personal Information" *When your membership record appears, double check your contact information and make changes, if necessary, then*
3. Scroll down to the next section labeled "Communication" Select either "Opt-In Text Messaging," or "YES" under "Receive Printed Aviation for Women magazine, or both

If we can assist you with any of these adjustments, please email the membership team at membership@wai.org.

Member Benefits

[WAI members](#) seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! When you join WAI, you'll have access to exclusive discount programs and benefits, including many diverse benefits, available only to our valued members.

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
- **Aviation Medicine Advisory Service:** 5% discount on standard case fees
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- **General Aviation News** subscription: free sample issues and 50% off subscription
- **King Schools:** free package of 5 King courses focused on Risk Management and 20% discount on all King Schools courses
- **MedJetAssist:** reduced annual and multi-year rates

- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products



Upcoming Events

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

2025

May 20-22 - EBACE, Geneva, Switzerland, www.EBACE.aero

May 23-26 - In 2025, WAI will mark the [eighth year of honoring the pioneering Women Airforce Service Pilots \(WASP\) in May](#). Reference [our WASP gravesite location map](#) to plan a visit and leave an appropriate decoration in the form of flowers or other remembrances.

June 2-4 - PAPA Expo 2025, Westgate Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada www.AsianPilots.org

June 10 - WAI Mentor Connect Webinar for registered Mentor Connect users only. Learn about new features, how to make the most of the Mentor Connect Program, and share your feedback with the WAI and Guider team.

June 10-12 - CARIBAVIA, St. Barth www.CARIBAVIA.org

June 16-22 - International Paris Air Show, Le Bourget, France www.Siae.fr/en

July 23 - WAI Connect Breakfast in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, at the Paul H. Poberezny Conference Center (PHP tent) at 8 a.m. during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh July 21-27. [Purchase advance tickets \\$25 online here.](#) www.EAA.org

August 6-8 - OBAP 49th Annual Conference, Tacoma, Washington www.OBAP.org

September 18-19 - LPA Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida www.LatinoPilot.org

September 20 - 11th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day www.WAI.org/giad

2026

March 19-21 - The 37th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, Dallas, Texas (Grapevine) www.WAI.org-2026-conference

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- Florence Nightingale

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