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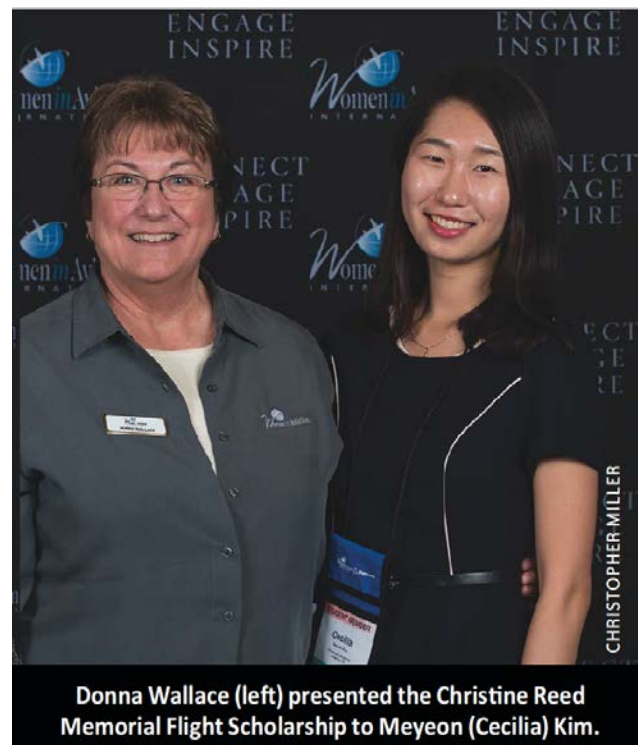
Message from WAI

Don't miss the opportunity to apply for the [2018 Women in Aviation International scholarships](#) totaling \$634,000 in awards. The deadline is less than two weeks away on November 13! There's a scholarship for almost everyone-- from college students through members seeking a mid-life career change. A description of all 111 scholarships, application requirements, online applications, and tips for creating a successful application can be found [here](#).

Check out a new \$1,000 scholarship just added open to a female WAI member from any country, age 18 or older. The [June Bonesteel Certified Flight Instructor Scholarship, sponsored by Aviation First Consulting](#), will be awarded to an individual pursuing a certified flight instructor rating, or to fund one check ride.

Molly Martin, WAI outreach director, and Amy Spowart, WAI 67174 and executive director of the National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF), visited with former NASA astronaut Eileen Collins at the conclusion of the 2017 NAHF enshrinement in Alliance, Texas, on October 28.

WAI engaged with 700 high school students from Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia and West Virginia during the Aviation Education Expo at Leesburg Executive Airport (KJYO) on October 27. Held at ProJet Aviation's corporate hangar, the day-long event featured 70 exhibitors, an aircraft static display, inspirational aviation speakers, and \$206,000 in scholarship awards.



Donna Wallace (left) presented the Christine Reed Memorial Flight Scholarship to Meyeon (Cecilia) Kim.

Donna Wallace, WAI scholarship coordinator, with 2017 winner Meyeon (Cecilia) Kim



WAI staff is ready to meet high school students at the Aviation Education Expo



(l to r) Molly Martin, Eileen Collins, Amy Spowart at the National Aviation Hall of Fame

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Speakers Announced for WAI2018!

Join women from all walks of aviation and aerospace in Reno, Nevada, for the [29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#) featuring a dynamic and inspiring line-up of keynote speakers. Hear Dr. Janet Lapp, Carey Lohrenz, Marily Mora, Janine Shepherd, Nicole Stott, and Shaesta Waiz during our general sessions, and read more about each of these inspiring speakers [here](#). While attending the conference, enjoy [Reno's only AAA Four Diamond Resort, the Peppermill](#), located one mile from the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. Register early and save by [clicking here](#).

New for 2018!

- [Sign-up](#) for the Minute Mentoring session designed for students and young professionals hungry for advice from experienced women who will offer guidance and suggestions.
- Bring your questions and learn more from industry experts in the first "Tapping into the Drone Market" session. This informational session will be open to the public and held on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 7-8:30 p.m.
- Pre-register for [local tours](#) including the Naval Air Station Fallon, home of Top Gun, and take a scenic bus tour of Lake Tahoe and Virginia City.
- [Read the new conference brochure](#) for details on speakers, education and professional development sessions, hotels, registration info and more.
- Learn the [10 reasons](#) to join us in Reno whether it's your first-time attending or your annual gathering with other members, the WAI conference is like no other.

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Member News

Congratulations Laura Miner , WAI Greater Los Angeles Chapter president, for completing her American Airlines Boeing 737 Next Gen Type Rating Scholarship in July 2017!

The memory of Lt. Valerie Cappelaere Delaney , WAI 44548 and Navy fighter pilot, lives on through her charitable [Wings for Val Foundation](#) that has awarded three WAI scholarships to date in her honor. At age 26, Valerie perished on March 11, 2013, when the Navy jet she was piloting crashed in Eastern Washington State during a training mission. On November 4, 2017, at the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C., WASP Florence "Shutsy" Reynolds will be adding her wings to the Wings for Val exhibit and will be accompanied by Erin Miller, granddaughter of WASP Elaine Harmon. The event is free, and [registration is online](#).

Schellon Stanley , WAI 41023, is working with the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association in community partnership with the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission and Atlantic Aviation to celebrate the state's first annual Oklahoma Women in Aviation & Aerospace Day declared in statute as December 9 annually. [Click here](#) for more information.



December 9 is the birthdate of Pearl Carter Scott, a Chickasaw woman from Marlow, Oklahoma, who learned to fly with Wiley Post at the age of 13

Industry News

French pilot [Melanie Astles](#), marked the conclusion of her second season in the Challenger Class, and clinched her first-ever podium with second place at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2016. This year, Melanie at the finale broke through to capture the first win of her career. The triumph marked the first time a woman had ever stood at the top of a Red Bull Air Race podium. Listen to her talk about her flying career [here](#).



Scholarships are a major membership benefit. Laura Miner is a great example!



The Wings for Val Foundation was created to honor the memory of Lt. Valerie Cappelaere Delaney

Southwest Airlines celebrated its [first 'unmanned' flight](#) with an all-female crew on October 18, 2017. The Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft flew from St. Louis, Missouri, to San Francisco, California.



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.

Use Your WAI Benefit to Apply for Scholarships!

Scholarship awards are a major benefit of WAI membership, and help our members reach their goals and advance into the aviation and aerospace careers they have always dreamed about. Applications for the 2018 scholarship program are due by November 13, 2017. This year, members can apply for up to 3 scholarships plus an internship. Check out 111 different scholarships [here](#).

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- Avemco: 5% discount on insurance
- Aviation Medicine Advisory Service: 5% discount on standard case fees
- Enterprise Rental-A-Car: special discount rates with promotion code
- Flying magazine subscription : annual subscription for only \$8.00
- General Aviation News subscription : free sample issues and 50% off subscription
- King Schools: purchase a professional training course and receive a second course at a 50% discount
- MedJetAssist: reduced annual and multi-year rates
- SmithAmundsen: free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- Vistaprint: discounted business cards
- And much more!

[Learn More about Member Discounts](#)

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Featured item: WAI original holiday card

Brighten someone's holiday with a WAI Christmas card.

Start the season off in a festive way with our "Holiday Dreams" card. The message inside reads "May all your holiday dreams come true." And there's plenty of room inside for a heartfelt, handwritten note to all your aviation friends and family. Brighten their holiday with a WAI original.

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2018 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 Outreach Director Molly Martin](#) to sign up.

January 24-27 - [*Sebring U.S. Sport Aviation Expo](#), Sebring, Florida. Dr. Peggy Chabrian will be a forum speaker on Friday, January 26.

February 6-9 - [Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference](#), Long Beach, California.

March 22-24 - [*29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, Nevada

"You are not your body, and you have the choice to create new dreams. Be defined not by what you've lost, but instead by who you are and what you can become."

-- Janine Shepard, from her book Defiant

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