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### Message from WAI

The entire WAI team wish our members a safe and wonderful holiday season filled with special times for family and friends. Your support all during the year for #WomeninAviation activities and programs is appreciated!

As we prepare to wrap-up 2017, we are also counting the days until we see many of you at our annual gathering at the [29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 22-24, 2018](#). We aim to deliver another memorable experience for all attendees.

A few WAI staff and members attended the National Aeronautic Association 2017 Fall Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C., to personally congratulate numerous distinguished recipients who have made significant contributions to aeronautics for many years. Learn more about this prestigious award program and all the winners on [the NAA website](#). Pictured (L to R) Captain Sandy Anderson, Cassandra Bosco, Kelly Murphy, Dr. Peggy Chabrian, Shelly Simi, and Lyndse Costabile.



WAI wishes you a safe and memorable holiday season



At the NAA 2017 Fall Awards Dinner

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## WAI Selects 2018 Pioneer Hall of Fame Inductees

Congratulations to the 2018 inductees of the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame! These three women will be honored at the 29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference [during a ceremony](#) at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center on Saturday, March 24, 2018, starting at 5:00 p.m. Attendees are welcome to continue the celebration during a casual buffet dinner starting at 6:00pm. Please note next year's evening events will be business casual dress.

The 2018 Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees are:

Bonnie Tiburzi Caputo was hired at age 24 as an American Airlines pilot in March 1973. She was the first woman hired by a major airline as a member of the cockpit crew. At American Airlines, she flew as flight engineer, first officer, and captain on the Boeing 727. At the time of her retirement in 1998, she was flying as captain in the Boeing 757/767 on domestic and international routes. Her American Airlines pilot uniform is on display at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

Kathleen Fox began a career as an air traffic controller in 1974 at Transport Canada control towers in Baie-Comeau, Sept-Îles, Saint-Hubert and Montreal-Dorval and at the Montreal Area Control Centre. She assumed more senior positions with Nav Canada where she served as the director of air traffic control services and vice president of operations. In 2014, she was appointed to a four-year term as chair of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada.



Bonnie Tiburzi Caputo



Kathleen Fox

Brigadier General Linda K. McTague retired in 2009 from the United States Air Force having served more than 28 years as both a pilot and aircraft maintenance officer. During her military career, she logged more than 5,900 flight hours in military trainers and VIP transport aircraft and commanded at both the squadron and wing levels. Her final assignment was as the commander of the District of Columbia Air National Guard.



Brigadier General Linda K. McTague (deceased)

The Women in Aviation International Pioneer Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to honor women who have made significant contributions as record setters, pioneers, or innovators. Special consideration is given to individuals or groups who have helped other women be successful in aviation or opened doors of opportunity for other women. Each year, WAI solicits nominations from the aviation industry for the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame.

## Just 31 Days Left to Get Your Special Pioneer Tote Bag!

WAI has the perfect bag to take along on your shopping and traveling adventures! With a minimum \$25 donation to the [2017 Annual Fund](#), you will receive this unique tote bag for FREE! Your financial support helps WAI's endowment and education programs grow.

Want to purchase extra bags as gifts or giveaways? The Pioneer Tote is available for an extra \$15 per bag once you have made your \$25 donation. (Totes mailed to a single address).

Donate [online](#) or call 937-839-4647. [Learn about](#) the 15 female pioneers featured on the bag, and [visit the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame](#) to find out about hundreds more.



100% Cotton Tote, Royal Blue

Size: 15" w x 16" h

## Expanding Aviation Fun Patch

The [American Heritage Girls](#) recently added the [WAI Aviation Fun Patch](#) to its program. Available for girls in grades 4-12, the patch is available to WAI Chapters, Girl Scouts, World Association of Girl Guides, and other club and school organizations, in addition to the American Heritage Girls. The patch program may be adapted to include challenges of varying degrees of difficulty for the different levels.



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Get a behind the scene [tour of the Naval Air Station Fall](#), home of Top Gun, during the WAI2018 conference in Reno.

We'd love to see you in Reno, Nevada for  
#WAI18 March 22-24

### Did you know?

- We have lots of [education sessions](#) during the conference covering a wide variety of topics important to you.
- The [Peppermill Resort](#) is Reno's only AAA Four Diamond Resort.
- Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO) has lots of [flight options](#).
- You can [donate items to the Silent Auction](#) to help fund scholarships.
- Our [conference brochure](#) has all the details on speakers, registration info and much more.
- You can experience the conference first-hand [as a volunteer](#).



Register Online



### Member News

CJ Collins , WAI 150, Shaesta Waiz , WAI 45659, and Jill Meyer, WAI 16138, served as mentors during the speed mentoring session at [ICAO NGAP 2017](#) in Montreal. The Global Summit of the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals was held at ICAO's headquarters from November 27-28, 2017, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to engage and retain future aviation professionals.

Capt. Shannon Jipsen , WAI 2461, marked her flight on the second Boeing 747-8F for UPS with a selfie!

Deborah Baugh , WAI 583 Lifetime, attended the EAA Ultralight Hall of Fame event to congratulate Mary Jones' induction. Mary, WAI 3560, promoted ultralights and light airplanes for decades.



WAI members at ICAO NGAP in Montreal

## Chapter News

Chicago Leading Edge recently gathered members for an annual meeting.

## Industry News

An Embry-Riddle Asia student-led executive committee and volunteers from [Women in Aviation International Singapore chapter](#) recently presented "Women's Role in the Future of Aviation" at the ERC Institute of Singapore. [Read more here](#).

Endeavor Air treated passengers to another pair of "unmanned flights" recently. Thanks to CA Jennifer, FO Amanda, and FAs Char and Donna for delivering excellent services.

The Vaughn College Management Department hosted an open panel discussion called ["Women Exceeding Barriers"](#) featuring six prominent panelists including pilots, managers, and educators. Each guest shared stories of their professional journeys with the main objective to generate student interest in the aviation and airport/airline management industries.

Speakers included Olga Custodio, retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. and retired American Airlines capt., Lillian Dukes, former vice president of Spirit Aerosystem; Erin Egan, New York Police Department detective and pilot; Dr. Maxine Lubner, chair and professor of Vaughn College Management Department; Lysa Scully, general manager of LaGuardia Airport; and Dr. Sharon B. DeVivo, Vaughn College president.



Thanks Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology for sharing this panelists photo



Capt. Shannon Jipsen with her UPS 747-8F



Deborah Baugh and Mary Jones at EAA event



Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter meeting



The Endeavor "unmanned flight" crew



## 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

- 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](#)

## WAI Online Store

### Featured Item: Autographed paperback book, Letters Home by Bee Haydu

Follow in the footsteps of WASP Bernice "Bee" Falk Haydu, as she writes about her determination to remain a pilot throughout her life. During training and active duty she wrote home on a regular basis giving detailed descriptions of her days in the Air Force. She continues describing the many other flying experiences she had as a civilian pilot. Autographed by Bee, the book contains over 100 pictures.

Code: 20029

Price: \$20.00

Paperback, 198 pages

[Shop online](#)



Letters Home 1944-1945 by Bee Haydu

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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

February 26-March 1 - [HAI HELI-EXPO](#), Las Vegas, Nevada

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

April 10-15 - [Sun 'n Fun](#), Lakeland, Florida

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"Think of the happiest things. It's the same as having wings."

--Peter Pan

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