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Message from WAI

Women in Aviation International looks forward to seeing thousands of our members and friends in a few short weeks at the [29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 22-24, 2018](#) in Reno, Nevada.

General registration prices are available until March 12, 2018 midnight EST. [Register online](#), and start planning your trip for the most unique three-day aviation/aerospace conference experience known for its networking and mentoring opportunities. You can create your own special experience by selecting [tours](#), [education seminars](#) and [professional development seminars and workshops](#), [chapter events](#), as well as [Girls in Aviation Day Reno](#). And don't forget to register for special events including a [JetBlue Schmoozing reception](#) and just for fun, [Wake Up and Work Out with the Marines!](#)

To help you get ready for Reno, download the official #WAI18 app to preview exhibitors, conference speakers, and schedules so you can hit the ground running in Reno. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for WAI Conference. For all other devices, including Blackberry, Windows, and other web browser-enabled devices, simply point your mobile browser to www.m.Core-Apps.com/waic2018



Join us at #WAI18!



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Conference App

We've reached shmoozing altitude.

Rub wings with JetBlue leaders and crewmembers during the 2018 International Women in Aviation Conference. The evening will include guest speakers, a Q&A session and refreshments. Join us Friday 3/23/18 from 6-8PM at the Peppermill Resort!

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Announcing WAI Jobs Connect

[Jobs Connect](#) is one of the many benefits of WAI Corporate membership. Corporate members can now post job and internship openings at no charge. It's just one other benefit of being a [WAI Corporate member](#).

Your job/internship openings may be seen by nearly **14,000 active WAI members** - all at no cost to you.

To post a job or internship, your company must be an active corporate member, You can use your login information to access [WAI Jobs Connect](#) and can post as many positions as you like at no charge! Each posting is active for 30 days and can be renewed. Questions about your Corporate membership status? [Click here](#).



WAI members are encouraged to check WAI Jobs Connect often as corporate members continue to post open jobs and internships. This new website page on the members only section is available exclusively to WAI Individual members and Corporate members.

Board of Director Elections at #WAI18

All members are encouraged to attend the annual Women in Aviation International membership meeting that will be held Thursday, March 22, 11 a.m.-noon at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center Room A1. Elections for the board will be held during the meeting.

This year, [5 WAI Board members](#) are up for re-election, including Deborah Baugh, Brian Bolt, Deborah Hecker, Abingdon Mullin, and Marci Veronie. Michaela Lewis, WAI 950, is the new nominee for the board.

Deborah Hecker has been an active WAI member since 1996, and is chief pilot for American Airlines at the Dallas/Ft. Worth hub. An Airbus 319/320/321 captain for American Airlines, Deborah is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in international relations. She began her aviation career in 1994 flying freight out of a small Michigan airport. She then flew for Piedmont Airlines, before being hired by American Airlines in 1999.



Deborah Hecker is one of the [5 WAI Board Members](#) up for re-election.

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Hiring Briefings Replace Fast Pass

Open to all #WAI18 conference attendees, with no advance registration needed, a series of hiring briefings by 16 aviation/aerospace companies will be held each day at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. Refer to the [detailed schedule here](#).

During the 45-minute sessions, companies will outline their basic application procedures and discuss current positions available along with their requirements.



Companies are seeking employees from various disciplines including maintenance technicians, pilots, engineers, and software specialists.

Spend a Day Learning About Drones

A [special drone track](#) has been organized at #WAI18 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center on Friday, March 23. Beginner and experienced drone pilots are invited to attend education sessions, panel discussions, and view product displays. Industry experts will be available to answer questions and provide information on safe and responsible operations, rating requirements, best business practices, and how to recruit and train top talent in this exploding segment of the industry. [Learn more here](#).



WAI conference attendees and the general public are invited to Tap Into the Drone Market session, sponsored by MzeroA.com, on Friday evening, March 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.



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Member News

Christina Tindle, WAI 34955, and a pilot, counselor, and author, will hold a [Woman Wise AWESome Adventures seminar](#) in Cascade, Ohio, June 27-July 1, 2018.

Check out American Airlines' March 2018 issue of *American Way* featuring longtime WAI members, son **Robin Cosand**, WAI 55480, daughter **Meghan Cosand Camp**, WAI 33661, and mom **Kathy Rambo-Cosand**, WAI 44390!

Congrats to **Penny Hamilton**, WAI 44535, for being featured in the [Great Colorado Women series on PBS](#).

Shout out to Jodie Scarrow, WAI 75773, of Canada's University of Waterloo for [sharing her love of flying](#) with #WomeninAviation!

Industry News

As part of Black History Month, [Stephanie Johnson](#), Delta Airlines' first female black pilot, returned to her native Cleveland, Ohio, for a presentation at the [International Women's Air & Space Museum](#) at Burke Lakefront Airport.

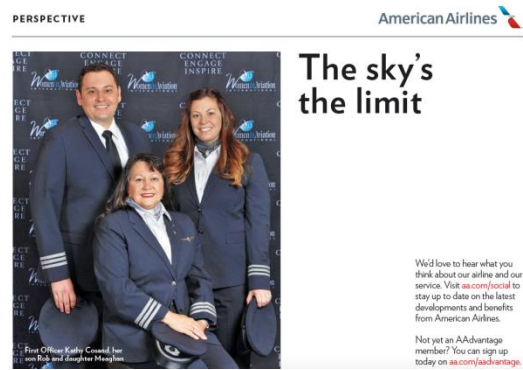
Passages

Mary Mahoney, WAI 798, and a 35-year member of the *Aviation International News* team, passed away on February 14, 2018, at age 74. She had retired from *AIN* in late 2014 as production director for *Business Jet Traveler* and *AIN*, and traveled around the world to produce the company's air show and convention dailies. She was [fondly remembered](#) by many in the aviation industry.

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[Featured Item: WAI World Travel Wallet](#)

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The Cosand family posing at #WAI17 in this month's issue of American Way.



Delta Airlines Capt. Stephanie Johnson



RIP Mary Mahoney, WAI 798

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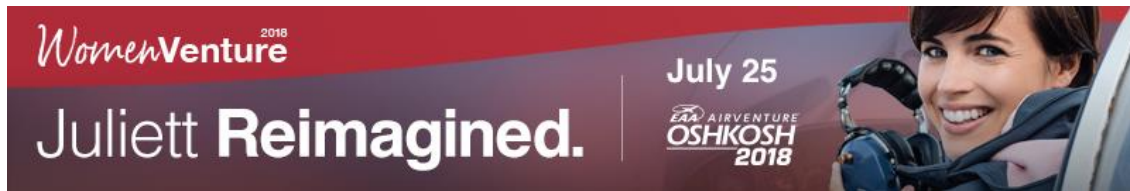
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WAI members seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! We invite you to take advantage of exclusive discount programs, including many diverse benefits, available to our valued members.

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
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- **General Aviation News subscription:** free sample issues and 50% off subscription
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- **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](#)



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.

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

April 10-15 - [*Sun 'n Fun](#), Lakeland, Florida. Join us at the WAI Connect Lunch (co-sponsored by Mooney and Piedmont Airlines) on Friday, April 13 at noon at the Buehler Aerospace Skills Center. Purchase tickets [here](#).

May 29-31- [EBACE](#), Geneva, Switzerland

July 23-29- [*EAA AirVenture](#), Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Join us at the WAI Connect Breakfast (co-sponsored by Avemco and MzeroA.com) on Wednesday, July 25 at 8:00 a.m. at the Nature Center.

September 23-26- [*RAA Annual Convention](#), Long Beach, California

September 26-28- [UAA's 71st Annual Collegiate Aviation Conference](#), Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas

October 13- [*Girls in Aviation Day 2018](#)

October 16-18- [*NBAA-BACE](#), Orlando, Florida

*"In the early days they said I was trying to make a statement,
but I was just trying to make a living."*

--Capt. Bonnie Tiburzi Caputo, American Airlines, first woman to be hired by a major airline, and 2018 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame inductee



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