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Message from WAI

A special thank you to our [#WAI18 sponsors](#) for helping to make the 29th Annual International Women in Aviation International Conference, March 22-24, 2018 in Reno, Nevada, [a very memorable gathering](#) for 3,200 attendees including 114 international representatives from 21 countries. The busy exhibit hall hosted 162 companies and organizations, representing all aspects of the aviation community.

More than 200 local girls, ages 8-17, participated in [Girls in Aviation Day Reno](#)--a successful youth outreach program introducing youngsters to the possibilities of an aviation career through fun activities, role models, and an exhibit hall tour.

A highlight of each conference is the induction of women into the [WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame](#). This year's honorees included: **Bonnie Tiburzi Caputo**, **Kathleen Fox**, and **Brig. Gen. Linda K. McTague**.

During the membership meeting, **Marci Veronie** of Avemco was named the new chair of WAI's board of directors and three board members (**Abingdon Mullins**, **Deborah Hecker**, and **Brian Bolt**) were re-elected, and **Michaela Lucas** was elected as a new board member.



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Girls in Aviation Day Reno was fun for the career panel speakers, sponsors, and attendees!



A number of companies hosted a variety of stations for girls to learn all about aviation and aerospace.

During the three-day conference, 142 scholarships were distributed to WAI members at every stage of life for both academic use, lifestyle enhancement, and flight training including type ratings. A total of \$695,500 in scholarships was awarded putting the total amount of scholarships awarded since 1995 to \$11,495,581.

Read more about #WAI18 conference events in the [three issues of The Dailies](#). We look forward to seeing our members and friends at next year's event, March 14-16, 2019, in Long Beach, California, at the [30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference!](#)



Lt. La'Shanda Holmes, a helicopter pilot for the U.S. Coast Guard stationed in Miami, Florida, received a \$5,000 scholarship as a 2018 Lt. Valerie Cappelaere Delaney Scholarship winner.

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See You at Sun 'n Fun This Month!

Join WAI at Sun 'n Fun 2018 for our Connect Lunch, sponsored by Mooney International and Piedmont Airlines, on Friday, April 13, beginning at noon in the Buehler Aerospace Skills Center. A panel discussion, moderated by WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian, will feature accomplished female role models including aerobatic airshow pilot **Julie Clark**, NOAA Cmdr. **Cathy Martin**, Piedmont Airlines pilot recruiter **Talia Roffman**, and six-time member of the U.S. aerobatic team **Patty Wagstaff**. **John and Martha King** will also be guest speakers. Connect Lunch tickets are available for \$18 in advance and \$20 on site, and can be purchased [here](#). Advance tickets are available until Monday, April 9, and recommended as a limited number will be available on-site.

WAI members save \$5 off the Sun 'n Fun general admission gate price. Either show your WAI membership card on-site, or use discount code WIA453 when purchasing tickets [online](#).



The WAI Sun 'n Fun Connect Lunch will feature a number of female role models during a panel discussion.



Tune in to Sun 'n Fun radio at 1510 AM each day of the show, Tuesday, April 10-Saturday, April 14, when Dr. Peggy Chabrian interviews notable women who have chosen aviation as a career.

[Sun 'n Fun Connect Lunch Tickets](#)

Honoring the WASP

Women in Aviation International invites U.S. WAI chapters and members to honor the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) who have passed by visiting and decorating their graves this Memorial Day on Monday, May 28, 2018. With an unofficial goal of honoring 100 WASP graves, WAI would like our members to photograph your "ceremony" and tweet it with #HonoringTheWASP. We'll retweet all of your posts to help share the memories.

For our international members, we welcome any similar activities that May weekend to remember women aviation military pioneers in your own countries.

In addition to your own research to find local cemeteries where WASP have been laid to rest, [Texas Women's University](#) will soon provide WAI a list of WASP cemetery locations across the U.S.

Read more about this new project in the Saturday *Daily* story by Patricia Luebke [here](#).



#HonoringTheWASP



#WAI18 keynote speaker, Janine Shepherd, got to meet WASP Millicent Amanda Peterson Young at the Reno conference. Millicent, age 95, was signing autographs at the Texas Women's University booth.

Find a Job or Internship at the new 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 13,000 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.



Member News

Congratulations to **Shaesta Waiz**, WAI 45659 and #WAI18 conference keynote speaker, for receiving the [National Air and Space Museum's 2018 Current Achievement Trophy](#) at a black-tie dinner in Washington, D.C., on March 27, 2018, with her Dreams Soar Inc. team.

Mary Silitch, WAI 1277 and 1957 Rhodes College graduate, was honored by the Memphis, Tennessee college as [a leading aviation journalist](#).

Thank you American Airlines for sharing [the inspirational story](#) of **Envoy Air Capt. Tan Hao**, WAI 70689 and #WAI18 attendee. Growing up in rural China, Tan knew she wanted to be an airline pilot as a young girl.

Industry News

Applications are due April 15 for the [2018 International Society of Air Safety Investigators \(ISASI\) Rudolf Kapustin Memorial Scholarship](#). This award, which includes sponsorship for a student to attend the ISASI Annual Seminar October 29-November 1, 2018 in Dubai, UAE, aims to support and promote a new generation of dedicated aviation safety professionals to carry on the society's objectives.

Air Race Classic, Inc. has teamed up with **Texas Women's University (TWU)** in Denton, Texas, to establish an archives for official and personal race records and memorabilia. For more information about the type of donations the archives is collecting visit [here](#).



Shaesta Waiz is honored at the National Air and Space Museum. Photo credit: Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.



Mary Silitch, WAI 1277



Envoy Air Capt. Tan Hao, WAI 70689

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[Featured Item: Folding Umbrella](#)

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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.

April 10-15 - [*Sun 'n Fun](#), Lakeland, Florida. Join us at the WAI Connect Lunch (sponsored by Mooney International 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 (sponsored by Avemco and MzeroA.com) on Wednesday, July 25, 8:00 a.m. Tickets required, \$15 in advance, \$20 on-site.

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](#) Interested in #GIAD18 partnerships? [Email Jennifer Saddler Thomas](#) or call 740-819-0471.

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

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

--Mary Anne Radmacher

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