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## Message from WAI

Women in Aviation International staff helped mark Professional Women Controllers 40th anniversary at its recent National Training Conference, April 23-26, in Alexandria, Virginia. WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian spoke to the attendees about WAI programs including Girls in Aviation Day, WAI scholarships, chapter network, and membership.

The next PWC conference will take place during WAI's 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference in Long Beach, California, March 14-16, 2019.

Other PWC conference speakers included Dan Elwell, FAA acting administrator; Dr. Christine Darden, one of the NASA researchers featured in *Hidden Figures*; Gwynne Shotwell, SpaceX president and COO; Teri L. Bristol, FAA Air Traffic Organization COO, and many others. Visit [PWCInc.org](http://PWCInc.org) for more conference coverage.



*Happy 40th Anniversary PWC from #WomeninAviation!*



*WAI staff met with Dawne Barrett, WAI 53791 and active member of the The Stars of the North, WAI Minnesota Chapter.*



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During #OSH18, get your free WomenVenture 2018 t-shirt at the WAI booth 2041, hangar B, and plan to attend the annual WomenVenture group photo on Boeing Plaza at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25.

(Pictured in the 2017 WomenVenture photo (L to R): Kate Landdeck, Texas Woman's University professor; Heather Wilson, U.S. Secretary of the Air Force; Erin Miller, WASP granddaughter; and Jane Doyle, WASP).

### [Make Plans for WomenVenture at #OSH18!](#)

WAI members attending [EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#) this summer, July 23-29, can take advantage of all the [WomenVenture events](#) throughout the week. Wednesday, July 25, 2018, will kick off with the [WAI Connect Breakfast](#) at 8 a.m, sponsored by Avemco and MzeroA.com. Join WAI members and friends for inspiring speakers, networking, and a silent auction to help fund the WAI scholarship program. Please note this year, **we will be at a new location, the PHP Center Tent (behind the Red Barn)**. Advance tickets can be [purchased online](#) until July 22 for \$17 each, after July 22 tickets may be purchased at the WAI booth for \$20 each.

Following the WomenVenture luncheon, plan to attend the annual WomenVenture group photo on Boeing Plaza at 11 a.m. We hope to see you there!

During the week, visit the WAI booth 2041, hangar B. We welcome volunteers to assist us at the booth. If you are interested, [email Molly Martin](#).

[WAI Connect Breakfast Tickets](#)

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## 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.

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



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

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## 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 members and Corporate members.*

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## Call for Education Session Presenters for WAI2019

WAI is looking for [dynamic presenters](#) for our 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 14-16, 2019, in Long Beach, California. Would you like to share your expertise to #WAI19 attendees including aviation and aerospace professionals, students aspiring to aviation and space careers, and passionate recreational flyers? Topics can cover general aviation, maintenance, military, history, personal/professional development, leadership, careers, or engineering/technology.

Proposed topics with a 100-word abstract as well as an outline of your presentation, and your contact details are due by July 1, 2018. Email [presenters@wai.org](mailto:presenters@wai.org) for additional information.



*Sharing your knowledge at the WAI Annual Conference helps to inspire other WAI members*



*Submit your ideas for a #WAI19 education session by July 1, 2018*

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## Do You Know A Candidate for the 2019 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame?

Nominations are now being accepted for inductees into next year's [WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame](#). Female candidates or organizations that have made significant contributions to the aviation industry around the world as record setters, pioneers, or innovators are eligible.

Posthumous nominations are acceptable. Special consideration will be given to individuals who have helped other women become successful in aviation or opened doors of opportunity.

Please submit the [official nomination form](#) no later than **August 1, 2018**. The induction ceremony will be held Saturday, March 16, 2019 during the 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference in Long Beach, California.



[Nominate recommendations](#) for the 2019 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees.

## Get Ready for the 2018 Annual International Girls in Aviation Day!

The [fourth annual international Girls in Aviation Day](#) is set for Saturday, October 13, 2018. We are excited to hear about your plans.

To ensure your chapter is included in the worldwide promotions of GIAD 2018 please respond to the survey your Chapter's officers will be receiving in the next couple of days. Be sure your WAI team knows about your GIAD events so we can include your event on the GIAD website and in the GIAD promotions. Remember that orders for merchandise are due on **July 25** for International Chapters and chapters holding GIAD prior to the October 13 date; and on **September 1** for U.S. Chapters.



[Get involved](#) in Girls in Aviation 2018 around the world on Saturday, October 13, 2018!

## Member News

Wally Funk, WAI 26, is one of the 13 female aviators featured in the new Netflix's new documentary, [Mercury 13](#), about the women who were tested for spaceflight in 1961.

## Industry News

[Flight School Association of North America](#) has designated May 1-31 as Learn to Fly Month. All flight schools across the U.S. are invited and encouraged to participate. FSANA is providing a set of six free tools to help flight schools and other industry stakeholders to participate. Email [Debbie Sparks](#) or call 461-767-6826.

The [National WASP WWII Museum](#) in Sweetwater, Texas, will mark [Homecoming 2018 75th anniversary](#) on Saturday, May 26.

The [42nd Annual Air Race Classic](#) will take place from June 19 to June 22, and will start at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, home of the National WASP WWII Museum. [The teams](#) will wing their way to 8 cities and finally, the Terminus at Fryeburg, Maine.



*Learn more about 13 female pilots from the 1960s who underwent the same physical and psychological tests as the men NASA selected as astronauts. But because of their gender, these pioneering women never made it to space.*

## START - SWEETWATER, TX (KSWW)



*Teams are preparing for the 42nd Air Race Classic, the annual all-women cross country airplane race to be held June 19-22, 2018.*

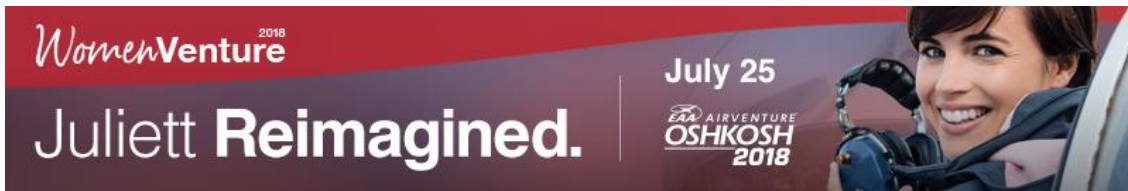
## Member Benefits

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
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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.

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. [Purchase tickets online](#), \$17 in advance, \$20 on-site. Visit WAI in booth 2041, hangar B.

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

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

October 5-6 - [\\*AOPA WAI Chapter Events](#), Carbondale, Illinois

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

## 2019

March 14-16 - [30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Long Beach, California

## 2020

March 6-8 - [31st Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

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*"If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."*

*--Dolly Parton*

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