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## Message from WAI

Last weekend, as the WASP celebrated its 75th Anniversary Homecoming at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas, Women in Aviation International staff, members, friends, and families participated in [a nationwide project for Memorial Day 2018](#) to honor these pioneering World War II female aviators who have passed.

Nearly 100 WASP graves were visited and received decorations, flowers, flags, as well as video and photography tributes shared on #WomeninAviation social media with the hashtag #HonoringTheWASP.

[Texas Woman's University](#) provided the database of WASP gravesites so that WAI members and friends could locate graves near their local communities.

A contingent led by WAI Director Education and Industry Relations Cassandra Bosco and Director Communications Kelly Murphy decorated 40 WASP graves at Arlington National Cemetery.

WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian honored WASP Betty Stagg Turner (44-W-9), buried at Montgomery, Ohio. "The WASP are trailblazers," said Dr. Peggy Chabrian. "These valiant women not only aided the war effort, but opened the doors for future women military pilots."



*Christina Bosco, WAI 74207, honors WASP Elaine Danforth Harmon at Arlington National Cemetery.*



*WASP Louise Brand Hyde, 44-W-4, was honored along with the 38 WASP who died in service during World War II in North Salem, New York.*

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## Cheers to 30 Years in Long Beach, California!

Fun and excitement saw new levels at the [WAI2018 conference](#) in Reno on March 22-24, 2018. Let's increase the energy and inspiration in 2019 at the 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference.

[Check out our #WAI18 wrap-up video](#) for the highlights and a sneak peek of what you can expect in Long Beach, March 14-16, 2019.



[Watch the #WAI18 video](#)

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## New Member Discount from Travelpro®



Travelpro® is proud to support Women in Aviation International, and because of collaborations like ours, Travelpro® Rollaboards®, spinners, garment bags, suitcases, executive briefcases, rolling travel duffel bags, totes and backpacks are the choice of more than ninety airlines and frequent travelers worldwide. As a way to enhance our sponsorship, we are honored to provide all WAI members an exclusive **15%** discount on all Travelpro® products. Visit [Travelpro.com](http://Travelpro.com) and use the coupon code **WAI2018** at checkout to receive the WAI member discount.

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## Be Part of 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 Paul H. Poberezny Center (PHP Tent) located just outside the admission gate.** 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 WAI Connect Breakfast, plan to attend the annual WomenVenture group photo on Boeing Plaza at 11 a.m. We hope to see you there!

We welcome volunteers to assist us at the WAI booth. Do you live in the area, or will you be at Oshkosh early or late? We could use your help setting up and tear down, too! If you are interested, [email Molly Martin](#).



*The WAI Connect Breakfast, sponsored by [Avemco](#) and [MzeroA.com](#), is a great way to kick-off your WomenVenture day at #OSH18.*



*Visit the WAI booth 2041, hangar B and pick up your free WomenVenture 2018 t-shirt for the annual group photo on Boeing Plaza on Wednesday, July 25 at 11 a.m.*

[WAI Connect Breakfast Tickets](#)

## Submit Education Session Proposals for WAI2019 by July 1

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 with #WAI19 attendees including aviation and aerospace professionals, students aspiring to aviation and space careers, and passionate recreational flyers? Topics can cover general aviation, drone/UAS, 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 one-page biography with 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. Email [presenters@wai.org](mailto:presenters@wai.org) with your proposed topic by July 1, 2018.*

## 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.

## WAI Benefits Your Aviation College Students

The summer is a perfect time to plan for [WAI College Connect](#)! For only \$10 per student (paid for by the university), your aviation program can provide all of WAI's benefits, including access to over \$600,000 in scholarships, to every student (all students or all female students) in your aviation program. Membership includes *Aviation for Women* and *Aviation for Girls* magazines digital editions, monthly Connect eNewsletter, access to WAI's Jobs Connect, mentoring, networking opportunities, discounts on aviation products and services, and more.

Interested in learning more? Contact [Cassandra Bosco](#). Set up your program by **September 15, 2018**, to ensure your students can apply for 2019 scholarships.



## WAI COLLEGE CONNECT

*Students become eligible for over \$600,000 WAI scholarships through [WAI College Connect](#).*



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## WAI Corporate Members Invited to Post Openings on Jobs Connect

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 Jobs Connect

*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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**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 submit your event to [Molly Martin](#). 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.

Thank you to #GIAD18 partners AeroShell, Bell Helicopter, Delta Air Lines, NATCA, Piedmont Airlines, SkyOne, Sporty's for helping to make this year's event another success for girls ages 8-17. Interested in becoming a partner? Email [Jennifer Saddler Thomas](#) or call 740-819-0471.



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

[#GIAD18 promo video](#)



## 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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- **Vistaprint:** discounted business cards
- And much more!

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**WomenVenture**<sup>2018</sup>

**EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2018**

**July 25**

We've reimagined this celebration and invite you to join us in growing interest among women who are enthusiastic about aviation.



## 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.

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

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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*"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."*

*--Margaret Mead*

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