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Message from WAI

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

As we prepare to wrap-up 2018, we are also counting the days until we see many of you at the [30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 14-16, 2019 in Long Beach, California](#). We look forward to delivering another memorable experience for all attendees.



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WAI Announces 2019 Pioneer Hall of Fame Inductees

Congratulations to the 2019 inductees of the [International Pioneer Hall of Fame](#). These women will be honored at the 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference during an induction ceremony and celebration dinner at the Long Beach Convention Center on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. Please note this year's evening events will be business attire.

The 2019 Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees are:

[Leanne Caret](#) is executive vice president of The Boeing Company and serves as president and CEO of Boeing Defense, Space and Security unit. She is a member of the Boeing Executive Council and leads more than 30,000 employees. Leanne joined Boeing in 1988, and today is responsible for the delivery of weapons systems and technologies critical to the national security in the United States and its allies.

[Mary Golda Ross](#) was the first known Native American female engineer and the first female engineer in the history of Lockheed. She was one of the 40 founding engineers of the renowned and highly secretive Skunk Works project at Lockheed Corporation. She worked at Lockheed from 1942 until her retirement in 1973, where she was best remembered for her work on aerospace design.



Leanne Caret



Mary Golda Ross

[First Women of U.S. Guard Aviation](#) is a group of three officers and six enlisted women who proved women had a place in military aviation and who opened the door for future generations of women to pursue their military aviation dreams. On January 1, 1976, the U.S. Coast Guard opened all aviation ratings to women, thus making aviation service possible for these nine women and others that would follow them. They include officers **Colleen Cain**, **Vivien Crea**, and **Janna Lambine** and enlisted personnel **Erminia Chillon**, **Andrea Gardner**, **Dior Lowen Hubbel**, **Kelly Mogk Larson**, **Robyn Rogers Norwell**, and **Elizabeth Uhrig**.



This portrait of a Coast Guard heroine - the first female Coast Guard aviator killed in the line of duty. Lt. Colleen Cain's helicopter crashed during a rescue mission off Hawaii, 1982. By Leonora Rae Smith)

Only 31 Days Left to Donate to the Annual Fund!

Show your membership pride for Women in Aviation International by donating to this year's [annual fund](#) to assure our important programs are well-funded.

With a \$25 (minimum) donation, you'll receive a unique #IamWAI backpack. For a donation of \$75 or greater, WAI will send you a Sophia Jewelry and Cosmetic Case with the WAI logo.

WAI is close to reaching the \$1 million level in WAI's Endowment Fund which is used for scholarships and educational programs. This is the year to make a special gift to help boost us toward our goal and guarantee scholarships for deserving women for decades to come.

You can donate [online](#), mail a check, or call 937-839-4647 with your payment information.



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Celebrate our 30th annual conference in Southern California!

Did you know?

- We have an amazing lineup of [keynote speakers](#) including (*newly added):
 - [Nagin Cox](#), NASA/JPL tactical mission lead on the Mars Curiosity Rover
 - [Dr. Christine Darden](#), NASA sonic boom minimization expert
 - [*Capt. Tammie Jo Shults](#), U.S. Navy and Southwest Airlines pilot
 - [*Gwynne Shotwell](#), SpaceX president and CEO
 - [Dr. Ellen Stofan](#), Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum director
- [Early registration](#) discount ends January 21, 2019 midnight EST.
- The Silent Auction will go [online](#) this year. Find out how to donate items and bid [here](#).
- There are a number of [aviation and sightseeing tours](#).
- A panel of [drone experts](#) will speak at an open public session.
- There are airline, manufacturer, and engineering companies holding [hiring briefings](#).



Sharon Rossmark, Women and Drones CEO and founder will moderate a panel of experienced female UAV operators at the [Tap into the Drone Market session](#) on Saturday, March 16.

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Member News

A number of WAI members were honored during the [National Aeronautic Association \(NAA\)](#) 2018 Fall Awards Dinner including **Anne Bridge Baddour**, WAI 4944, as the recipient of the Katharine Wright Trophy. Both **John and Martha King**, WAI 2450 and 642, were among the honorees of the Wesley L. McDonald Distinguished Statesman Award. The [National Aviation Hall of Fame](#) also announced the Class of 2019, and John and Martha were among the names listed.



Anne Bridge Baddour

Shannon Morrison, WAI 13404 and The Ohio State University Center for Aviation Studies curriculum and assessment manager and diversity and inclusion coordinator, organized the Center's [First Annual Conference in Diversity in Aviation](#) in Columbus, Ohio, November 7-8, 2018.



John and Martha King

Julie Wang, WAI 73645 and Silver Airways pilot, is featured in an award-winning documentary [“Flying Solo: Around the World with Julie Wang”](#) that was aired during the 33rd Annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival in early November 2018 as well as the Chinese American Film Festival in Los Angeles, California.



Sharon Morrison (middle) is joined by other attendees (L to R) Amanda Aschaber, Seneca College manager, curriculum aviation special projects; Cassandra Bosco, WAI education and industry relations director; Kristina Hassol, ExpressJet Flight Operations Hiring and Recruitment assistant manager; Ceci Shirley, AABI vice president of operations; and Becky Lutte, University of Nebraska at Omaha assistant professor.

Olay skin care products featured **Tristan Mazzu**, WAI 60603, in a video called [A Love Letter to Adversity](#) featuring a day in her life as an airline pilot as part of the company's new “Spread Your Wings” TV commercial. The one-minute commercial was aired at Girls in Aviation Day at the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas, Texas.



Tristan Mazzu at GIAD18



Julie Wang

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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
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- *Flying* magazine subscription: annual \$8.00 rate for new subscribers
- *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
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- SmithAmundsen: free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- Travelpro®: exclusive 15% discount on all products
- Vistaprint: discounted business cards
- And much more!

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Upcoming 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.

2018

December 31 - [Donate \\$25 or more to the WAI Annual Fund for 2018](#)

2019

January 29-February 1 - [*NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference](#), San Antonio, Texas

February 8 - [NGPA Industry Expo](#), Palm Springs, California

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

"Don't be pushed by your problems. Be led by your dreams."

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

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