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## February 2019

### Message from WAI

On February 12, WAI will begin the 30-day countdown to our [30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), March 14-16, 2019 in Long Beach, California. [Register today](#), and get ready for three days in sunny Southern California packed with [inspiring keynote speakers](#), [professional development seminars and workshops](#), [education sessions](#), [tours](#), and [hiring briefings](#). [Visit the exhibit hall](#) featuring more than 150 aviation companies and organizations. Girls, ages 8-17, can participate in Girls in Aviation Day Long Beach on Saturday, March 16, 2019. [Register here](#).



Join us at our annual three-day gathering next month when WAI will celebrate its 30th annual conference at #WAI19!



[Register for WAI2019](#)

[Book Your Long Beach Hotel](#)



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## See Southern California Sites

Take advantage of an organized bus tour on Thursday, March 14, during WAI2019 to get a comprehensive tour of Southern California including multiple stops in Los Angeles, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica Pier, and Venice Beach. Book your seat [here](#).



*See the sites of Southern California during a WAI2019 bus tour.*

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## WAI Endowment Fund Sets Goal

In order to fund additional scholarships and youth outreach programs, WAI has set a goal to reach \$1 million in its Endowment Fund.

Would you like to help your organization by making a donation [here](#)?



*Youth outreach programs such as Girls in Aviation Day expand every year. Photo by Robert Holcomb.*

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## Member News

Tomorrow, February 2 in Maynardville, Tennessee, [the U.S. Navy will have its first ever all-female flyover](#) to honor the life and legacy of retired **Capt. Rosemary Mariner**, who passed away on January 24. Rosemary, WAI 46374, was part of the First Class of Women Naval Aviators inducted into the [2017 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame](#).

Shout out to **Cassandra Bosco**, WAI 3 and director education and industry relations, for being selected as the 2019 recipient of the [American Society for Public Administration's \(ASPA\) Truitt-Felbinger Award](#).

WASP **Millicent Young Peterson** passed away at age 96 on January 12, 2019, and is [remembered for her trailblazing spirit](#). Married to William Allen Young, they had five children and lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Rosemary Merims Mariner



WASP Millicent Peterson Young at WAI2018 in Reno

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## Industry News

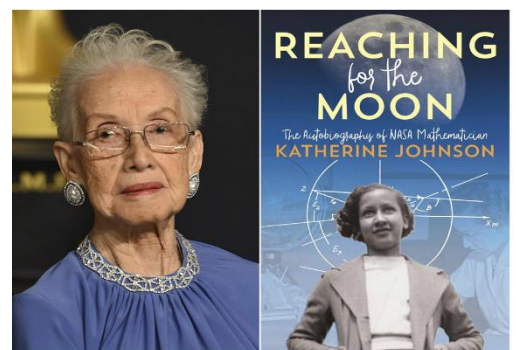
**Dr. Ellen Stofan**, the new director of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and a WAI2019 keynote speaker, gives the [Today Show](#) a tour of one of the most visited museums in the world as it embarks on a major, seven-year renovation.

**Katherine Johnson**, the NASA mathematician featured in *Hidden Figures* will publish her autobiography [Reaching for the Moon](#) in September 2019 for young readers.

**Professional Women Controllers** will hold its [2019 National Training Conference in Long Beach, California, March 12-15, 2019](#). Dr. Janet Lapp will be the keynote speaker, and PWC attendees are invited to join WAI conference attendees at the Long Beach Convention Center.



Karlle Kloss interviews Dr. Ellen Stofan on the Today Show.



100-year-old Katherine Johnson will publish her autobiography for young readers.





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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.

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- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
- **Aviation Medicine Advisory Service:** 5% discount on standard case fees
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- **MedJetAssist:** reduced annual and multi-year rates
- **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 15% discount on all products

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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.](#)*

### 2019

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

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

March 25-28 - [Aircraft Electronics Association \(AEA\) International Convention & Trade Show](#), Palm Springs, California

April 5 - WAI Connect Lunch at Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida, during [Sun 'n Fun April 2-7, 2019](#)

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*"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events;  
small minds discuss people."  
--Eleanor Roosevelt*

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