



# WAI Connect

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## Message from WAI

These are challenging and uncharted times for our more than 15,000 members around the world. But with our usual Women in Aviation International camaraderie and desire to connect, engage, and inspire, we are ready to assist you.

[Read WAI CEO Allison McKay's letter to our members.](#)

All WAI staff members are working remotely and can be contacted [via email](#), while our headquarters office in West Alexandria, Ohio, remains closed until further notice. General questions and concerns can be emailed to [waihq@wai.org](mailto:waihq@wai.org).

## Virtual Connect

During this time of social distancing, WAI invites our members to connect with one another during our series of scheduled zoom meetings, Facebook Live sessions, as well as additional content and resources shared on [our website](#) and [social media](#).

This month, chapter leadership are invited to join a live Connect event on Honoring The WASP on Monday, April 20 at 2 p.m. EDT. Questions? [Email Molly Martin](#).



[WAI Outreach Director Molly Martin](#) invites one board member per chapter to join a Zoom call on Monday, April 20, 11 a.m. EDT

Each week listen to **Authors Connect** on the [WAI YouTube channel](#) featuring aviation authors you know and love!



## WAI **AUTHORS** CONNECT

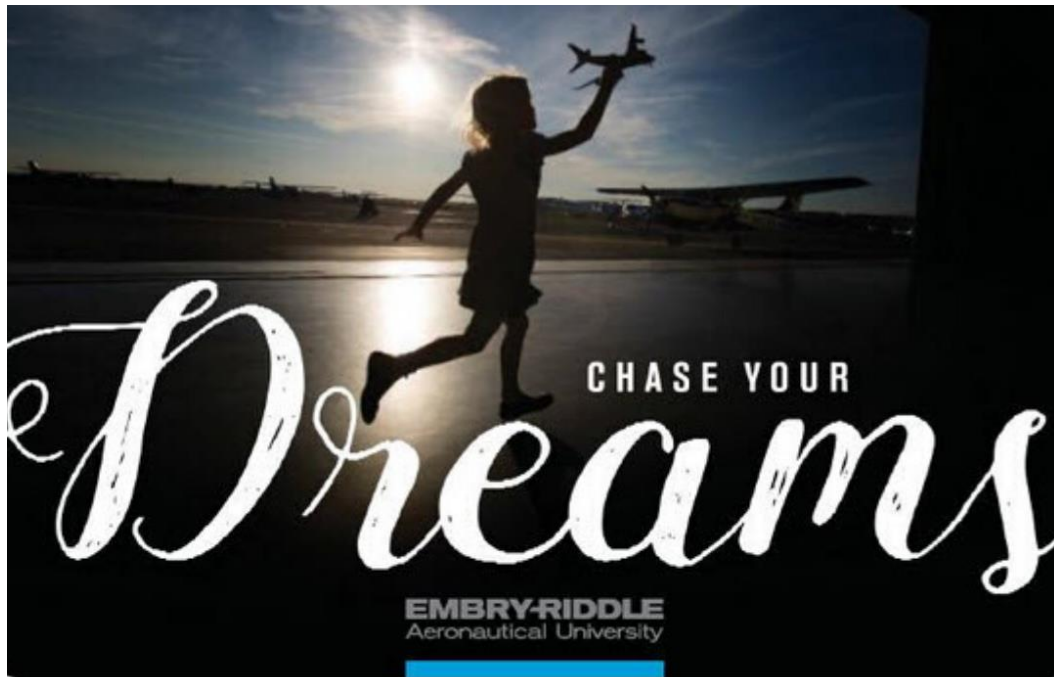
**CHAPTER LEADERSHIP  
LIVE CONNECT EVENT**

Join us on the 3rd Monday of every month  
in the Chapter Leader's Facebook page

April's topic is:  
Honoring the WASP

**MONDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 2PM**

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#WOMENINAVIATION

## STUDENTS HOME FROM SCHOOL?

A FUN & EXCITING (AND FREE!) ONLINE INTRO TO  
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**EAA**  
*Women* Venture

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For EAA WomenVenture Power  
Lunch, t-shirt, and social →

## WAI's Annual Conference Inspires

[The WAI2020 Conference](#) focused on workforce issues, professional development seminars, education sessions, and more during the organization's three-day annual gathering.

[Other highlights](#) include:

- A total attendance of nearly 4,500 includes 142 international representatives from 31 countries.
- The exhibit hall hosted 180 companies and organizations representing all aspects of the aviation community.
- WAI members received [151 scholarships](#) for both academic use, career enhancement, and flight training totaling \$831,365 in awards.
- Girls in Aviation Day Orlando hosted 250 attendees featuring 20 activity stations.
- This year's inductees to the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame were: [Maj. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt](#), [Patty Wagner](#), and [U.S. Army's First Women Rotary Wing Aviators](#).

During the WAI membership meeting, [Andrea Berry](#) was approved as a new board member, [Deborah Baugh](#) and [Brittney Tough](#) were re-elected. [Marci Veronie's](#) term as board chair ended, and [Linda Markham](#), Cape Air president, became the new WAI board chair.



WAI has now awarded over \$13.2 million scholarships since 1995.



A variety of education sessions and seminars were held during #WAI20 for attendees.



U.S. Air Force Sec. Barbara Barrett with Lt Gen. Stayce Harris for her portrait painting.



Girls in Aviation Day Orlando featured hands-on activities, a career panel, and an exhibit hall scavenger hunt for attendees-ages 8-17.

[Watch the WAI2020 Wrapup Video](#)



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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.](#)

## 2020

May 8 (rescheduled) - WAI Connect Lunch (sponsored by Piedmont Airlines) during [Sun 'n Fun\\*](#), May 5-10 in Lakeland, Florida. [Register online.](#)

July 22 - WAI Connect Breakfast (co-sponsored by Avemco & United Airlines) during [EAA AirVenture Oshkosh\\*](#) July 20-26 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

September 26 - Sixth Annual International Girls in Aviation Day. [Learn more.](#)

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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
- **Enterprise and National Rental-A-Car:** special discount rates with promotion code
- **Flying magazine subscription:** annual \$8.00 rate for new subscribers
- **General Aviation News subscription:** free sample issues and 50% off subscription
- **King Schools:** free package of 5 King courses focused on Risk Management and 20% discount on all King Schools course
- **MedJetAssist:** reduced annual and multi-year rates
- **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products

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*"The difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is how you use them."*

*--Unknown*

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