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Message from WAI

We say it, and we mean it! The #WomeninAviation staff are here for our members. While all staff are working remotely, we can be contacted [via email](#). General questions and concerns can be emailed to waihq@wai.org. During this unprecedented time, if you are in a position to support another WAI member in need of a membership renewal, [email Stephanie Gordon](#).

Spend some time virtually connecting with other WAI members and your local chapter. You'll find lots of new video content on the [WAI YouTube channel](#).



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Honor The WASP This Month

With social distancing in mind, WAI chapters are looking at creative ways to visit the gravesites of the trailblazing Women Airforce Service Pilots this month in honor of Memorial Day. [View a detailed video presentation](#) by Molly Martin, WAI Outreach Director, for ideas and [access to the WASP database](#) to find the final resting places in your community. Share any updates with [Charlotte Thornburg](#), Texas Woman's University intern.

Photos are welcome any time during May, and email to [Kelly Murphy](#), WAI Communications Director, to continue our #HonorTheWASP social media campaign.



#WomeninAviation continues the annual tradition of placing an appropriate flower, flag, or wreath at WASP gravesites across the nation.

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Virtual Connect

This month, chapter leadership are invited to join a live Connect event on "Creating Chapter Partnerships" on Monday, May 18 at 3 p.m. EDT. The featured speaker is [Lyndse Costabile of FunD Av Consulting](#).


Look for additional WAI online content in May featuring [Carl Eisen of Mindful Aviator](#)-a meditation-based wellness resource for professional pilots, and [Kelly Radi, author of Wonder-Full Activate Your Inner Superpowers](#).

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Chapter Leadership Live Connect Event

MONDAY, MAY 18TH AT 3PM EDT
ZOOM MEETING

MAY'S TOPIC IS:
CREATING CHAPTER PARTNERSHIPS
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Fund Av Consulting 40th Anniversary

WAI Outreach Director Molly Martin invites one board member per chapter to join a Zoom call on Monday, May 18, 3 p.m. EDT.

Scholarships Change Lives

Congratulations to this year's WAI scholarship winners who were awarded \$831,365 in total! Read the list of our 151 recipients [here](#).

The 2021 WAI scholarships will be [available online](#) starting July 1, 2020, and applications will be due by November 10, 2020.

Remember our scholarships are for all kinds of aviation and aerospace career pursuits. Current WAI members, as of November 1, 2020, can apply for up to three scholarships plus an internship every year.



ADF Academy College Dispatch Scholarship was awarded to Sherron Mackey of Nassau, Bahamas. Presented by Debbie Kowalewski. Photo by John Riedel.

Join a strong **community** of
pilots, builders, and dreamers.



Member News

[RIP Zoe Dell Nutter](#), WAI 52542, who passed away at age 104 on April 22, 2020. Dell was widely known in the aviation community as an actress, pilot, and philanthropist.

Corporate member [Wings Financial](#) is offering free online financial education courses designed to improve your financial future. Create an account and access the Learning for Real Life modules [here](#).


A graphic for Wings Financial's 'Learning For Real Life' program. It features a central white circle with the text 'Learning for Real Life' surrounded by various colorful icons representing different aspects of life and finance, such as a house, a car, a person, and a lightbulb. The text 'Wings Financial is offering Learning For Real Life' is at the top, and 'free, online financial education courses. wingsfinancial.com.everfi.com' is at the bottom.

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[Ohio's Dayton Daily News](#) writes about Zoe's iconic and generous life.



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Don't Rush: Take Care and We'll See You in the Air

By Capt. Jenny Beatty, Lifetime WAI member 144

As we airline pilots fly through empty skies and taxi past long, sad rows of parked airplanes, or sit at home dreaming of being up in the air, we need a lift.

For me, the lift came from an amazing video by [Sisters of the Skies](#), an organization dedicated to lifting up women of color who are pilots. SOS estimates that just 150 black women are professional pilots at U.S. airlines, military, and general aviation, so they know the importance of role models. Their organization was the first to produce a [#DontRushChallenge video](#).

This video sparked the [American Airlines female pilots challenge video](#).

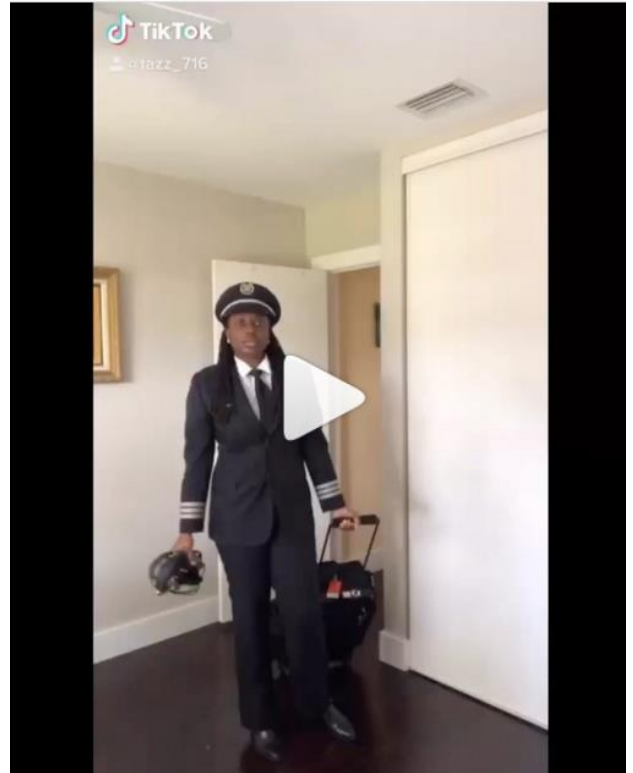
And what is this “challenge”?

On the internet, especially on the TikTok app, videos go viral when people see a video and “accept the challenge” to make their own with a variation on the theme, such as dancing or transforming themselves, while using the same song.

Toluwalase Asolo, a 20-year-old Nigerian business management student at the University of Hull, [made a video with her seven college student friends](#) that expressed their boredom from being in quarantine. Using the song “Don’t Rush” by U.K. rap duo Young T and Bugsey, they transformed themselves and passed a make-up brush one to the next as a metaphorical baton.

The theme was picked up by black men and women pilots in the U.S. Air Force and Navy posting [their #DontRushChallenges](#) as a way to inspire and encourage the next generation.

Next the challenge was picked up by the [female pilots of Emirates Airlines](#), who represent the global aviation community with



[Sisters of the Skies #DontRushChallenge video on Instagram](#)



[American Airlines #DontRushChallenge video](#)

women from Kazakhstan and Korea, Chile and Colombia, and Bahrain and Serbia - including three in their pilot uniform with hijab.

These videos inspired me to initiate a #DontRushchallenge project with the female pilots of American Airlines, which was made possible when Tracy Parrella, a Philadelphia Boeing 767 captain, offered the services of her son David Parrella, a professional filmmaker.

The theme is “Women Wear Many Hats” and the AA women pilots made very creative, hilarious, and heart-warming vignettes of themselves homeschooling, shooting baskets with their children, hiking with their dogs, playing with their horses and cattle – and a baby llama! – and snow-boarding, parachuting, sculling, surfing, trampolining, and beekeeping, in addition to women proudly serving our military. [See for yourself!](#)

We are all very eager to be flying again, when conditions allow. Until then, we say: Take care, and we’ll see you in the air!

Editor’s Note: Thank you Jenny Beatty for sharing your thoughts on the #DontRushChallenge with WAI members! You can Google: female pilots #DontRushChallenge to find more creative and empowering videos produced by our members and industry friends!



[Alaska Airlines](#)



[KLM female pilots](#)



[Endeavor Air](#)



[United Airlines](#)

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.](#)

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May 8 (rescheduled) - More details to come on our FUN WAI Virtual Connect Lunch (sponsored by Piedmont Airlines) during [Sun 'n Fun Home Edition](#).

July 20-26 (canceled)- [EAA AirVenture Oshkosh*](#) in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

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

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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—Elizabeth Bryant



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