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**December 2020**

**Today is Giving Tuesday!**

Your financial generosity funds a world of opportunity for WAI members, and those they inspire every day. Donations to [WAI's annual fund](#) makes everything we do possible—from producing a first-class bi-monthly magazine, *Aviation for Women*, and developing Girls in Aviation Day materials, to supporting the organization's presence at industry events and tradeshows, as well as hosting a world-class annual conference of our own.

WAI puts your gifts to work, and the industry will benefit for generations to come.

You also have the option of donating to WAI via a PayPal account.



*Donations to WAI's annual fund help develop Girls in Aviation Day materials.*

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## Message from WAI

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

As we prepare to say good-bye to 2020, we are counting the days until we meet many of you virtually during our [32nd Annual International Women in Aviation Conference on March 11-12, 2021](#), all from the convenience of your home and/or office.



*The WAI staff wish our members and friends a very happy holiday season and a great start to 2021!*



## See You at the All-Virtual WAI2021 Conference!

The safety and wellbeing of our members, attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors is always WAI's number one priority. As WAI continued to monitor and follow the local and state recommendations and guidelines for Reno, Nevada, and the continued growth of COVID-19 worldwide, our organization [announced last week](#) that we will replace our in-person annual gathering of the 32nd Annual International Women in Aviation Conference with an all-virtual WAI2021 two-day event on March 11-12. Additional details and registration information will be [available here](#) during the coming weeks.



Meet Stephanie Chung on Monday, December 7



WAI **YOPRO**  
CONNECT



An Aero Club of Washington initiative

WAI YoPro Connect, in partnership with The Aero Club of Washington, D.C. Runway Program is pleased to present the webinar *Pioneers in Aviation: Stephanie Chung*. This event is free to attend, and hosted by the WAI Capital Region Chapter.

Join moderators Kali Hague (Runway Program) and Gabrielle Palmas (WAI YoPro Connect) for an engaging conversation with Stephanie Chung, Chief Growth Officer at Wheels Up, a leading brand in private aviation. Stephanie, WAI 90655, will share her advice and lessons learned about leadership, diversity, and breaking barriers in aviation. One of the most recognizable leaders in the aviation industry, Stephanie is one of very few women and women of color to break so firmly through the glass ceiling. Stephanie's leadership style and personality is compelling and contagious. This is a webinar that you do not want to miss.



*Stephanie Chung, Wheels Up Chief Growth Officer*

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[Date: Monday, December 7, 2020](#)

[Time: 12 p.m.-1 p.m. EST](#)

[Location: Zoom Sign up here](#)

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## WAI Announces 2021 PHOF Inductees

Congratulations to the 2021 Women in Aviation International Pioneer Hall of Fame Inductees! During our virtual WAI2021 conference on Friday, March 12, we will recognize the trailblazing efforts of **Joan Robinson-Berry, Maj. Gen. Carol Timmons (retired), and the United States Marine Corps' First Class of Women Aviators.**



*Established in 1992, the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame every year honors women who have made significant contributions as record setters, pioneers, or innovators. They have helped other women be successful in aviation or opened doors of opportunity for other women.*

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## Virtual Connect for Chapters!

It's easy to use the WAI Chapter Resources, and members are invited to connect with one another during our series of scheduled Zoom meetings.

Each month, chapter leaders are invited to join a Zoom session called WAI Chapter Leadership Connect. Join the last session for this year, and pick up tips to prepare your chapter's 2021 schedule. Questions? Email Molly Martin [mmartin@wai.org](mailto:mmartin@wai.org).

**December 7:** Get Your 2021 Calendar and Program Ready



*WAI Chapter Leadership are invited to join a monthly virtual session to learn about WAI resources and share best practices.*

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## Member News

WASP Bee Haydu, 44-W-7, will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 15, 2020! If you would like to send her a card or well wishes [email Kelly Murphy](#) for details.

Raquel Ramsey, WAI 95583, recently published a book about her sister-in-law, WASP Nadine Ramsey. Nadine helped clear the flight path for today's female combat and commercial aviators. The book is titled *Taking Flight: The Nadine Ramsey Story*.

Penny Rafferty Hamilton, WAI 44535, has published *Inspiring Words for Sky and Space Women*. Her book features advice from historic and contemporary trailblazers.

Congratulations to Lisa Campbell, WAI 45103 and president of Air-Mods Flight Center, for being elected the first female board chair of [Flight School Association of North America](#)!



Wish Bee Haydu a happy 100th birthday on December 15, 2020!

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## NBAA Offers Free VBACE Registration to WAI Members!

Starting tomorrow, NBAA will hold a virtual convention and exhibition ("VBACE") on December 2-3. This two-day interactive, immersive online experience will incorporate many of the traditional elements of NBAA's successful live events, including over 200 virtual 3D exhibit booths, two keynotes (including recently announced singer-songwriter Dierks Bentley), 15+ education sessions, press conferences, and more. The education program was designed so there is something for everyone. Sessions will focus on important topics such as maintenance, safety, thought leadership, operations, emerging trends, and more.

Attendance is free for WAI members (a \$195 value). Even if you can't attend live, [registration](#) gives you on-demand access to the event for 30 days, 24/7! Use the special discount code - **WAIv** - in the [registration portal](#). Review the [VBACE program schedule here](#). Events are scheduled from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST, on Wednesday, December 2 and Thursday, December 3.

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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

### 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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*Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.*

*—Unknown*

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