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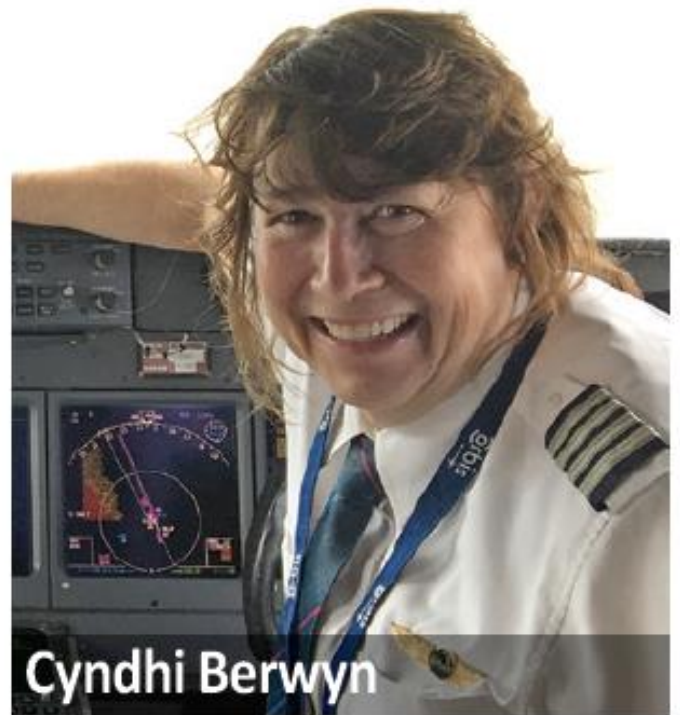
June 2021

Going to Oshkosh? Join WAI at the annual Connect Breakfast!

Returning to an in-person EAA AirVenture Oshkosh on July 26-August 1, 2021, EAA will continue its WomenVenture day on Wednesday, July 28.

As the usual tradition, Women in Aviation International will kick-off the day's event with the WAI Connect Breakfast at 8 a.m., generously sponsored by Avemco and United Airlines.

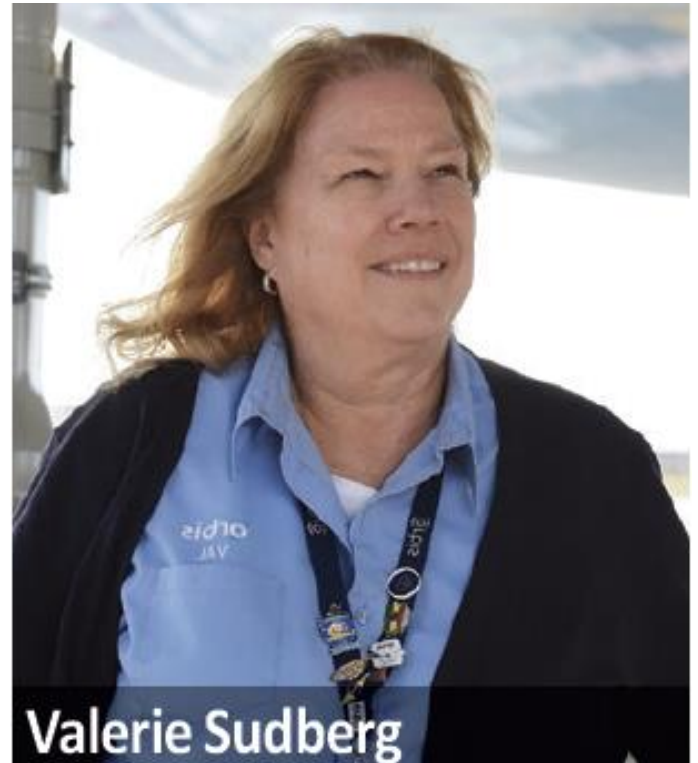
The breakfast, featuring [Orbis MD-10 Flying Eye Hospital](#) pilot Cyndhi Berwyn and mechanic Valerie Sudberg, will be held at the Paul H. Poberezny Center (PHP Tent) located just outside the admission gate.



Cyndhi Berwyn

Advance tickets can be purchased online for \$17 until July 23, and \$20 at the WAI booth, Hangar B-2041. This year's breakfast will be limited to 150 attendees, so early registration is encouraged.

An online silent auction will be available to help fund the WAI scholarship program.



Valerie Sudberg

Meet Cyndhi Berwyn and Valerie Sudberg of the Flying Eye Hospital at WAI Connect Breakfast.

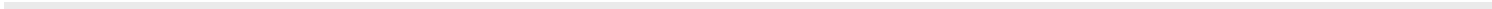
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WAI Members Visit WASP Graves

WAI members and friends across the U.S. visited gravesites to remember the lives of the pioneering Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) during Memorial Day weekend in May 2021. For the fourth year, WAI paid tribute to these female World War II pilots who flew for the U.S. Army Air Forces from September 1942 to December 1944. In total, 1,102 women wore the silver wings of the WASP with 25 still living.

Photos of gravesite visits and tributes were shared on Women in Aviation social media channels and will be included in the July/August 2021 issue of *Aviation for Women* magazine.

"The women of the WASP were forgotten for so long. They were set aside at the end of the war, and many of them didn't talk about their experiences," Kate Landdeck, Texas Woman's University associate professor (home of the WASP archives), says. "In their later years, they began telling their stories again, working hard to inspire other women and girls to fly and to go after their own dreams, whatever they might be."

Partnering with TWU, WAI honors the WASP on Memorial Day weekend to recognize these female volunteers who served their country, and risked their lives to do their part for the war effort. The WASP play an important role as mentors, friends, and inspiration for whole new generations of women in aviation.



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Time to Plan Girls in Aviation Day 2021 Events!

Is your chapter planning an event for the 7th Annual Girls in Aviation Day on September, 25, 2021? Are you a WAI Corporate Member and want to learn how to participate or host a #GIAD21 program?

Attend one of two chapter leadership Zoom calls on **Tuesday, June 15** and learn how to prepare an outstanding GIAD event this fall. Chapters and corporate members planning to host a GIAD event should plan to attend one of these calls:

Early Call

6 a.m. EDT

<http://bit.ly/GIAD2021HostCall-EARLY>

Late Call

1 p.m. EDT

<http://bit.ly/GIAD2021HostCall-Late>

WAI can help with GIAD resources, activities, and tools.

Visit www.WAI.org/chapters/resources.

[Interested in becoming a GIAD21 partner? Contact Jennifer](#)

[Thomas](#). Funds are used for the distribution, including associated shipping and handling costs, of the 2021 merchandise kit for each participant around the world.

Show your support of the next generation of female aviators by [advertising in the 2021 issue of Aviation for Girls magazine](#). [Contact Kelly Murphy](#) regarding ad opportunities.



Sharing your passion for this industry and all the career possibilities with our Girls in Aviation Day participants, ages 8-17, makes a difference!

Learn about the content available on the Aviation for Girls App, and how to download and access at www.WAI.org/giad.

[Find a Chapter Near You](#)

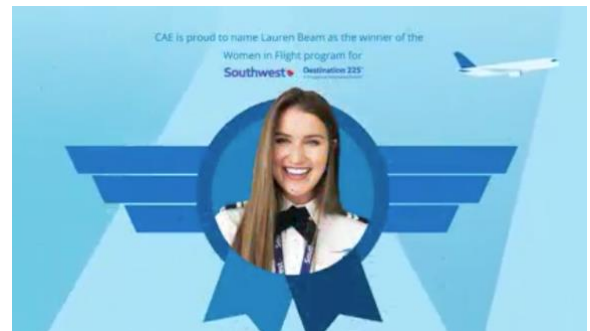


Member News

Congratulations Lauren Beam, WAI 54520, the winner of the [CAE Women in Flight Scholarship](#) for Southwest Airlines Designation 225* Cadet Pathway! Lauren joins the ranks of CAE Women in Flight ambassadors who will continue to inspire the next generation of women in aviation.

WAI Founding Board Member and 2004 Pioneer Hall of Fame inductee, [Nelda Lee](#), will address graduates of Auburn University during summer commencement weekend, Friday, August 6. Nelda is the second woman to earn an aerospace engineering degree from Auburn. After she graduated in 1969, Nelda began a 45-year career with Heritage McDonnell Douglas Co., now part of Boeing. She is recognized as a trailblazer in aerospace engineering and aviation and is the first civilian woman to fly the F-15 Eagle, logging more than an hour during testing.

[Elise Wheelock](#), [Capt. Olga Custodio](#), and [Capt. Tammie Jo Shults](#) will participate in this month's Air Race Classic as [Piper Aircraft sponsored team named "Tres Aviadores"](#). The three pilots will choose their own five-leg, one-day route and will launch from Boerne, Texas, the second week of June in a Piper Pilot 100. Good luck to all the participants of the [2021 Air Race Classic!](#)



Kudos to Lauren Beam for winning this year's CAE Women in Flight Scholarship.



Auburn alumna Nelda Lee will deliver the summer commencement address.



(L to R) Olga Custodio, Elise Wheelock, and Tammie Jo Shults representing the Piper sponsored team "Tres Aviadores" in the 2021 Air Race Classic.

Share Your Skills At WAI2022!

WAI members and friends further their dreams and goals by attending a variety of [education sessions](#) at the annual conference. Share your knowledge and talents at next year's annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee, March 17-19, 2022. Topics include: Career, Flying, History, Innovation, Maintenance/Tech Ops, Military, and Personal Development.

Complete the [Education Session Submission Form](#), attach an outline of your presentation and three learning objectives, and submit by July 1, 2021, to presenters@wai.org.



Dozens of [education sessions](#) are presented at the annual WAI conference to help attendees follow their interests.

[Education Session Submission Form for WAI2022](#)



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Time To Submit Your Nomination For 2022

Pioneer Hall of Fame

Do you know an individual who has helped other women be successful in aviation or opened doors of opportunity for other women? WAI solicits nominations from members of women throughout the aviation/aerospace industry for induction into the [WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame](#).

Submit your potential candidate for the 2022 Pioneer Hall of Fame induction celebration by the deadline to [Hope Moore](#) using [this online form](#).

Since 1992, WAI has honored hundreds of women who have made significant contributions to our industry as record setters, trailblazers, or innovators.



[2022 Pioneer Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)

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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.

2021

July 28 - WAI Connect Breakfast at EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh July 26-August 1 www.EAA.org

September 25 - 7th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day www.WAI.org/giad

October 12-14 - NBAA-BACE, Las Vegas, Nevada www.NBAA.org

2022

March 17-19 - 33rd Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee www.WAI.org/22conference

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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- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products

"Women are like tea bags. You never know how strong they are until they're in hot water."

-Eleanor Roosevelt



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