The WAI Story
Thank you for being an important part of the WAI family!

You have chosen to join thousands of professionals, students, and enthusiasts who share your interest in, and passion for, the expanding world of aviation and aerospace.

The following pages provide information about your organization and the membership benefits available to our valued individual members and corporate members.

Get involved! To maximize your membership experience, join a chapter, attend conferences, become a mentor or find a mentor, volunteer at Girls in Aviation Day, apply for scholarships, look for career opportunities at WAI Jobs Connect, or take advantage of any of the other opportunities your membership provides you.

Welcome to Women in Aviation International!

Dr. Peggy Chabrian
President and CEO

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Historical Milestones

1990
First WAI Conference held in Prescott, Arizona.

1991
Patty Wagstaff becomes first female U.S. National Aerobatic Champion.
Our stories connect us

**Aviation for Women Magazine**

Learn more about women pursuing their personal and professional interests in all facets of the aviation and aerospace industries in each issue of *Aviation for Women* magazine. Sharing their stories of challenges and triumphs provides our members with advice, tips, and inspiration in an industry that’s filled with lots of opportunities for WAI members. Published six times a year, available in print and digital formats; you’ll enjoy a stunning and colorful layout with lots of content and photos.

**Aviation for Girls magazine**

Published annually to support Girls in Aviation Day, *Aviation for Girls* magazine is uniquely designed to engage our younger readers, ages 8-17, and offers numerous stories of positive role models for girls thinking about their future path in aviation and STEM-related careers. A four-page insert includes coloring pages, crossword puzzles, and activities. Girls are encouraged to get involved in aviation at a young age when ideas are formed about future career paths.

**WAI Connect eNewsletter**

Delivered to your email inbox each month, *WAI Connect* eNewsletter includes WAI news and announcements, member and chapter news, and other organization information just for WAI members.

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1992

WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame inducts its first honorees.

1993

A record 36 Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) attend the conference.

1994

Women in Aviation International is formally created.

1995

WAI is announced at the annual conference.

1996

Volunteers of the Year are honored for the first time.

Annual Conference
There is no better place to be inspired, bring your enthusiasm, and network with others who share your aviation passion than the Annual International Women in Aviation Conference. Join us for all of the energy, excitement, and mentoring the conference is known for. Enjoy inspiring keynote speakers, education sessions, professional development seminars and workshops, a bustling exhibit hall, scholarship awards, and memorable times with women and men from all areas of aviation—students to executives, GA to commercial, business, military, and aspiring aviators to retired veterans.

Women in Aviation International Pioneer Hall of Fame
At every conference, women who have made significant contributions as record setters, pioneers, or innovators are inducted into the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame. Special consideration is given to outstanding individuals or groups who have helped other women be successful in aviation or opened doors of opportunity for others.

Categories of Membership
WAI welcomes all kinds of members including student, international, family, lifetime, corporate, and supersonic corporate. Find more details at www.WAI.org/membership/join-renew.

1997
Jane Garvey becomes first female FAA Administrator.

1998
The magazine Aviation for Women is launched.

1999
WAI member Eileen Collins flies as the first female Space Shuttle Commander.

2000
WAI membership reaches 5,000 in fifth year of organization.

2001
WAI awards more than $900,000 in scholarship funds at the annual conference.
Maximize Your Membership

Professional Development
Learn about training and career advancement opportunities through the network of nearly 14,000 members around the world.

Scholarships
Every year, WAI offers hundreds of opportunities through a wide range of scholarships and internships awarding hundreds of thousands of dollars in awards to WAI members.

WAI Jobs Connect
Looking for jobs or internships? WAI members are encouraged to check WAI Jobs Connect often as companies continually post open jobs and internships.

This Members Only section on the website is exclusively for WAI Individual and Corporate members. Visit www.WAI.org/members/jobs-connect.

WAI Mentor Connect
Sometimes all you need is someone who’s been there and “gets it.” As a WAI member, you have access to a large network of amazing aviators, many of whom have been in your shoes. Search online and select a mentor or become a mentor. Our WAI mentors love to help other WAI mentees! Available at www.WAI.org/members/mentors for members only.

WAI College Connect
Colleges and universities offering aviation programs encourage students to become WAI members and take advantage of all the WAI resources. These provide aspiring young professionals the tools they need for their career path.

2002
The Daily conference newsletter is launched.

2003
WAI members name 100 Most Influential Women in Aviation and Aerospace.

2004
WAI publishes Nothing Stood in Her Way, a biography of aerobatic pilot, Julie Clark.

2005
Nicole Malachowski becomes the first female Thunderbird pilot.

2006
WAI creates a Girl Scout Aerospace merit badge kit.
Outreach Opportunities

**WAI Chapters**
Join a local group of WAI members to maximize your WAI membership through our chapter network. With more than 120 chapters around the world—40 percent located at colleges and universities—you can enjoy networking at local meetings, programs that include speakers and tours of aviation facilities, community outreach projects to encourage pursuing aviation careers and interests, and scholarship opportunities as well as other fun activities during the year. Visit [www.WAI.org/chapters](http://www.WAI.org/chapters) to find a chapter in your area, or learn how to start one.

**Girls in Aviation Day**
Designed for girls ages 8-17 as a way to inspire or expand their interest in aviation, Girls in Aviation Day (GIAD) began as a conference event and since 2015 has expanded every year in the fall as an international outreach event in partnership with our WAI Chapter network and Corporate members. Cited as an “exemplary example of aviation youth outreach and a best practice for other aviation organizations,” GIAD invites young girls around the world to learn about all the exciting opportunities available in the field of aviation and aerospace.

**WAI Connect Events**
All during the year at conferences, air shows, and industry events, WAI provides numerous opportunities to connect with other members during WAI Connect gatherings, such as Sun ‘n Fun and EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. These unique opportunities feature outstanding speakers and perfect social meet-ups.

**Honor the WASP**
Every Memorial Day, WAI members and friends visit the final resting places of the pioneering Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). By visiting their gravesites and leaving a personal tribute, flower, or flag, we encourage their courageous stories and service to the United States during World War II to be remembered for future generations.

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**2007**
AWAM celebrates its 10th anniversary at the conference.

**2008**
First group photo of female aviators is taken at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

**2009**
Congressional Gold Medal is awarded to WASP.

**2010**
WAI announces the Wings Society to recognize generous donors.

**2011**
The First Flight Society dedicates one of the pillars in the Century of Flight Monument to WAI.
Uniquely WAI

**Education and Career Resources**
Find a growing online library of information, activities created by WAI, as well as references provided by industry partners—useful materials for local groups of all ages.

**WAI Aviation Fun Patch**
For girls grades 4-12 who love airplanes, the WAI Aviation Fun Patch is available to WAI Chapters, Girls Scouts, World Association of Girl Guides, American Heritage Girls, and other club and school organizations.

**Chapter Resources**
Need ideas for activities, projects, or even supplies or templates for WAI logo materials? Everything is available online at www.WAI.org/chapters/resources. Chapter officers can join the private WAI Chapter Leadership Facebook group and keep the exchange of ideas going with other WAI chapters around the world.

**Online Pioneer Hall of Fame**
Since 1992, WAI has honored women every year who have made significant contributions to aviation or have opened doors of opportunity for other women. Their bios and stories of trailblazing activities are available online for research and education of our legacy past of women in aviation.

**Member Discount Programs**
WAI members can take advantage of special discounts on rental cars, magazine subscriptions, legal advice, insurance, Travelpro products, and much more at www.WAI.org/members/members-discount.

**WAI Store**
Through a partnership with Sporty’s, WAI offers a wide range of merchandise, including shirts, bags, hats, and gift items that carry the WAI logo. Shop at www.WAI.org/store.

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2012
First “Bring Your Daughter to the Conference” that will become Girls in Aviation Day.

2013
Worldwide traveling exhibit “Women in Aviation” launches in Dubai.

2014
WAI hosts 25th anniversary conference in Orlando, Florida.

2015
WAI launches a new website and publishes the first Aviation for Girls magazine.

2016
Scholarship program reaches the $10 million mark since its inception in 1995.
Show Your Member Pride

WAI members love to wear #IamWAI buttons to show support of the WAI mission.

WAI Annual Fund
Be a part of the WAI legacy by making a yearly contribution to the WAI Annual Fund. You can decide if your donation helps grow the WAI Endowment Fund that provides scholarships and educational outreach, or designate WAI Operations to help with the organization’s greatest needs and opportunities.

Wings Society
Generous benefactors to WAI are inducted in the Wings Society when your accumulated donations amount reach $500. Wings Society members receive special recognition and event invitations in their honor.

Volunteer
Enrich your life and change the lives of others by volunteering your time at chapter activities, the Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, and at trade show events where WAI exhibits. Give back to the industry by becoming a mentor to other WAI members through our WAI Mentor Connect program.

Advertise, Partner, or Sponsor
Ensure a diverse and robust aviation community now and in the future. Place your ad in Aviation for Women and Aviation for Girls magazines, WAI Connect eNewsletter, or the WAI.org website. Corporate members are offered special discount pricing, and find extraordinary employee candidates by posting open positions on WAI Jobs Connect.

Partner with WAI by becoming an annual conference or WAI Connect event sponsor to ensure the organization’s success. Sponsors receive special recognition and various benefits based on level of support.

To reach girls considering an aviation/aerospace career, become a Girls in Aviation Day partner and impact the industry for decades to come with this expanding WAI international program.

| 2017       | WomenVenture EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, celebrates its 10th year. |
| 2018       | WAI launches Memorial Day #HonorTheWASP program. |
| 2019       | WAI celebrates its 30th conference and a total of $12 million scholarship awards since 1995. |
| 2020       | WAI returns to Orlando, Florida, March 5-7, for the annual conference. |
| The Future  | of women in aviation depends on you! |