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SPOTLIGHT ON...

WASPs AWARDED CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

The first female military pilots received the Congressional Gold Medal at a ceremony in the Capitol March 10.

Almost 70 years ago, the Women Airforce Service Pilots were disbanded with little fanfare, but this ceremony was a way to make things right for the trailblazers, said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley.

More than 200 WASPs attended the event, many of them wearing their World War II-era uniforms. The audience, which Speaker Nancy Pelosi noted was one of the largest ever in the Capitol and too large to fit into Emancipation Hall, also included their families, as well as the families of those who have since died or couldn't travel.

The process to approve the Congressional Gold Medal was introduced and approved in record time last year. The bipartisan effort was led by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas and Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, as well as Rep. Susan Davis of California and Rep. Ilena Ros-Lehtinen of Florida.

Of the more than 1,100 women who volunteered and flew every fighter, bomber, transport and trainer aircraft in the Air Force inventory 68 years ago, only about 300 are still alive.

Betty Wall Strohfus, a WASP from Minnesota, was one of the women who "just had to be here for this." She flew the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-26 Marauder bombers, as well as the P-39 Airacobra fighter.

"It's almost unbelievable, we never thought this day would come," she said. "We were all just so grateful to have the opportunity to fly. But this was just such a lovely ceremony and so nice for all these people to come out for us."

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest award Congress can award to a civilian or group of civilians. Past honorees include the Navajo Code Talkers in 2000 and Tuskegee Airmen in 2006.

Each WASP received a smaller version of the medal to keep. The original medal will be donated to the Smithsonian Institution for display later this year with the "Women in Aviation" display at its Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va.

Posted by Janice Wood March 11, 2010-www.generalaviationnews.com

FROM THE MANAGER

Airport Security – IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING THE ACCESS GATE

All Whiteman Airport tenants and users wishing to access the airside of the Airport through the primary vehicle access gate shall comply with the one-car-per-entry policy. This policy is intended to prevent unauthorized access to the airside and is a security measure supported by the Whiteman Airport Association, Airport Safety and Security Working Group comprised of tenants and other Airport stakeholders, American Airports, Los Angeles County, and the FAA.

Tenants and other authorized persons should have, and utilize during each entry, a gate card issued by Airport management. Others wishing to access the airside of the Airport shall contact the Airport Office or the appropriate airport business via the intercom system at the gate. Please **DO NOT PIGGY-BACK** (follow other vehicles)

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Aviation Trivia

What is the largest airport in the United States?
(in terms of land mass)
(answer on pg.2)

Photo of the Month



Construction of new hangars at Whiteman Airport! The new facilities will include a new hangar, office space and vehicle parking, in addition to four (4) hangars with associated apron area, office space and vehicle parking to accommodate commercial aeronautical service providers and/or aircraft storage.



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APRIL AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 28, 2010

10:00 AM

Whiteman Airport



Trivia Answer:

Denver International Airport

Denver International's 53 square miles of land makes it the largest airport in North America. Opened in 1995, the facility is loaded with modern features, including a 16,000-foot-long runway capable of handling Airbus A380s



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through the gate. Do not assume that the person entering before you knows who you are. If there are problems at the gate at any time, please contact Airport Operations at (818) 312-2911 or dial "00" on the gate intercom immediately. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Challenge Air Event Postponed – NEW DATE

The Challenge Air for Kids & Friends third "Fly Day" event at Whiteman Airport was scheduled for March 6, 2010. Due to inclement weather, the event has been rescheduled for **SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010 AT WHITEMAN AIRPORT**. There are still opportunities for volunteering, sponsorship, or participation in this great event. For more information, please visit the Challenge Air website at www.challengeair.com or contact Jason Morgan at (818) 896-5271.

Aviation Meetings & Seminars

For FAA meeting information, please see the FAA's website at <http://faasafety.gov>. Meetings are typically held in the Civil Air Patrol trailer or the Pilots Lounge. For information on aviation seminars regularly offered by Richard Mend, please visit his website at <http://www.mendaviation.com>.

Support your Airport Association

Please come out on the 3rd Thursday of each month to *Rocky's Restaurant* and join the Airport Association for \$10 a year in dues. The next Airport Association meeting will be held on April 15, 2010.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 10:00-2:00 Compton Antique Auto & Aircraft Display
4 10:00-2:00 Compton Antique Auto & Aircraft Display	5 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	6	7 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	8	9	10 All Day Fox Airfield Open Hangar Day
11 10:00-2:00 Whiteman Display Day	12 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	13 7:30 pm Latin American Pilot's Assoc. (Rocky's)	14 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	15 7:00 pm Whiteman Airport Assoc. (Rocky's)	16	17 9:30 am EAA Chapter 40 (Rocky's)
18 10:00-2:00 Brackett Antique Aircraft & Auto Display	19 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	20	21 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	22	23	24 10:30 am Young Eagles (Grassy Area Adj. to Pilot's Lounge)
25 9:00-1:00 El Monte Vintage Airplane & Auto Display	26 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	27	28 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	29	30	