



99s: Women Pilots of Eastern New England

Memorial Day 2022

HONOR THE WASP 2022

Please take a few minutes this Memorial Day, 5/30/22 to honor those that have gone before us. Local members of Women in Aviation International and Women Military Aviators will be visiting two WASP burial locations on the morning of May 30th this year. We would like to make this a joint 99s/WAI/WMA event going forward and you are welcome to join this year.

If you would like to participate in this informal celebration of service, please contact the respective person below for specific details. It only takes a few minutes of your time once you have traveled to the location.

1) Nancy Love, Oak Grove Cemetery Vineyard Haven, Martha's Vineyard. Contact Lucy Young, Juiceaviation@gmail.com, if you are planning to visit this site.

2) Eleanor Moriarity Beith, Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton MA. Contact Karlyn Leth, 507-951-9448, if you are planning to visit this site.

Participants are asked to leave a small remembrance, flowers, flag, or other appropriate decoration, and tweet a photograph of their visit and include who they visited and where they are located using the hashtag #HonorTheWASP. Please send me a photo if you honor the WASP in any way this Memorial Day.

We need your help! Help us locate one of our own.

Sara Payne Hayden was a 99 (who passed away at age 99) and is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen, MA. No further information on the grave location is known. We are looking for someone to locate her actual grave in Elmwood Cemetery. This can be done on your own time, but what a great activity for Memorial Day. If you are able to assist, please take a picture of the grave and provide directions to the grave site for future references, and tweet using the hashtag #HonortheWASP.

Here is some background information on these three great aviatrixes:

Sara Payne Hayden

Born Sara Evelyn Payne in Granite Falls, North Carolina, on August 29, 1919. She graduated from Granite Falls High School at age 15 and later King's Business College in Charlotte with a degree in business. While watching a movie in 1942, Sara saw a newsreel showing women flying and ferrying planes. From that moment on, flying became her passion. She obtained the requisite hours flying in Charlotte, NC, and eventually applied to the Women Airforce Service Pilots. There were over 25,000 applicants to the program, of which 1830 were accepted. She was one of 1074 women to graduate the program in 1944, Class 44-W-10. She was sent to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas where she tested AT-6s after major engine overhauls. She also ferried BT-13s from one side of the base to the other, where they were stored. Then on December 20, 1944, the WASP program was disbanded. After the war she joined the US Air Force Reserve in 1949 commissioned as a 2ND Lieutenant, only to be called to active duty in 1951 as a Women's Army Corps (WAC) recruiter. It was while working in this capacity in Tennessee that she met her future husband Dr. Frank A. Hayden (then a captain in the Army Medical Corp) of Lawrence and Methuen, MA. They returned to Methuen in 1953. Sara settled in Methuen and started her family and became an active member of the community. She continued to hold her pilot's license and was a commercial rated flight instructor. She was vice president of the WASP's, and a founder of the Women Military Aviators, Inc. She was a member of the New England section of the 99's. She was a past commander of The American Legion Methuen Women's Post 417 and Boys State Chair. She received the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor along with her fellow WASPs in 2010 for being "The First Women in History to Fly American Military Aircraft" Act of Congress 2009. She passed away on March 15, 2019 and was interned with military honors at Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen.

Nancy Harkness Love

Nancy Harkness Love was born Hannah Lincoln Harkness on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She'd been named for her ancestor Hannah Lincoln, whose father (General Benjamin Lincoln) was a Revolutionary War hero, but was called "Nancy" by the family, and it stuck. Her father, Dr. Robert Harkness, was a successful physician, and she was sent to Milton Academy in Massachusetts and then to Vassar, where she was a good but not stellar student. She fell in love with flying after taking a ride with a barnstormer and earned her private pilot license in 1930 at 16. By age 19 she had earned her limited commercial and transport licenses. Forced to drop out of Vassar during the Depression, she worked as a sales rep and test pilot for companies that made small planes. Nancy was one of three women pilots chosen to work for the Airmarking Program in 1935 and flew for the Bureau of Air Commerce, helping to develop navigational aids for cross-country flight. She met and married Robert McClure Love, a pilot, airline executive, and Major in the Army Air Corps Reserve in 1936. They founded a successful commuter air service, Inter City Aviation, with Nancy as one of the pilots. When the United States became involved in WWII, Nancy Harkness Love was instrumental in establishing the Women's Auxiliary Ferry Squadron: a group of experienced women pilots who delivered military aircraft from the factories where they were built to the air bases where they would be used. On September 10, 1942, at age 28 Love was named director of the Army's civilian Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS). It eventually grew to over 300 pilots organized into six squadrons, who flew everything from high-performance fighters like the P-51 Mustang to four-engine bombers and transport planes. When the WAFS was merged, in August 1943, with the Women's Flying Training Detachment to form the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs), Love remained in command of all WASPs aircraft-ferrying operations until deactivation on December 10, 1944. She led a total of 303 women ferry pilots during World War II. After the war, Robert M. Love established All America Airlines, which became Allegheny Airlines, and the couple

moved to the Vineyard, where they raised three children and kept a Beech Bonanza: the airplane equivalent of a 50s Thunderbird or Corvette) at the airport for trips to the mainland. He also served as the Vineyard representative to the Steamship Authority, owned the Martha's Vineyard Shipyard for a decade or so in the 1950s, and was an accomplished yachtsman, winning the Round-the-Island Race (part of the Edgartown Regatta) twice. Nancy Love died in Sarasota, Florida in 1976, a year before WASPs were finally granted veteran status by Congress. (Some Information received from Martha's Vineyard historian, Bow van Riper)

Eleanor (Moriarty) Beith

Eleanor was a part of the graduating class 43-W-4, which graduated August 7, 1943, from Avenger Field in Sweetwater, TX. She passed away in September 1992. She was 72. Eleanor was active after the war and is mentioned in a few WASP news publications from the 70s and 80s. Unfortunately, we do not have much information on this WASP who is buried in Canton, MA. If anyone has additional information please share it with us. This photo is from the 1972 WASP Reunion Souvenir Album.

Women in Aviation has provided a commemorative tag that may be printed out and used by all in recognizing these great women. Here is a link to the tag: https://www.wai.org/sites/default/files/assets/News/news_wasp-button.png

Finally for all who have served or are serving in our nation's military services, we thank you for your service and sacrifice, as do all Americans who enjoy the freedom of pursuing life, liberty and happiness.

Happy Memorial Day!



Please join us for our next chapter business meeting via zoom on Tuesday June 7 at 7pm. A link will be sent closer to the date.

Please add these flying events to your calendar and join us:

Fly for Fun or drive in, too! **Chatham Open House 6/11 10-2** KCQX, We will have a ways and means table/ member recruitment table. Can you come for an hour or join us for the day? Wear a 99's shirt or name tag if you have one.

Fly for Fun or drive in too! **Rutland VT Airport Food Truck Festival Fly-In 6/12, 11-3**, KRUT. We have been asked to participate, anyone available? We can have a table or just attend and wear 99s gear as you sample the food truck fare, sounds like an awesome event! The Vermont Aviators Association is planning more events throughout the summer. Stay

tuned!



Beth Young

ENE Chapter Chair



SAVE THE DATE

9/30 - 10/1 2022

(LCI) Laconia, NH

Fly or Drive to Laconia, NH for our Fall Section Meeting

Accommodations: Fireside Inn & Suites

Friday's dinner will be aboard the MS Mount Washington cruise ship on Lake Winnepesaukee 6-8:30pm.

This will be a beautiful fall foliage sightseeing cruise.

Look for Registration beginning in July!

Hosted by:



Fireside Inn & Suites, Laconia New Hampshire

The MS Mount Washington

RIP, Waltraud Kunica

Membership Report - New Horizons
Georgia Pappas

I received a phone call from Waltraud's daughter to advise that Waltraud passed away to New Horizons last month. Waltraud moved to Maine several years ago to live with her daughter and was moved to a nursing home several months ago.

Although Waltraud was not a member at this time, she joined the 99s in 1971 after she received her Private Pilot's Certificate and maintained her membership until 2020. She is remembered for always being very supportive of the chapter, and always interested in the members.

Some members will recall that Waltraud hosted the Christmas party for more than a few years, and also hosted a new member meeting at the Wellesley Country Club. She will be missed.

Please send condolences to her daughter, Doe Wright.

Free IFR Material

From Olga Mitchell:

I have a lifetime subscription and several years back issues of IFR, a great magazine for pilots working on an instrument rating and for accomplished instrument pilots. I would like to make them available to our members. I can give them to a member (mail or at a meeting) who can then pass them on to another member on the list.

Members should send me contact info if they want to be on the distribution list. olgam6611@gmail.com

The Section Profile Project Needs You!

We have had a good response to the New England Section Profile Project so far. Six profiles have been published, and six more are almost ready to send out.

We need YOU to interview a

Her address is listed below.
Georgia

Doe Wright, 141 Pine Heath
Road, Bar Harbor, ME 04609



Congratulations, Servet!

After a long search, Servet finally found her dream airplane and brought her home in April,

Jessie's Article

For those who missed it, our own Jessie Zuberek had an article in the last Ninety-Nines magazine. You can find it here:

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This is a fun way to get to know your sky sisters. Some fun facts have already been shared.

Send your completed profile, along with a picture of the interviewee,

to jannclark99@yahoo.com.

Don't worry too much about formatting - I can fix up whatever you send!

Thanks!

**Jann Clark
Editor, The Profile Project**

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