



## Speaker's Bureau Programs

*The museum offers a variety of programs to meet your interests and needs. Such topics include:*

**History of Women in Air & Space** - During this program, join the International Women's Air & Space Museum as we explore the role of women in aviation and aerospace. Participants will learn about their accomplishments, obstacles, and their enduring legacy in all areas of aviation and aerospace. From the first woman to solo a balloon in the 18th century to Bessie Coleman's dream to establish a flight school to the women who briefly called the International Space Station home, this program provides a glimpse into lesser known histories.

**Quest for the Stars** - Can a woman be an astronaut? Join the International Women's Air & Space Museum as they share the story of the participants in the Woman in Space Program (Mercury 13) of the 1960s. Participants will come away with an enhanced understanding of their lesser known histories, within the context of the Cold War and the start of greater cultural shifts. IWASM's Executive Director, Sara Fisher, will explore one of the museum's newest exhibits, Quest for the Stars shares the lasting legacy of the Mercury 13 and women working within NASA like Annie Easley, Katherine Johnson, and Mary Golda Ross.

**A Brief History of the Women Airforce Service Pilots** - In the Fall of 1942, Nancy Love formed and led the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) comprised of 28 women who each had a minimum of 500 flying hours. That same year, Jacqueline Cochran was authorized to recruit female pilots to fly Army trainers and were dubbed the Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD). By the summer of 1943, Cochran was appointed Director of all Women Pilots and renamed the WAFS and WFTD as the Women Airforce Service Pilots. Learn more about the individuals who made up the WAFS and WASP in a discussion and viewing of the film Six WAFS Up Close and Personal which tells the story of the original 28 WAFS.

**Women in WWII Aviation** - During World War II, 1,102 American women flew as part of the WASP. Women played important, and oftentimes understated roles during the Second World War. In this program attendees will join enhance their understanding of the vital roles women played during the global conflict. From manufacturing to nursing, to research and other facets of aviation, this program will shine a light on not only American women's experiences during the war and aviation, but international connections.

**Hidden No More: Women Who Shaped Our Space Program** – Take a deeper dive into the roles and impact of women who shaped our space program. Learn about Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, and Dorothy Vaughn alongside women who have remained known only to the margins of history. This program explores the diverse and innovative ways women have continued to impact our interest in the cosmos for both government agencies as well as exploring the new age of the space industry booming today.

**Fee:** \$125 for programs. Additional mileage fees will apply for in person programs. For customized programs, additional fees apply.

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