

March 4, 2010

**WASP Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony  
Celebration Activities Information Paper**

*Please note that RSVPs are required for all events. The Reservation Form for all events, except the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony, is included in this package along with instructions for submission. For the Speaker of the House Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony RSVP, please follow the instructions included in the invitation.*

**Event:** Remembrance Ceremony at the US Air Force Memorial

**Date:** Tuesday, Mar. 9, 2010      **Time:** 2:00 p.m.      **Attire:** Business w/ warm outer wear

**Cost:** Free. Everyone is welcome but, because space is restricted, **designated seating is limited to the WASP and the WASP Family Representative of one of the 38 WASP** who lost their lives during training or in the line of duty. RSVP required – see Reservation Form.

**Address:** One Air Force Memorial Dr., Arlington, VA 22211 (Above the Pentagon, 1300 block of Columbia Pike.

**Transportation:** Free bus transportation for WASP available from Gaylord National Hotel. All others must purchase a \$20 bus pass that will cover all bus transportation during the celebration. Assemble for boarding at 1:00 p.m. RSVP is required for all passengers.

**Parking and METRO:** Some parking is available across from the Memorial entrance on the other side of Columbia Pike. METRO Blue and Yellow lines at both the Pentagon and Pentagon City stops. It is about a five (5) block walk, up hill from the METRO. The Metrobus Navy Annex Stop is about one (1) block from the Air Force Memorial.

**Event:** Welcome Salute Reception at the Women's Memorial

**Date:** Tuesday, Mar. 9, 2010      **Time:** 4:00-6:00 p.m.      **Attire:** Business

**Cost:** Free. Because space is restricted, **attendance is limited to the WASP + two (2) guests and WASP Family Representative + one (1) guest.** RSVP required – see Reservation Form.

**Address:** Memorial Drive, Gateway, Arlington National Cemetery

**Transportation:** Following the ceremony, buses will transport WASP + two (2) guests and WASP Representatives + one (1) guest to the Women's Memorial for the Welcome Salute Reception. **WASP and guests must have their bus pass to board.** All others with bus passes may board the buses for return to the Gaylord National Hotel. We are making arrangements for a windshield tour of Washington, DC, during the return trip. The WASP, WASP representatives and their guests will be transported back to the Gaylord following the reception, beginning at 6:00 p.m. All others must purchase a \$20 bus pass that will cover all bus transportation during the celebration. RSVP is required for all passengers – see Reservation Form.

**Parking and METRO:** Paid parking is available in the Arlington Cemetery Visitor Center Lot. The Memorial is two (2) city blocks from the Visitor Lot and the Arlington Cemetery METRO stop (Blue Line).

**Event:** Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony at the US Capitol

**Date:** Wednesday, Mar. 10, 2010      **Time:** 11:00 a.m.-12 noon      **Attire:** Business

**Cost:** Free. By invitation. RSVP with names of guests to Speaker of the House

**Address:** First Street and East Capitol Street, NE

**Transportation:** Free bus transportation for WASP from Gaylord National Hotel. Assemble for boarding at 7:30 a.m. Return to Gaylord National Hotel, beginning at 12:30 p.m. All others must purchase a \$20 bus pass that will cover all bus transportation during the celebration. RSVP is required for all passengers – See Reservation Form.

**Parking and Metro:** Paid parking is available at Union Station, a distance of about five (5) blocks. METRO is available at Union Station (Red Line) or Capitol South (Blue and Orange Lines), a distance of about three (3) blocks.

**As a reminder, the reception immediately following the ceremony has been cancelled.**

**SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Tickets and Bus Passes:** As a reminder, **everyone must have a bus pass in order to ride the bus.** WASP ride free and all other pay \$20, which will cover all bus transportation during the celebration. Bus tickets, however, must be purchased in advance. Event tickets are required for **seating** at the Remembrance Ceremony, and **admittance and seating** at the Women's Memorial Reception. All bus passes and tickets for all events, except the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony, will be packaged by WASP family group under the name of the WASP. The packages will be at the Gaylord National Hotel from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. March 8; and during the morning of March 9, until the buses depart for the Remembrance Ceremony. Bus passes and tickets will be available at the Air Force Memorial and the Women's Memorial during the March 9 reception.

#### **Accommodations:**

The headquarters hotel for the WASP Congressional Gold Medal Celebration is the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center, 201 Waterfront St., National Harbor, MD 20745. A block of discounted hotel rooms has been made available for WASP at the rate of \$224 per standard room, \$264 per atrium/premium view room, and \$374 per executive suite for the nights of March 8, 9 and 10, which includes a \$15 resort fee. These rates do not include tax. To assure discounted rooms are available for the WASP, it is requested that each WASP limit discounted reservations at the Gaylord to one (1) room per WASP. Reservations can be made starting Feb. 20, 2010, by calling 301-965-4000 or visit <http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-national>, using the code: Z-WAS10. The cut-off day to make reservations is Mar. 1, 2010.

Additional hotel rooms are available at the Westin National Harbor, 171 Waterfront St., National Harbor, MD 20745. The room rate is \$226 per night and includes one (1) daily breakfast voucher. To make reservations, call 888-627-8104, using the code: Women's Air Force Service Pilots Group. Cut-off day for reservations is Feb. 22, 2010.

Other hotels in the area include: Hampton Inn and Suites, 250 Waterfront St., National Harbor, MD, 20745, Phone: 301-567-3531; and Residence Inn, 192 Waterfront St., National Harbor, MD 20745, Phone: 301-749-4755

**Airline information:** American Airlines (AA) is partnering with the Women's Memorial Foundation to honor the WASP. If you live in a location that is serviced by AA and would like to receive a discount for your travel and your family's travel, please call Toni Russell at 972-425-5860. Toni will help book your travel and will be able to provide you with the discount. If you reach her voicemail, please leave your name and number. She will return your call.

#### **Airport Transportation:**

SuperShuttle is available from Reagan National, Dulles International and Baltimore-Washington airports to the Gaylord National Hotel. Visit the hotel Web site at [www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-national](http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-national) for more information. Or, call 800-258-3826 to make a SuperShuttle reservation or visit <http://www.supershuttle.com/en/howitworks.aspx?Location=howitworks>. If you have other accommodations, check with your hotel to determine if shuttle service is available to and from the airport and/or METRO.

**Rental Cars:** American Airlines and Avis Rent A Car have joined together to offer a program to support the WASP Congressional Gold Medal Celebration. Please use the Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number G027999 that is assigned to the WASP Celebration. The group discount number is designed to shop the best available rate, includes *unlimited mileage* and is available from seven days before to seven days after the event. Reservations should be made by calling Avis directly at (888) 754-8878 or by using the following link: [https://www.avis.com/AvisWeb/reservation/ReservationsInitializer?&AWD\\_NUMBER=G027999](https://www.avis.com/AvisWeb/reservation/ReservationsInitializer?&AWD_NUMBER=G027999)

**Parking:** While parking information has been provided for the US Air Force Memorial and the US Capitol, parking is limited. If possible, it is recommended that guests purchase the bus pass for transportation to and from the Gaylord National Hotel or plan to taxi to the sites.

**Attire:** Recommended dress for all events is business attire or the equivalent military uniform. We've been asked on several occasions if it would be appropriate for family members or friends to wear a WASP uniform in honor of the

WASP. It would be inappropriate for non-WASP to wear the uniform, just as it would be inappropriate for a person who had not served to wear a military uniform.