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## **NOTABLE WOMEN AVIATORS TO SERVE AS MENTORS AT EAA'S 2010 WOMEN SOAR *YOU SOAR* EVENT**

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (May 28, 2010) — Inspirational women aviators will mentor and engage teenage girls about aviation careers as part of EAA's sixth annual Women Soar *You Soar* event, being held July 25-27 at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh.

Among the approximately 40 mentors scheduled to appear are Lt. Col. Jill "Raggz" Long, a U.S. Air Force pilot and an aerobatic performer; Bonnie Tiburzi Caputo, the first woman to fly for a major airline; Jessica Cox, who was born without arms but became the first pilot certificated by the Federal Aviation Administration to fly with her feet only; and members of the WWII Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP), who received the Congressional Gold Medal in March 2010.

This year, Women Soar *You Soar* will host 100 girls in a variety of activities, including flight simulation, workshops, wing rib assembly, and mentor sessions.

"Mentors will share their success stories and offer advice on how to set goals in order to fulfill their aviation dreams through this EAA pathway to participation," said Elissa Lines, EAA vice president of business and donor relations. "These young women will undoubtedly come away inspired about the opportunity they have before them in pursuing an aviation career."

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Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2010, and are available online at [www.airventure.org/WomenSoar](http://www.airventure.org/WomenSoar). The cost is \$50, which includes lodging at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, meals and admission to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, “The World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration.”

Space in the program is limited. Additional information can be obtained online, by e-mail at [womensoar@eaa.org](mailto:womensoar@eaa.org), by calling the EAA Development Office at 800-236-1025. Need-based financial aid is also available to cover registration fees, subject to certain requirements.

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