



Betty 'Tack Blake', Former WW II WASP

16 April Luncheon Guest Speaker



During World War II, a select group of young women pilots became pioneers, heroes, and role models. They were the Women Air Force Service Pilots, WASP, the first women in history trained to fly American military aircraft under the direction of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II.

Betty Blake was flying in Hawaii at 14. By 1941, she flew "Island Hops" & had earned her instructors rating. Sunday, December 7, 1941 her passenger canceled—thank God! She watched the attack from home on a hill overlooking Pearl Harbor. Betty joined the first class of WAF's 43-1 (later named W.A.S.P.'s) & spent all 4 years of WWII as a transport pilot ferrying 36 different type aircraft across the continent: L-5's, L-19's, BT-13 & 15's, PT-19's, 22's, AT-6 & 11's, C-45's, 47's, B-17's, 24 & 25's, P-38, 39, 40, 47 & P-51's.....lots & lots of Mustangs!

Women Air Force Service Pilots from World War II and representatives of deceased WASP were honored with a Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony in the United States Capitol on March 10, 2010.



McCormick Ranch Club House
Social Hour 11:00 AM
Lunch 12:00 AM

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