

50 YEARS OF WOMEN IN MODERN MILITARY AVIATION

30 YEARS OF WOMEN

A GOLDEN **OPPORTUNITY** FOR AIRSHOWS

2023 MARKS TWO MAJOR MILESTONES FOR WOMEN IN MILITARY AVIATION

The U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army opened their programs to women in 1973. Ever since then every service, including the U.S. Coast Guard has accepted female aviators, many of whom have made historic achievements and advancements in the field of military aviation. April 23, 1993, is the official date that the Department of Defense changed its policy to allow women aviators to additionally serve in combat roles.

It is important to acknowledge and celebrate this achievement all year long to applaud those who made it possible and to show young women the opportunities that are open to them today in military aviation. This is an excellent theme and feature for aviation events. By highlighting these aviation milestones, we can honor women military aviators, both past and present, and demonstrate to the next generation of aviators that the sky is the limit.



66 It is so important that we recognize aviation's foremothers, like the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), who paved the way for me and so many other women who want to serve and defend our country through flight.

> -Liz Steinnecker, Program Coordinator U.S. Naval Aviator (Retired)





