

# Deanie Bishop Parrish

WASP WWII - Associate Director, Wings Across America

*"Failure is not failure unless you let it be. It's simply a change in direction.  
Count your many blessings and move on! I believed it then and I still believe it today,  
if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible!"*

## PROFILE

WASP Deanie Parrish, former B-26 tow target pilot, has served as the Associate Director and Chief Interviewer for Wings Across America since 1998. Her expertise in the history of the WASP and her energetic personality have created opportunities for sharing the inspirational WASP history in many different formats and on many different stages.

## SPEAKER

Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony, U.S. Capitol, March 10, 2010  
2010 Air Force Association to accept WASP Lifetime Achievement Award  
Air Force Academy  
Veteran's Day, Meacham Field, Dallas, Texas w/ Senator Hutchison  
"Texas in WWII" Unveiling, Texas State Capitol Austin, Texas  
Texas State Technical College, Women Teachers' Conference  
"Women of Distinction" keynote, West Texas Girl Scouts  
Randolph Air Force Base: Federal Women's Week  
Oshkosh Air Show, Wisconsin  
National Joint Conference, ROTC, Denver, Colorado  
Arnold Air Society, Texas Christian University  
James Connelly Chapter, Daedalians  
Civil Air Patrol, Texas State Technical College  
Lackland Air Force Base: Graduates  
ROTC, Baylor University  
IEEE, Baylor University  
EAA, Ada, Oklahoma  
Rotary Club, Altus, Oklahoma  
Rotary Club, Lions Club, EAA: Waco, Texas  
National Women Engineers' Conference, Wichita, Kansas



## FILM / FEATURE INTERVIEWS

- *Unsung Heroes, The Story of America's Female Patriots*  
Produced by Ron Howard, Directed by Frank Martin  
airing on PBS Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2013
- USAA/Armed Forces Worldwide feature, Veteran's Day, 2010
- *The Stearman Spirit* ---- 2012 release tbd
- *Defying Gravity* – a film by Jill Bond 2013 release tbd
- "Recon" --"For the Love of Flight" -- Pentagon Channel Special, 2010
- Air Command and Staff College "Gathering of Eagles" 2011
- National WWII Museum, New Orleans, "We Did It," 2009

## TV/RADIO INTERVIEWS

NPR "Weekend Edition"  
Fox News Weekend  
NBC Today Show  
CNN: Female heroes remembered  
Pentagon Channel "Around the Services"  
Voice Of America  
The Story with Dick Gordon

## RECENT PRINT PR

Garage Magazine Feature Baylor Magazine Feature  
USAA Magazine Backcover Spotlight Dallas Morning News  
Waco Today Magazine  
Newspapers across America (Cong. Gold Medal Ceremony)  
Daedalian Magazine  
Waco Tribune Herald  
Military Officer Magazine-Spotlight  
Wacoan Magazine  
Maxwell AFB Newspaper  
Montgomery, Ala. Newspaper

## WRITER

STARS & STRIPES Special Edition on the WASP  
Fly Girls of WWII Traveling WASP Exhibit text  
National WASP Museum permanent exhibits  
Online articles and bios of WASP and leadership  
"Brief History of the WASP" Video script

## SONG WRITER

["We Got the Stuff, the Right Stuff"](#)

## VOLUNTEER

Associate Director, Wings Across America  
Co--founder: National WASP WWII Museum  
Co--producer, Fly Girls (Extensive WASP Exhibit)  
SE Memorial Hospital, Houston, Texas (5000 hours)  
Charter Member: Waco Welcome Corps, Waco, Texas  
Waco Historical Association

## MILITARY SERVICE

B--26 Air--to--Air Tow Target Pilot, Tyndall AFB, FL  
Engineering Test Pilot, Greenville AFB, MS  
Graduate, AAF Women's Flying Training, Class 44--W--4

## MEMBERSHIPS

Women in Military Aviation  
Women in Aviation, International  
Air Force Association  
United Services Automobile Association  
Daedalians

## HONORS

Inducted: "EAGLE", Gathering of Eagles, Maxwell AFB, Ala. 2011  
U.S. Congress' Congressional Gold Medal, 2010  
Inductee: 99s Forest of Friendship  
Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, 2005  
'Deanie Parrish Silver Wings Chapter', Arnold Air Society, Texas Christian University  
Texas Women's Chamber of Commerce "Spirit Of Women" Award  
Phi Kappa Phi honorary society  
Name engraved on city statue, Avon Park, Florida

## EDUCATION

Avon Park High School, Valedictorian, 1939  
University of Houston: Summa Cum Laude, 1976  
Honorary: Baylor University: Alumni By Choice, 2001