

Former WWII WASP, Mary McCann, Receives Congressional Gold Medal

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After 70 years, Mary Louise McCann, my mother-in-law was recognized for her service as a member of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) in WWII on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. It was awarded posthumously for her exceptional service in the military.

Mary McCann was one of 1,102 WASP whose duties included ferrying aircraft from factories to military bases, training pilots and crews, and towing targets for the war. Thirty-one Texas women were honored.

The unique medal designed by the U.S. Mint will be displayed at the Smithsonian.

WWII women pilots - 3 minutes

Women's Airforce Service Pilots

THE WOMEN

25,000 — applied for service

1,830 — accepted

1,102 — served

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31 — from Texas

38 — died during duty

300 — still living

THE AIRCRAFT

12,650 — aircraft delivered

78 — types of aircraft flown

120 — air bases with flight related missions

60 million — flight miles logged

Source: Wings Across America, WASP archive group

Mary Louise was an excellent role model for women. She was an independent and brilliant woman. She was in the WASP and obviously very capable of doing a good job. Once she married, she was whole heartedly a mother and wife, and never looked back.

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