

# HEADQUARTERS DISPATCH

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## **NAVY SECRETARY NAMES NEW COMBAT LOGISTICS SHIP THE AMELIA EARHART**

*By Pat Prentiss, International President*

**You are invited to San Diego on April 6, 2008 to witness the christening and launch of the USNS *Amelia Earhart*.**

The gates to the General Dynamic's NASSCO shipyard will open at 8:00 pm. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 pm with the ship sliding into the San Diego Bay at approximately 9:40 pm (high tide). The ceremony is open to the public and there is no admission fee. Public seating for the event will be on the ground level. The launch will be very visible and big screen televisions will project the image of the launch to more remote viewing areas.

The launch will be highlighted with many festivities throughout the evening. Expect to hear horns, sirens, whistles and patriotic music while banners, streamers and flags dance in the air. There will also be souvenirs for sale. The immediate family members of the ship's namesake will be asked to participate in the physical action of the christening. I am told that The Ninety-Nines will be recognized in the speeches given at the ceremony.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton in Mission Valley beginning Saturday, April 5th. The rate is \$139 (plus tax)/night. These are available by calling 800-682-6099. Ask for the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley. When asked if you are part of a group or convention, please give the name "Amelia". Or log onto [www.sandiegomissionvalley.hilton.com](http://www.sandiegomissionvalley.hilton.com) and make your reservation online. When making the reservation, drop down on the reservation page and enter AME into the group code box to receive your discounted rate. Other alternatives nearby are the Manchester Grand Hyatt and the Holiday Inn on the Bay. Try to book your hotel without delay.

As for parking, there is a very short supply near the NASSCO shipyard. However, the San Diego trolley stops directly in front of the main entrance at the 'Harborside Station'. Check out the San Diego Metropolitan Transit website at [www.transit.511sd.com](http://www.transit.511sd.com).

Regarding security, since the event is open to the public, personnel will not be checking individual personal identification at the entrance gates, but it might be a good idea to have it on you anyway.

This evening is going to be really big for all of us. The name of the ship honors Amelia for her courage, vision and groundbreaking achievements, both in aviation and for women.

Feel free to email me at [president@ninety-nines.org](mailto:president@ninety-nines.org) with any questions. See you in San Diego!!

## **NEW SOFTWARE FOR 99S EMAIL NETWORKING FORUMS**

*By the 99s eNetworking Committee*

As this is going to press, our three 99s email networking forums are in the midst of transitioning to the new Lyris software. The 99s eNetworking Committee anticipates that everyone will enjoy the many improvements and new capabilities that Lyris offers.

As part of the transition process, we are requesting positive confirmation from each individual subscriber that she wants to continue to participate. If you have not confirmed yet, please do so now by replying to the transition message you received or signing up on our website at [www.ninety-nines.org/networks](http://www.ninety-nines.org/networks).

And if you haven't tried out email networking before, it's easy to connect to your sister 99s -- as simple as reading and sending email messages! The Ninety-Nines hosts three forums:

- 99s EMAIL NETWORK to discuss topics pertinent to being women pilots and 99s members.
- 99s FLIGHT TRAINING FORUM for discussions on flight training, flight safety, and aviation education.
- PRO 99s NETWORK for sharing information about pilot careers and being women professional pilots.

All members are welcome (non-member guests are also invited - some restrictions apply). For more information and easy online signup go to [www.ninety-nines.org/networks](http://www.ninety-nines.org/networks).

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**SPRING SECTION MEETINGS**

**Mid-Atlantic** – April 18-19, Williamsport, PA  
 Contact: Carol Church, [flysci@aol.com](mailto:flysci@aol.com)

**New England** – April 25-26, Portsmouth, NH  
 Contact: Lori Plourd, [piperpilot2003@yahoo.com](mailto:piperpilot2003@yahoo.com)

**New York/New Jersey** – May 2-3, Fairfield, NJ  
 Contact: Jan Kent, [n9653q@aol.com](mailto:n9653q@aol.com)

**North Central** – April 25-27, Osceola, IA  
 Contact: Carol Berg, [cmberg@mailmis.com](mailto:cmberg@mailmis.com)

**Northwest** – August 5, Anchorage, AK  
 Contact: Carolyn Carpp, [carpp99@verizon.net](mailto:carpp99@verizon.net)

**South Central** – March 14-15, Albuquerque, NM  
 Contact: Anna Taylor, [anna@taylor-nm.com](mailto:anna@taylor-nm.com)

**Southeast** – April 4-6, Myrtle Beach, SC  
 Contact: Liz Lee, [elizlee99@hotmail.com](mailto:elizlee99@hotmail.com)

**Southwest** – May 2-4, Palm Springs, CA  
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**FWP/ACADEMIC MEMBERS AND THE UPCOMING ELECTION**

*By Anna Taylor, Election Procedures Chairman*

According to the Bylaws regarding Future Woman Pilot (FWP) and Academic members: Article V: Membership, Section 4. C & D, "... Such a member may not vote, be a delegate, or give proxy as a delegate at the International level." This means that in the upcoming election, members in either category may not vote unless they upgrade their membership to "Active Member" as defined by the same article above.

If you are an FWP who has received her certificate or an Academic member, and would like to vote, you have until **April 4, 2008** to get your membership status changed at Headquarters. You will automatically be sent a ballot after your upgraded membership has been processed. Ballots must still be returned, postmarked by May 1, 2008 to be counted.

We hope to have many eligible FWP and Academic members upgrade their membership and join us in voting for our new Board of Directors, Nominating Committee and Trustees.

**ENDOWMENT FUND CHALLENGE**

*By Carolyn Van Newkirk, Endowment Fund Chairman*

The 99s Endowment Fund challenges Chapters to raise funds to secure the future of the organization and climb the lofty ladder set by ambitious Chapters.

Here's the accounting of the top four givers as of February 2, 2008.

- ALOHA \$10,000
- EASTERN PENNSLYVANIA 2,800
- SANTA CLARA VALLEY 2,580
- TUCSON 2,000

The Endowment Fund was created to provide a permanent fund for the financial support of the organization, to promote our passion for flight and to preserve our aviation heritage. The Endowment Fund challenges your Chapter to GIVE GENEROUSLY! For more information, contact Gayl Henze at [gaylhenze@verizon.net](mailto:gaylhenze@verizon.net).

**\*\* MARK YOUR CALENDAR \*\***  
**2008**

**March 13-15** – Women in Aviation Conference, San Diego, California

**April 1** – Due Date for 99 News submissions for the May/June 2008 issue

**April 6** – Launch of USS Amelia Earhart, San Diego, California

**April 15** – Deadline for final submission of Future Women Pilot Award applications

**June 1** – Due Date for 99 News submissions for the July/August 2008 issue

**June 20-22** – Forest of Friendship, Atchison, Kansas

**June 24-28** – Air Race Classic

**June 30** – Deadline for submitting Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) applications

**July 18-19** – Amelia Earhart Festival, Atchison, Kansas

**August 1-3** – Palms to Pines Air Race

**August 5** – Northwest Section meeting, Anchorage, Alaska

**August 6-9** – International Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, USA

**NOTE:** We apologize to the New Zealand Section for inadvertently leaving them out of the membership listing in the 2007-2008 Membership Directory. Please refer to the Online Directory on The Ninety-Nines website to find member listings for that Section.