

Rise Above essay contest (WASPs)

We should be thankful for the WASPs we have, no, not the insect ones. The WASPs are white, upper class female pilots. There were not many of the pilots. The female pilots worked just as hard as the male pilots. They never gave up. They practiced for four months.

The WASPs worked for the U.S Army Air Force. As well as the Historical Protestant. The WASPs were established August 5, 1943 and the program ended sometime in December 1944.(<https://www.af.mil>) More than a thousand women left to join this program. A militarization bill defeated the WASPs program.

There were 1,879 candidates accepted to be a part of the WASPs. However the Tuskegee airmen only had 932 men. The WASPs flew every plane in the Army Air Force, that happened to be They flew over 12,000 airplanes and went to 78 different bases in the nation.(<https://twu.edu>)Some aircraft types were P-38, F-5, P-39,P-40,P-63, C-54, C46, B-26, B-24 ect.(<https://www.worldwariiaviation.org>)The WASPs flew over 60 million miles.

The females had to work together to help each other get their pilot license. Before the WASPs became the “WASPs’ they spent many hours of training.In order to pay for their flights they had to put together every penny and dime they had left over to pay for their flight hours. The females did not train for combat but yet still performed transporting cargo, aerial targets, ect. (<https://airandspace.si.edu>) The WASPs believed in themself and never quit.

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The WASPs did so much for us and showed to never give up. Although there weren't many of them, they got the job done and worked hard. "After their job was done it was sealed, classified, and stored in the government archives for 33 years" (<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com>) "On March 10, 2010, the Women Airforce Service Pilots were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of their pioneering military service." After the war many women kept their pilot job and flew planes, not with a big airline. If the WASPs can do it, so can me and you.