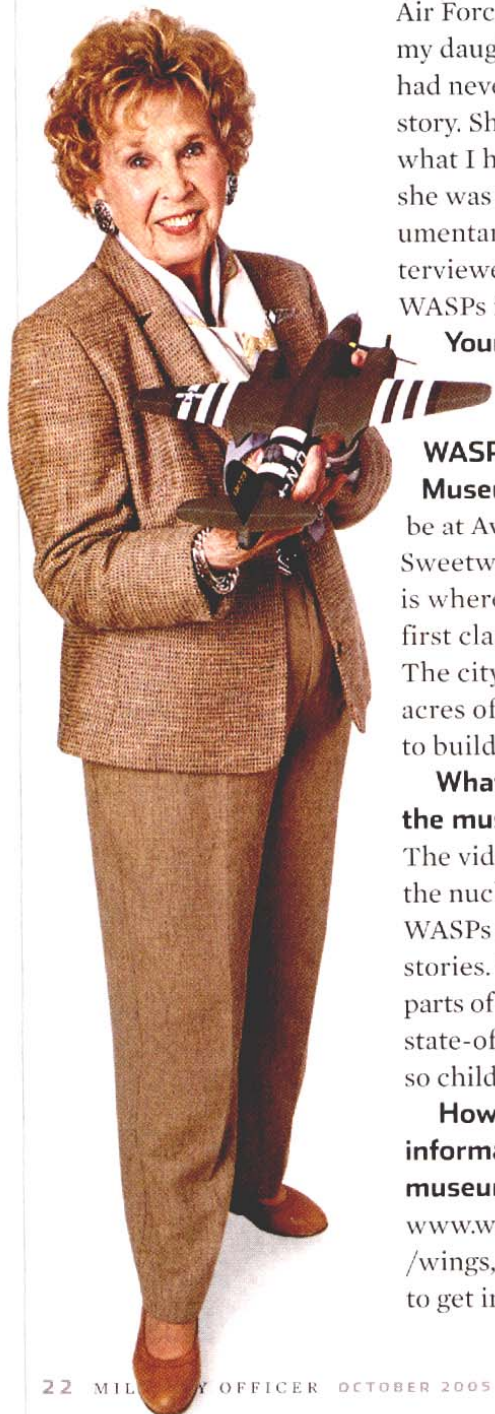


Spouse Spotlight

Deanie Parrish joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II. WASPs were stationed at domestic Army air bases and performed training and ferrying missions to free up male pilots for combat.



Parrish now is associate director of Wings Across America, an organization she and her daughter founded to preserve WASP history.

How did Wings Across America get started? In 1993 my husband, a career Air Force pilot, died, and my daughter realized she had never asked him his story. She began asking me what I had done and said she was going to do a documentary. We now have interviewed more than 100 WASPs in 19 states.

Your efforts are focused on building the National WASP World War II Museum. Yes, it will be at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. That is where all of us but the first class graduated from. The city has given us 55 acres of land on which to build.

What do you envision the museum being like? The videotapes will be the nucleus. We want the WASPs to tell their own stories. We want the other parts of the museum to be state-of-the-art, hands-on so children will come.

How can people get information about the museum? The Web site, www.wasp-wwii.org/wings, is the best way to get information.

—Cindy Culp

Attention!

Check out these military-related entertainment offerings.



No True Glory: A Frontline Account of the Battle for Fallujah (Bantam Dell, 2005): In his book, Bing West looks at the struggle to liberate the city.

He offers a close-up look at the nature of the insurgency and the politics of the war still raging in Iraq.



Spy Treasures of Hollywood: Icons of the fictional spy world, including Dr. Evil's ring, Maxwell Smart's shoe phone, and James Bond's Walther PPK handgun, are on display at the International Spy Museum's new exhibit.

The exhibit opens Oct. 7 and runs through spring 2006.



The Big Red One — The Reconstruction (Warner Home Video, 2005): A newly released two-disk DVD set features the classic war movie directed by Samuel Fuller, plus more than 40 minutes of added footage; a documentary, "The Real Glory: Reconstructing The Big One"; and a War Department film, "The Fighting First."

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