

NANCY PARRISH

Executive DIRECTOR, WINGS ACROSS AMERICA

Born in Denver, Colorado to TWO Air Force Pilots, Nancy grew up a proud 'Air Force Brat,' – attending seven grade schools in seven states (and 2 countries). Nancy is a top 10 graduate of Jesse H. Jones High School, Houston, Texas, with a BA from University of Houston and an MA from Baylor University in Directing.

Nancy's colorful career has taken her around the world as a USO entertainer with the show group, Tomorrows Sunshine. She has had the opportunity to work as an actor, singer, talent agent, casting director, producer, writer, song writer and web designer. Her most recent jobs included that of Senior Producer at KCTF (now KWBU) – the Waco PBS affiliate, Line Producer for Baylor's High Definition Film, "Most Significant Journey," and location casting director for the feature film, "Where the Heart Is."

In 1996, she created WASP on the WEB using pages from Deanie Parrish's WASP scrapbook. Yahoo named the site as "Pick of the WEEK," instantly launching the WASP history into the digital future! WASP on the WEB has become the most popular WASP site online, with over 600,000 visitors last year alone. Pages now include interactive games, songs, audio and video clips, photographs, timelines, and many other primary resources on the WASP. Nancy followed the success of WASP on the WEB with Wings Across America, which was created to give EVERY surviving WASP the opportunity to tell her story on digital video tape. Through a partnership with Baylor University, Wings Across America has interviewed 111 WASP in 19 states across the United States, with almost 200 WASP waiting to be interviewed.

This priceless digital content will ensure that these stories of the first women in history to fly America's military aircraft will continue to inspire children online for generations to come.

Nancy was the visionary creator & founding Executive Director of the NATIONAL WASP WWII MUSEUM, Inc., at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, and is the Executive Director of Wings Across America at Baylor University.

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Online articles by Nancy Parrish:

"Discovering Mom"

http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us/wings/discovering_mom.htm

"Wingtip to Wingtip: Women in Aviation and the Pioneering WASP"

Published in "100 Years of Powered Flight"

http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us/wings/press_early/100years_1.pdf

"West Texas and the Best Kept Secret of WWII"

<http://www.waspwwii.org/museum/press/bigcountryas.pdf>