

Women, The RAF Museum Needs Your Help!

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The Royal Air Force Museum has launched, today, an electronic version of its popular Women of the Air Force exhibition, inviting current and former female personnel who served in the RAF, WRAF or the WAAF to share their stories through the online exhibition's interactive forum.

Nina Burls, the exhibition's Curator, stated:

"The aim of Women of the Air Force is to address what has been perceived by many of our visitors to be a lack of representation given in the Museum's displays specifically to women whilst educating the public about how the roles of women in the Service have changed since the creation of the Women's Royal Air Force in 1918.

If you consider that in recent years we have seen the appointment of the first female Red Arrow Pilot, 3 female Air Commodores, and the award of the first female DFC the Museum felt that now is an appropriate time to raise awareness about the contributions that women have made to the development of today's Royal Air Force. Building on the overview provided by the exhibition, the personal experiences of women who have served are vital in order to do this.

Every woman has her own unique story to tell, as do her friends and family. Over the coming months we will be highlighting such first hand accounts held within the Museum's collection. Today, the Royal Air Force Museum invites all former and current Service personnel, their friends and families to further aid this understanding by telling their stories in the Women of the Air Force's interactive forum, which can be found on the Museum's website www.rafmuseum.org.

Through their participation, not only will the forum's members be helping to highlight women's contribution to the development of the RAF, but they will be creating an important historic archive which we hope will inspire the next generation of young women to recognize that when it comes to their own futures for them the sky is, quite literally, their only limit."

"Women of the Air Force" is currently on view at the Royal Air Force Museum London until 31st December 2009. Entry to exhibition is free; as is entry and parking to the Museum. For further details please visit www.rafmuseum.org/whatson or dial 020 8205 2266.

Notes To Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, London, NW9 5LL
- Open daily between 10am – 6pm (Last admission 4pm)
- Free admission and parking
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