

Margaret June (“Peggy”) Seip Class of 1934

In 1943, the U.S. Army Air Force created the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program to reduce manpower shortages during World War II. Peggy Seip was one of the first of more than 1,000 women to volunteer. A graduate of Lawrence College, she started WASP training in Texas in April 1943. Seip, a classmate and an instructor were killed on August 30, 1943 when their UC-78 crashed while on a training flight. Seip’s name is listed on the WASP Honor Roll at the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton. The Margaret Seip Memorial Award is given each year to the outstanding junior in the Red Arrow Club at Wauwatosa East High School. Seip represents the many alumni who have died in service to their country.

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