

Passing It On - 1

Just like my dad told me, “ You fly the airplane, don’t let the airplane fly you.”
I think that’s the whole secret of life. Take command of your life. Get out there and do it.
That’s the whole thing in a nutshell.

Joan Michaels Lemley, 44-6

How do I feel about being a WASP?
Out of nothing, it made me something, because it gave me the courage to try anything!
Rosa Charlyne Creger, 44-W-10

I think the world needs to stop and recognize that, while we were ready, or got ready to fight
the war, I don’t think it was all due to our strategies, our airplanes, and our ships.
I think nobody will ever know how many prayers were sent up and how many were answered.
Frankie Yearwood, 44-10

Follow your dreams.
It’s so important to do what you want to do as long as it is not illegal or immoral.
Be the best you can. Whatever you’re doing, just be the best.
Life is beautiful!
Elizabeth Wall Strohfus, 44-1

Failure is not failure unless you let it be. It’s simply a change in direction.
Count your many blessings, and move on.
Remember, with God, nothing is impossible!
Deanie Bishop Parrish, 44-4

Anything you want to do, you can do... anything... and believe it. You can do it.
Don’t let people tell you you can’t. Don’t let people tell you you aren’t good enough.
Be good enough.
Gayle Snell, 44-9

Don’t ever put limits on your dreams. Dream farther and higher than you can imagine.
I would never have flown if I hadn’t looked to the sky and beyond.
Scotty Bradley Gough, 44-7

I was the absolutely minimum of everything that you could be to get into the WASP.
I thought I could, and I applied myself and I made it. I think anybody who really wants to do
something very bad, if they work at it, and they focus, and they concentrate, they can do it.
Mildred Davidson Dalrymple, 44-4

There are values that are important, and those are the values we lived by: you are responsible
for your actions; there’s right and there’s wrong; sexual relations are for marriage;
marriage is for life; and a strong faith in God. I think, if you had those characteristics,
that any generation could change the world.
Ruth Daily Helm, 43-2

Follow your dreams. You can do it! If you don’t try, it won’t happen.
Mary Ann Gordon, 44-9

Get as much education or training as is practicable. When you have a choice,
you need to make a decision. If it will advance your goal, do it.
If you don’t know, don’t do it. Evaluate things. Don’t just react. Respond!
Millicent Peterson Young, 44-10

Women ought to be aware that they can do just about anything,
if they just don’t lose their womanhood. We’re women and if we don’t lose that
in order to accomplish something, we can go forward.
Jacqueline Lake Carmine, 43-8

If there’s something you’d like to do, do it!
Trust that God’s gonna take care of you, and He will.
Mary Jo Farley Tilton, 43-4

You have to have a goal in mind. If you make up your mind that you want something bad
enough, you’ll get there. It takes a lot of self discipline and a lot of work.
Lucile Doll Wise, 43-7

You can be whatever you want to be and whatever you set your heart and head to be.
Don’t let anybody tell you you can’t be, because one thousand and seventy four women did it
in World War II... I think that’s the legacy that we should leave behind us —
that laws and lawsuits and everything else doesn’t make you what you are.
It’s what you want to be and what you go ahead and do that counts.
Annelle Henderson Bulecheck, 44-1

We all set our own priorities. As you go through life, maybe your priorities need to be
an artist, or maybe a musician, or any field you can think of. It doesn’t have to be aviation.
If you want to do anything in life badly enough, you can do it!
Betty Haas Pfister, 43-5

“Start with Prayer,” my mother taught me that.
We volunteered to do what we did. We were not drafted.
We were given an option of do or don’t do, at the right age, at the right time,
with the right qualifications. We did what we had to do, with no regrets.
Ruth Underwood Florey, 43-4

Realize that perseverance is the main ingredient in the recipe for success.
The harder you work, the luckier you get.
Bee Falk Haydu, 44-7

Keep in mind that you don’t have to say, ‘I can’t do that.’ You really can.
Just be sure its the right thing.
Edna ‘Kitty’ Peddlar Bishop, 43-4

My father taught me to always have goals. It was more or less drilled into me. You make a
goal and you reach it. Then you make another goal and you reach it. Make a goal and do your
very best to reach it, and when you get there, make another one. It works.
Janet Lee Hutchinson Simpson, 44-6

Wings Across America's WASP Interviewees

Sylvia
Miller
Burrill

Marjorie
Redding
Christiansen

Bee
Falk
Haydu

Nanette
Hazeltine

Mary
Nesbit
Hearn

Ruth
Dailey
Helm

Marion
Stegeman
Hodgson

Ann
Russ
Holaday

Evelyn
Stewart
Jackson

Grace
Putnam
Jones

Jeannette C.
Kapus

Grace
Clark
Fender

Lois
Brooks
Hailey

Penny
Hall
Halberg

Alberta
Paskvan
Kinney

Shirley
Chase
Kruse

Joan
Michaels
Lemley

Codye
Gwen
Linder

Dorothy
Smith
Lucas

Florine
Phillips
Maloney

Muriel
Kiester
Martin

Dori
Marland
Martin

Jean
Terrell
McCreery

Tex
Brown
Meachem

Madge
Leon
Moore

Doris
Burmester
Nathan

Anne
Noggle

Marianne
Beard
Nutt

Gerri
Lamphere
Nyman

Maurine
Miller
Orr

Rose Alice
Palmer

Suzanne
DeLano
Parish

Francie
Meisner
Park

Anita F.
Paul

Elizabeth
Haas
Pfister

Eleanor
Owen
Pyle

Betty Jo
Streff
Reed

Marjorie
Elfeldt
Rees

Ola
Mildred
Rexroat

Florence
Shutsy
Reynolds

Betty
Martin
Riddle

Rose 'Penny'
Penn
Ross

Helen
Ricketts
Rownd

Carol
Brinton
Selfridge

Elizabeth
Whitlow
Smith

Rosina
Lewis
Todd

Doris
Bristol
Tracy

Florene
Miller
Watson

Jo
Macy
Wheelis

Beverly
Dietrich
Wilkinson

Lucile
Doll
Wise

Frankie
Yearwood

Milicent
Peterson
Young

Betty
Stagg
Turner

Mary
Regalbuto
Jones

Wilkinson



Passing It On - 2

Do not undervalue your abilities. You have ability that you haven't had a chance to use.
Now, find something you want to use 'em on and then get after it!

Florene Miller Watson, WAFS

Go for it, whatever it is. Go for it!
Dodie Pitz Egan, 43-5

Flying as a WASP was a patriot duty and a privilege never to be forgotten.
It was an important step in my life before becoming a wife, mother, active citizen and serving my Lord.
Millie McLelland Christiansen, 43-6

My favorite word? Honor!
That, to me, is more than a word. I mean, that's a way of life. I'd die for honor.
Florence Shutsy Reynolds, 44-5

You can do almost anything you want to, if you just set your mind to it. I think, there are
more girls determined now, and if they just don't disrupt it about all this pop culture
that they're subjected to now, there are things that are lasting out there.
Marion Schorr Brown, 43-2

Put God first, family next, and then do whatever you want to do, or whatever's needed.
The sky's the limit. When you're needed, be there. You can do anything with God's help.
Marion Stegeman Hodgson, 43-5

Get your education and follow your dreams. Never let go.
If you have a dream, there's no reason that it can't be fulfilled. You'll find a way.
Betty Jo Streff Reed, 44-7

There is no learning without mistakes nor personal progress without setbacks.
Never let fear of failure deter you. Most of our regrets in life have less to do
with what we did than with what we failed to do.
Marjorie Eldfelt Rees, 44-1

The main thing in my life is: 'TELL THE TRUTH!' Never give up.
Tell the truth and just keep plugging.
Betty Archibald Fernandes, 43-3

If you think you can do it, try it. If you need help, ask.
Betty Martin Riddle, 44-9

Be around positive people that will help you go forward.
Help keep our nation moral and strong.
Jane Baessler Doyle, 44-4

I hope children in the future will be inspired to be strong in spirit and be able to stand alone for
God. MIGHTY in spirit. That's a better word.
Maxine Edmondson Flourney, 43-8

Freedom and the dignity of the individual have been more available and assured here than in any other place
on earth. The price for this freedom at times has been high, but we have never been unwilling to pay that price.
Lois Brooks Hailey, 43-3

Establish your goals, work to achieve them, and enjoy the journey!
Mildred Duke Caldwell, 43-5

Better yourself by doing whatever you want to do, but do it to satisfy yourself.
That inside satisfaction is the best you can get.
Jo Myers Wheelis, 43-5

Love God fervently, and ask for His guidance. He will bless you abundantly.
Love your family passionately. Consider time with them most precious. With this plan, I can do anything.
My cup runneth over!
Mary Helen Crane Foster, 44-3

Don't ever begin what you don't intend to finish... with perfection.
We had a job to do, and we did it very well.
Muriel Lindstrom Segall, 44-2

When the founders of our country created the Constitution, giving freedom to all men, women were not
considered. They were not even given the right to vote! Now, they have the same right to excel in a cho-
sen profession as men do. Don't throw that opportunity away. Choose what you wish to do and make a
success of it. Only in that way can any of us show our gratitude to the brave, determined, and courageous
American women who went before us and made it all possible.
Alyce Stevens Rohrer, 44-4

Keep your eyes on the stars and don't ever give up,
because you can do it if you want to!
Florine Phillips Maloney, 44-4

Don't think that you can't do something, because you can.
You limit yourself if you say, "I can't do it."
Evelyn Stewart Jackson, 43-7

Follow your heart. No matter where your interests go, if you have the determination to do some-
thing, you can do it. If you do that, you're going to accomplish something. You're going to be happy.
Penny Hall Halberg, 44-6

Don't ever shortchange yourself. Always have respect for yourself.
When you look in the mirror, you should see somebody that you like.
Lee Warren Doerr, 44-3

If you want something enough, try really hard and you'll get it. But you have to want it.
Annabelle Craft Moss, 44-2

You don't have to be a millionaire. Believe in what you do,
be happy in whatever you choose, and you will succeed.
Elizabeth 'Betty' Williamson Shipley, 44-4

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Meriem
Roby
Anderson

Micky
Axton

Susie
Winston
Bain

Edna Kitty
Pedlar
Bishop

Martha
Mace
Boshart

Ruth
Humphries
Brown

Betty June 'B.J.'
Overman
Brown

Marion
Schorr
Brown

Annelle
Henderson
Bulechek

Mary
Reineberg
Burchard

Mary
Helen
Burke

Mildred
'Duke'
Caldwell

Jacqueline
Lake
Carmine

Sylvia
Dahmes
Clayton

Catherine
McBride
D'Arezzo

Mildred
Davidson
Dalrymple

Maxine
Edmondson
Flournoy

Mary Helen
Crane
Foster

Mary Ann
Baldner
Gordon

Virginia
Jowell
Hagerstrom

Barbara
Willis
Heinrich

Deanie
Bishop
Parrish

Dawn
Ochoa-Baldwin
Seymour

Janet Lee
Hutchinson
Simpson

Gayle M.
Snell

Doris
Brinker
Tanner

Margaret
Chamberlain
Tamplin

Betty
Tackaberry
Blake

Nell 'Mickey'
Stevenson
Bright

Eleanor Mickey
McLernon
Brown

Mildred
McClelland
Christiansen

Marie
Mountain
Clark

Rosa
Charlyne
Creger

Rosa Lea
Fullwood
Dickerson

Virginia Lee
Warren
Doerr

Janet
Hatch
Downer

Mildred Jane
Baessler
Doyle

Josephine Dod
Pitz
Egan

Dorothy
Dodd
Eppstein

Betty
Archibald
Fernandes

Ruth
Shafer
Fleisher

Ruth
Underwood
Florey

Lillian
Epsberg
Goodman

Doris
Elkington
Hamaker

Gloria W.
Heath

Carolyn
Culpepper
Miller

Annabelle
Craft
Moss

Frances
Rohrer
Sargent

Elizabeth
Williamson
Shipley

Elizabeth
Wall
Strohfus

Marjorie
Sandford
Thompson

Mary Jo
Farley
Tilton

Mary Alice
Putnam
Vandeventer

Rita
Murphy
Wischmeyer



Passing It On - 3

Life is a challenge! Live it!
Don't let turbulence slow you down or keep you from your goals.
Ann R. Holaday, 43-7

We have all loved airplanes, and the sky in which they truly live. What else?
We are all individualists, and we have all put ourselves on the line --
and we did it for God, country, and the thrill of it.
Anne Noggle, 44-1

It is natural for a person to seek happiness in life; however, I believe that this desirable aim
is never achieved if one attempts to find it directly. Instead, happiness is found indirectly as a
by-product from devoted service to the lives of others.
Marie Mountain Clark, 44-1

100 years from now, none of us is going to be here, and there's going to be a whole new
generation. If we have not passed on the ideals that make a country, that make a nation, that
make a people, then there's not going to be any more people!
As for me, I want my life to be a legacy of love.
Anita Paul, 44-6 aka Sister Teresa

Three main truths I have learned and tried to pass on to my children. They are loved, they
should be true to themselves and the Lord, and there isn't anything they can't do with hard
work, dedication, and thoughtfulness for their fellow man.
Carol Brinton Selfridge, 44-5

The future holds so much for you. If you can have a goal and dream that you want to fulfill,
just do your best, and you'll be able to do it. Set your goals high!
Marjorie Sandford Thompson, 43-5

If you really want to do something, you should try it.
You'll probably get anywhere you want, if you'll just keep pushing.
Barbara Willis Henrich, 43-4

If you're going to feel guilty about doing something, don't do it. If you do it, don't feel guilty about it.
Dorothy Dodd Epstein, 44-1

Be determined, clean, honest and dependable.
My life has been so wonderful. I have been and will be grateful always.
Dorothy Smith Lucas, 44-7

Just Do It!
Rose Alice Palmer, 44-6

You have to train for almost everything and make yourself ready for it. So, just make up your mind to
do it. Stick with it. Do all the extra little things like studying, writing, and practicing
until you can do it, and try to do it better than anybody else.
I am very proud to be a Lakota. They are my people... the best people in the world!
Mildred Ola Rexroat, 44-7

I think you have to have a connection with the church and with God.
When you feel that strength is behind you, you can do anything.
Mary Nesbit Hearn, 44-5

If there is something you want to accomplish during your life, start now. Don't put it off.
Elaine Danforth Harmon, 44-9

Never say 'no.' You might miss something.
Lillian Epsberg Goodman, 43-5

Not everybody could be a WASP and fly all the different airplanes that I got to fly. My experi-
ence as a WASP changed my whole life, and I gained self-confidence and had a much broader
outlook on life. My favorite word? WASP!
Sylvia Dahmes Clayton, 43-5

Aim high, stay the course, be true to yourself.
Mary Regalbuto Jones, 44-10

Accept the 'downs' of life, as they help you appreciate the 'ups'. Dare to be different, so long as
it is legal, moral, and does not hurt others. Keep a sense of humor. Live while young.
Store up memories for old age so you will not feel that you missed out on life.
God, family and friends gave me a good life.
Margaret Chamberlain Tamplin, 44-3

Make up your mind what you want to do and do it! I was not a good student in school, but I wanted
to fly and earn my wings. So, I made up my mind, and in ground school my grades were good!
Doris Bristol Tracy, 43-5

Look at your dreams and make them happen.
If you want to do something badly enough, you'll find a way to do it.
I'd like to see little girls pursue what they want to do, no matter what it is.
Shirley Chase Kruse, 44-6

Take a lot of history courses. Its a great background to know where you came from,
your heritage, and the background of how the country got the way it is.
Doris Burmeister Nathan, 44-1

Everything's possible if you make up your mind. No matter what you want to be, you can be.
You've got to work at it. Everything's worthwhile. Just make up your mind to do it!
Mary Reineberg Burchard, 44-6

Set a goal and work toward it, regardless of what it is. A lot of it is faith.
Do I believe in an angel beside me? Yes. I think all of us who flew know we had one with us.
Helen Ricketts Rownd, 43-2

You have to believe in yourself and believe that you can do anything
that you put your mind to do, if you want to do it badly enough.
Nell 'Mickey' Stevenson Bright, 43-7

First, you have to know the Lord, because without knowledge, the rest is vain imagination.
Then you have to understand what obedience means. It's not selective. You have to learn what
honor is. If you do those things... if you obey and honor, you have to succeed. You can't fail.
Francie Meisner Park, 44-10
