Patty Wagstaff, an aviation legend. Patty grew up in Japan where her father was stationed in the military, and she showed an early interest in aviation. By the age of fifteen, she had earned her pilot's license and was flying solo. Patty's father was a Napier-Wagstaff aviator, and Patty was inspired by her father's stories of flying in World War II. At the age of eleven, she took her first flight in the controls of his DC-6 at age ten, and her future was set. She earned a pilot's certificate in 1939, becoming the youngest pilot in the United States. She went on to become a member of the U.S. Women's Air Transport Service (WATS), a group of female pilots who flew military transport planes during World War II. Patty Wagstaff is a member of the National Aviation Hall of Fame, and was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Air Force Association. She was inducted into the International Female Airman's Hall of Fame, and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for her work as a pilot in World War II. Patty Wagstaff is a world-renowned aerobatic pilot, having flown in over sixty aerial shows around the world. She has received honorary degrees from over fifty universities, and has been inducted into the International Aerobatic Hall of Fame and the U.S. Aerobatic Team--winning gold, silver and bronze medals in Olympic-level competition. She is a pioneer in the world of aviation and continues to inspire and influence future generations of aviators.