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## **DR. MARINA RUGGLES-WRENN SELECTED AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 STINSON TROPHY**

**Washington, DC** – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) has announced that Dr. Marina Ruggles-Wrenn, a Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology, has been named the recipient of the 2014 Katherine and Marjorie Stinson Trophy.

Dr. Ruggles-Wrenn was selected for the award for "...dedicating over 27 years of her professional life to advancing the state-of-the-art in aerospace structures, design, and materials."

The Stinson Trophy was created in 1997 by NAA to honor the accomplishments of two sisters - Katherine and Marjorie Stinson. These sisters were among the first 11 American women to be certified as airplane pilots through the Aero Club of America (the predecessor of NAA). Their flying school helped numerous U.S. and foreign pilots to earn their Aero Club licenses, the precursor to FAA pilot certificates. The trophy recognizes a living person for "...an outstanding and enduring contribution to the role of women in the field of aviation, aeronautics, space, or related sciences."

Throughout her career, Dr. Ruggles-Wrenn has served as an innovator in aerospace materials design and testing. Her research and ability to effectively mimic real world conditions has helped to identify limitations in a material's performance that may affect flight safety. Her accomplishments include being honored as a Fellow of the American

Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), receiving the Col. Gage H. Crocker Outstanding Professor Award, and authoring or co-authoring 10 books and 55 journal articles on aerospace, materials, and mechanical engineering.

In addition to Jonathan Gaffney, President and CEO of NAA, members of the Stinson Selection Committee were Mary Miller, Vice President, Industry and Government Affairs of BBA Aviation, and Paula Hochstetler, Senior Consultant of Parrish and Partners, LLC. and Former President of the Airports Consultants Council.

***The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit, membership organization devoted to fostering America's aerospace leadership and promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.***

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