

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Sunday, September 17, 2017, Washington, D.C.) More than 100 Girl Scouts will welcome America's Longest Working Rosie the Riveter to the nation's capitol today (Sunday, September 17) when she arrives at 4:30 PM on American Airlines Flight 258 at Reagan International Airport.

[Elinor Otto](#), 97, was one of the millions of women who filled the jobs vacated by men during World War II, collectively called **Rosie the Riveters**.

Ms Otto began building airplanes in 1942, and ended her career as a working at 95, earning her the sobriquet of "America's Longest Working Rosie."

Ms Otto will be in Washington, D.C. to receive a **lifetime achievement award** from the **Air Force Association** during a special banquet commemorating the **70th anniversary of the formation of the United States Air Force** that will be held at the Gaylord National Hotel & Resort on **Monday evening, September 18**.

Ms Otto is scheduled to make visit Capitol Hill on Tuesday, September 19, to meet with **Senator Susan Collins** and **District of Columbia Representative Eleanor Norton**, and Congressional representatives that co-sponsored [National Rosie the Riveter Day](#) in March of this year.

Ms Otto is the honorary chair of a campaign to create a [national network of rose gardens](#) to honor the women who worked on the Home Front during World War II. The Gardens will feature a **new official Rosie the Riveter Rose** that will be available for planting early next year.

The **Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Gardens campaign** is mobilizing Girl Scouts troops throughout the country to help establish gardens in each Congressional District in time for the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII in 2020.

The goal is to inspire a new generation of 21st Century "Rosie's" by encouraging girls and young women to prepare to successfully compete for the high technology jobs of the future.

"I hope that the example set by the women who worked on the Home Front during WWII will educate and inspire future generations, especially young girls, to take on leadership roles," said Otto.

The Girl Scouts will greet Ms Otto on her arrival and then meet with her in Terminal A Conference Room from 5 to 6 PM for a group discussion and photos.

Today's welcome is being organized by Madeleine LeBeau, a high school student from Chantilly, VA who is a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ms Otto to the nation's capitol," said LeBeau. "She is a living symbol of the Rosie's motto 'We CAN do it!'"