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Millie Rexroat - WASP of Distinction

RAPID CITY, SD - The Journey Museum & Learning Center is excited to announce the next event in its Turtle Soup Lecture Series, set for Friday, October 20th, titled “Millie Rexroat WASP of Distinction”. 1st Lieutenant Miranda Simmons from the 28th Bomb Wing, Public Affairs office, Ellsworth AFB, recounts the life of Capt. Ola Millie Rexroat, the only Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) during WWII of Native American descent.

“Millie Rexroat WASP of Distinction” begins at noon on October 20 in the Journey Museum & Learning Center’s upstairs library. Lt. Simmons will cover Rexroat’s military career and share information about a building memorialization held at Ellsworth AFB in Rexroat’s honor.

Rexroat, who passed away this year at the age of 99, was one of 1,074 Women Airforce Service Pilot corps women to complete training and earn status as a WASP Pilot. Her efforts helped ensure male pilots were prepared for aircraft enemy engagement overseas. A member of the Oglala Lakota tribe, she went on to serve in the Air Force Reserves for ten years, earning the rank of Captain.

Air Force 1st Lt. Miranda T. Simmons is a native of New Mexico and a member of the Navajo tribe. She is currently serving as the chief of Public Affairs for the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. Simmons’ personal decorations include a Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Air Force Commendation Medals, and two Air Force Achievement Medals.

Feed your mind and your belly with the Turtle Soup Lecture Series. Every Turtle Soup features a presentation on historic figures who influenced Black Hills history and includes soup from Angel’s Catering.

Admission for Turtle Soups are included in the regular cost of admission to the Journey Museum & Learning Center.

For more information and details about this event or other items, be sure to call (605) 394-6923 or email visserv@journeymuseum.org.

The Journey Museum and Learning Center was established in 1997 and is conveniently located in downtown Rapid City at 222 New York St, 2 blocks east of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center right across from the Club for Boys. Visit www.journeymuseum.org to find additional schedule information and ‘like’ us on Facebook!

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