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Raquel Ramsey at the 2018 screening of *Never Surrender* at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, which presented her with the sculpture she holds.

## ▲ **Family Stories of Courage**

CTA/NEA-Retired member Raquel Ramsey has co-written *Taking Flight: The Nadine Ramsey Story*, about a courageous woman who helped clear the flight path for today's female combat and commercial aviators. In October 1944, Nadine Ramsey (the author's future sister-in-law) was 33 and flying the cutting-edge P-51 Mustang to the war in Europe. *Taking Flight* is the inspiring story of a girl from Depression-era Kansas who overcame tremendous challenges and defied convention to become an elite pilot — one of the few American women to fly fighter aircraft during World War II.

Raquel Ramsey taught for 24 years in Beverly Hills Unified School District. In 2016, she was co-executive producer of *Never Surrender: The Ed Ramsey Story*, a documentary about her late husband, who in 1942 led the final horse-mounted cavalry charge in U.S. Army history. After the fall of Bataan, Ed Ramsey became a member of the Filipino resistance, commanding over 40,000 Filipino guerrilla troops against Japan.