



NEWSLETTER FOR THE TALOA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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I served in Air traffic Control at RAF Amman and wonder if you have any news / information of the Transocean staff that operated there. They were captained by a Captain Waterman and other pilots were Soha and Oscar Hauber. A long time Ago. Regards, Vincent C Miles



Good morning Ms. Kennedy. Thank you for the Newsletter. I'm curious if anyone has done research in identifying the instructors at TALOA Academy during the 50's. I feel they were former/retired TALOA pilots. The names that I recall are George Wilbur and Emmet Fall. Not certain of the name spelling. It would be interesting to know of their history. Nicholas F. Pipitone

Good morning Mr. Pipitone,. All the information I have been able to gather I've published at:

http://www.taloea.org/academy

Some time ago my husband and I took at trip down to Minter Field, Bakersfield CA, where the Taloea Academy established branch offices and training facilities. They have a small but very interesting museum there. I hope our readers will supply more information. I'm sure there's lots of stories out there. Regards, Jeane

While researching my dad's life, I found that he was possibly employed by Transocean in Guam in the mid to late fifties as a aircraft mechanic. I haven't been able to find any documentation about this and was hoping your site might help. His and his wife, Ethel, apparently lived in Agana from approx 1950 to approx 1960. Any help will be sincerely appreciated. Chuck Bolton

Stand by, Chuck and we'll see any of our readers can help with information.

Hello Jeane. Just received the September TALOA issue and enjoyed reading it as always. Thank you for all you do for TALOA!

Included in this email is an email I sent to my sisters and daughter in 2016. I copy/pasted the story from Guideposts Magazine, written by Norman Vincent Peale

in 1954, about the downed plane in New Hampshire that my Dad [Apostolis N. Bountis] found. In addition, here is the link from general aviation disasters.

http://www.gendisasters.com/new-hampshire/4138/north-conway,-nh-plane-crashes-mountainside,-dec-1954

A few years ago I sent you some emails and thought I'd write something about the rescue and never did. Shame on me. I'm sending you these 2 articles in hopes you can put together something for the TALOA newsletter. I can also send you a photo of Dad, unless you have one. Please let me know what you think.

Thank you, Jane Bountis-Berthet

Angelo {Augie} Blasquez passed away Sept. 19 2017. He so loved reading the stories and going to the reunions. Thank you Rosemary

Derrel Thomas Gibbins (Gibby) 1927 - 2017

Derrel Thomas Gibbins (Gibby), 90, of Fremont California passed away on October 16th surrounded by family. Gibby was born September 5th, 1927 in Kansas City, MO to Thomas Henry Gibbins and Harriet Mae (Thomas) Gibbins. Gibby enlisted in the Navy on his 17th birthday, serving on the USS S.D. Sturgis, and personally witnessing the surrender of Japan aboard USS Missouri ending World War II.

After the war, Gibby, who had a lifelong love of flying, started his career as a flight mechanic. After "taking a walk" with Jimmy Hoffa, he went on to become a pilot for Transocean Air Lines from 1947 to 1955 and a Captain for Flying Tigers from 1955-1986.

Gibby had an amazing career transporting everything from thoroughbred Arabian racehorses, to monkeys from Asia in order to help develop the Salk polio vaccine. Among his proudest accomplishments is logging 10,000 hours transporting troops and supplies to Vietnam.

Gibby was absolutely fearless when it came to flying and it was his greatest joy. He was also an avid

fisherman, hunter, volunteer at the Museum of Local History in Fremont, and an Oakland A's fan.

He will live on through his endless stories and unforgettable sense of humor. Gibby is survived by his wife, Ingeborg (Inky); son, Mike; three daughters, Deborah, Chari, and Tracy (Darren); granddaughter, Shannon (Eric); great grandson, Jameson; and his beloved cat, Gizmo. Warmly, Shannon Feldman



Hello. Recently my sister and I have been going through the effects of our Great Aunt Peggy (Peggy K. Harvey, born 10 Nov, 1915 in London, England; died 18 June, 1985 in London, England). She served in the WAAF during WW2, mainly stationed at Bomber Command in High Wickham, England. On 3 Oct, 1947 she emigrated to Canada (see attached Province of Ontario "Ticket of Contract" and photo of baggage tags).

My sister and I had always assumed that she emigrated by boat, as I did as a baby with my parents in 1954. We are very excited to discover, while researching "TALOA" as per the baggage tags, that she had made the



epic journey by plane. What TALOA accomplished for those 7,000 emigrants, including our beloved great aunt, is truly a remarkable piece of history. We enjoyed reading the personal account of the journey at:

<http://www.airliners.net/forum/viewtopic.php?t=953439>



Our great aunt, who enjoyed her life in Toronto for many years, moved back to the U.K. when she retired to live with her widowed sister, and sadly died just 4 years later.

If you have any more information about this trip, and the entire operation, we would really appreciate it if you could let us know.

Meanwhile, many thanks for this opportunity to tell the story about our dear great aunt! Kind Regards, Lesley Barrenger, Val-des-Monts, Québec, Canada. email: redcanoe11@yahoo.ca

I'm Michael Taylor, a writer in California, (email miketttt@att.net), and am seeking information that can corroborate what William P. Willoughby said in a letter than ran in the Wall Street Journal on Nov. 19, 2009.

Captain Willoughby, who was a pilot for Slick Airways, an airline created by Earl Slick shortly after the end of World War II, says Transocean shipped seven tons of Chiang Kai-shek's gold to the United States in 1949 and that he, Willoughby, flew the gold from Oakland, California, to Denver on a Slick Airways C-46. I talked to Willoughby a few days after that letter was published. At the time he was living in Palo Alto, California. He said he flew the gold shipment to Denver and from there it was flown by another pilot to Chicago and then New York. That's about all the details he had.

Willoughby died in 2010. I realize Willoughby worked for Slick Airways, not Transocean, but am hoping someone out there who is familiar with the activities of Transocean and similar airlines operating in the 1940s might have heard of this.

Wall Street Journal letter (Nov. 19, 2009):

"Regarding Melanie Kirkpatrick's review of "The Last Empress" by Hannah Pakula ("[China's Mystery Lady](#)," Bookshelf, Nov. 4): When Chiang Kai-shek decamped to Taiwan in 1949, he took the gold with him. Trans Ocean Airlines picked up the gold in Taiwan and transported it to Oakland Airport, home base, where it was transloaded to a Slick Airways C-46 to be delivered to Chase National Bank in New York. The plane was grossed out with a payload of seven tons of gold.

I was the pilot of this flight and have often wondered who ended up with the gold.
William P. Willoughby

Flights Europe--Panama

Nov. 11...I have come across an ad in the French newspaper Le Monde (1949 NOV 20) featuring your airline's regular service between PAR+ROM and CCS+PTY. I attach the Transocean Airlines ad in the hope that this is working out. From my side, I am interested to find out if you have a record of how long this service from Europe to CCS + PTY was operated by the airline. Best regards, Klaus Vomhof



Thank you, Klaus for sending the image of the ad. I will publish your note and hopefully a reader will reply.

Nov. 12...Good morning Jeane. I have just discovered another ad of your airline from May 1949, featuring flights out of Tel Aviv-Lod to Geneva + Bombay. Again (from my side), it would be interesting to

know when these services were terminated. Best regards,
Klaus



Nov. 12...Hello again, Jeane. This is fast becoming a hotline! I found another ad for you (scan enclosed). This coming Thursday, I plan to visit the British Library in London. That may lead to the discovery of another ad for you. Bye for now, Klaus



Nov. 17...Hello Jeane. The Palestine Post featured an ad of TO on 17 JUN 1949. I don't think I have sent you that one as yet. The newspaper was still highlighting your airline's departure to Geneva on 28 DEC 1949.

Best regards, Klaus
Love these old ads and all your investigating results!
Thanks Klaus!

I'm George Navarini, and I collect airline insignia. I use it in working with youth (mostly Civil Air Patrol and Scouts) to get them interested in aviation as a career. I'd like to know if you have any information (pictures, drawings, and the like) regarding TALOA insignia. I have a small wing that looks a service pin (you know, the items companies give out to recognize employees that have X number of years of service) but have never seen a picture of pilots wings, or hat devices.

Anything you can do to help would be appreciated!
George Navarini

Hi George. You'll find an excellent representation of TALOA memorabilia located in the latest edition of the TALOA Newsletter located at: <http://www.taloe.org/>

[newsletters.html](#) In this edition you'll find an article featuring the extensive [Transocean Air Lines](#) collection of Charles Quarrels.

Thanks Jeane. These pictures are great! Now I have to start finding some of these, and add them to the collection.

I admire what you all are doing, keeping the history of TALOA alive. I too grew up in aviation, and it does get into your blood. When I see a wing or insignia of was once one of our customers, I get both nostalgic and eager to add to the collection. We had many customers from South America that flew DC-4 and Connies, and I recall several of them flying ex-TALOA planes, but no one could tell me anything, as you guys did not regularly fly into MIA (although I'm sure you did.)

While my office certainly does not look like that of the good dentist, the walls are covered with mostly Pan Am posters and other items. That said, the centerpiece of my posters is a very poignant TWA poster. It's the one from New York, showing the Twin Towers. Both the airline and the iconic buildings. now a part of history. As a professor of emergency management and terrorism, the imagery keeps me focused, and ties both sides of my professional career.

If you hear of anyone in the process of selling, please let me know. GN - Cell 954-600-384

My dad was [Capt. T.K. Delahunt](#). He started flying with Transocean 1954 until it closed its doors. Does anyone have any stories of him they can share? Thank! Thomas B. Delahunt

John R. Foster

April 8, 1928 ~ December 9, 2017

John R. Foster left us to be with his bride December 9, 2017. Born Easter Sunday in 1928, he was the first of his family born in the USA. The youngest of 5 born to Marie Rose Herbau of Bailleul, France & Bernard Foster of Nottingham, England. They settled in Oakland California, the place of John's birth.



John graduated from Oakland High School in June 1945 and joined the Army in 1946 & 1947-50 he worked for [Transocean Air Lines](#) as a purser. In 1950 his National Guard unit was activated for the Korean War effort. In 1951 after his discharge he became a bank teller. After a successful 34 year career in banking, he retired from Crocker Bank in 1985 as the Senior VP & District Manager in San Francisco.

In January of 1952 he married the love of his life, Jeanne Anderson & enjoyed 54 years of love & laughter. He is survived by his 5 children, 15 grandchildren & 13 great-grandchildren.

Warren Lee Worthington
1928- 2013

I am compiling my husband's history for ancestry. Unfortunately he has passed. He worked for Transocean during the early 1950s. It was clear that he had a special love for his time there. He kept a long friendship with a co-worker named Victor (I have forgotten his last name). Do you all have records of employees at that time? I suspect not but am asking anyway. He was in aerospace as an engineer for 41 years but actual spent 54 years with airplanes as the major work of his life. Thank you very much, Leora Worthington

Hello! My dad, [Paul Spellman](#) was a pilot in the later 50's until around 1960. We were stationed in Japan in 1959. I would like to hear from anyone who might remember him! Dede Spellman Tate

Sherry Waterman Parker

Hello Jeane. I am one of Sherry Waterman Parker's stepchildren. I came across your newsletter online and read Sherry's letter.

Sherry died Sunday night, Jan. 28, 2018. She had an acute stroke in December followed by many smaller ones.

Sherry always enjoyed the *TALOA Alumni Newsletter*. I was glad to read in the September 2017 issue that she had sent you some original copies of her book. Thanks to the Internet, I was able to keep her and the family in supply over the last few years. It always



gave Sherry pleasure to share her book with people who would appreciate it. Sincerely, JoAnn C. Walsh

PS Sherry's given name was Shirley. Her obituary will be on the website of the Christy Funeral Home in Millville, NJ.

Hi JoAnn, I am very sorry to hear that Sherry has passed. I enjoyed a wonderful relationship with her through the TALOA Alumni Newsletter. She definitely made an impact and will be missed by myself as well as our readers. A search of her name at www.taloe.org yields a whopping 10 hits of either articles she has written or comments she submitted. She was a very active lady and it was a pleasure to work with her.

Sincerely, Jeane

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