



NEWSLETTER FOR THE TALOA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Thanks for the News Letter.

Although I'm not part of the TALOA Alumni, I was a student at TALOA Academy in the mid 50's while stationed at NAS Oakland. I obtained my Private Pilot Certificate at the Academy flying Cessna 120 and 140 aircraft. My primary instructor was Mr. George Wilbur. The Chief Instructor was Mr. Emmet Fall. Those were memorable experiences for me. They say your first instructor and experiences are the most impressionable and remain with you forever. I don't know if Mr. Wilbur or Emmet Fall were former TALOA international Pilots. I started commercial training at the Academy, but the Military had other ideas for my availability. I later completed my advanced training along the way. A friend and CO-Student at that time is now CEO of Kaiser Air. Mr. Ron Guerra. This is certainly a small world. Thanks for the memories, Nicholas F. Pipitone nicholas.pipitone@earthlink.net 619-334-2160 El Cajon, CA



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Thanks for the TALOA update - sure wish I had access to the PANAGRA news that might mention my father - stationed in Port Of Spain (1946-1949) - I was born there in 1948. Meanwhile - I keep researching Capt .Don (and Mildred) Kosteff and have created a Bio you might be interested in. I don't have his TALOA dates. Maybe you have those? I expect to expand this Bio as I get more info... ANYONE that might have more info may contact me.

My new info: Bill Howard, 1861 Rustic Place, Walla Walla, WA 99362, 509-876-8160 Home, 509-520-6552 Cell, bhoward@bmi.net

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I was at the Oakland Aviation Museum last week (I had not been there is several years) and asked about Arue. I had lunch with her last time I was there. The new Director of Operations said that she has Alzheimer's and was in a facility. He said her daughter stops by once in a while to check on the TALOA Exhibit. That's all I know. Very sad.

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Sorry I am late with my dues. My husband, Dick Kohler, was food and beverage manager for TALOA, and was station manager on Wake after Chic Collins left. Kay Kohler

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What was the plane we took in 1956 to Hawaii? A DC-3 or what? I remember props & they were the engines my husband did test cell runs on, so he would not buy insurance for the flight. He said those are my engines and they are good, and they were. Thanks Rosemarie Quinn

Hi Rosemarie, a look at my father's logbooks show that in 1956 he was flying DC4s to Honolulu. Sincerely, Jeane Kennedy (Capt. Frank Kennedy's daughter)

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I would very much like to have a Transocean Stewardess hat (or entire uniform) to display in the collection here if anyone has one they would like to contribute or sell. Thank you. Sincerely, Charles C. Quarles, DDS, FAGD, Lifetime TALOA Alumni Association Member. The Airline Archives website: www.airlinearchives.com

I am interested in acquiring Transocean Stewardess hats/uniforms to include in my displays.





Contact can be made through my email [airliner@rfci.net](mailto:airliner@rfci.net) or through my website [www.airlinearchives.com](http://www.airlinearchives.com)



distributed to several airline/aviation museums of which I have been a contributor for many years. I have made



This is a lifelong private collection. I have never held myself out to be a "museum" although most of the



many contributions to The National Museum of Commercial Aviation, The Delta Flight Museum, The United Airlines Archives, The Carolinas Aviation



people who come here call it such. I do have former and current airline personnel who often visit and enjoy the airline history here. The collection will eventually be





Museum, and The Aviation Museum at SFO among others.

It would be nice to have Transocean represented



here if anyone so desires. Thank you again. Sincerely,  
Charles Quarrels

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Hello Jeane – I am half way through the airline film history book and now have started my actual writing about *The High and The Mighty*. There are a few items I uncovered as I went along on my research.

One is that Bill Keating's co-pilot on the film was TALOA pilot William Benge. He also acted as the tech advisor on the film and supervised the assembly of the DC-4 fuselage mock-up at the studio. I wondered if this fuselage might have come from TALOA. It was a real fuselage and cockpit that was cut apart for filming. I wondered if any of the TALOA members have a contact for the families of Bill Keating or William Benge that I might contact for information and or photos?

Also (I think) there was a third C-54 used in the film for the final scenes in the picture when they are looking at the burnt engine hanging off its mount. I

noticed your article had the guys looking at it and I wondered if any one might confirm this was a third aircraft or one of the two that appeared in the film?

By the way your lead about the Mansdorf Company was interesting. Two brothers ran the business. They bought and sold many surplus airplanes after the war. First they were based in Sun Valley and then moved to larger quarters in Burbank. They had purchased a number of surplus Boeing 377's in late 1950's and 60's and got involved in the modifications of these to Pregnant Guppys for carrying missiles for NASA and the military. Not sure but the Boeing 377's might have come from TALOA.

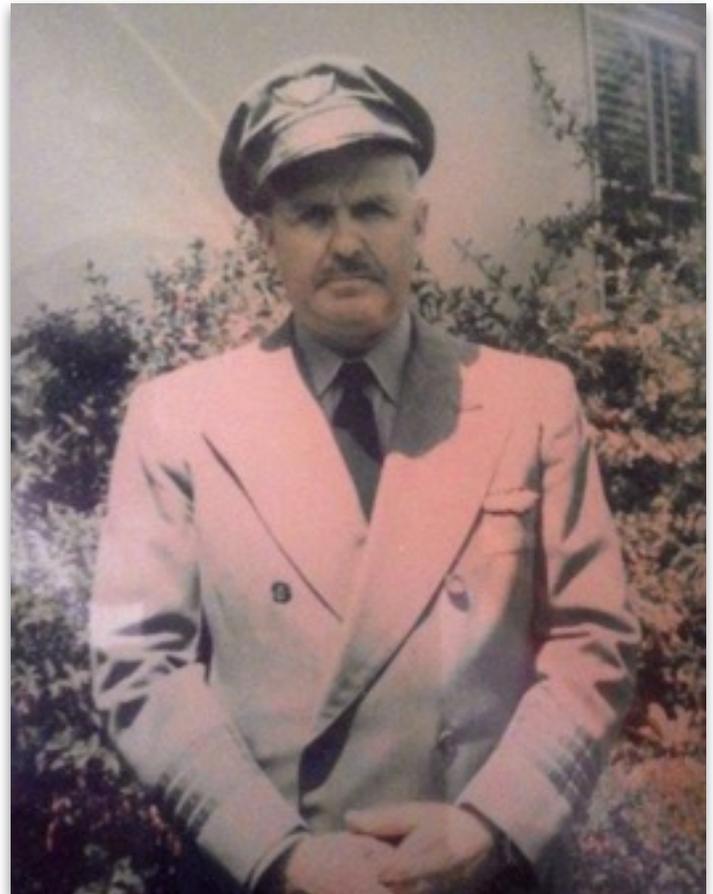
Any help you could give me would be appreciated. Bruce Orriss

*As always, Bruce, I'll publish your note in the hope that one of our readers will be able to supply some of the info you're requesting. And let me know when your book comes out so I can let all our readers know.*

*All the best, Jeane*

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Attached is a photo of my father, [Capt. Alec S. Hamilton Sr.](#), who worked for TALOA from 1947 to the end and then went to United States Overseas Airlines as did several of the TALOA Pilots. The picture was taken in 1953 while based at OAK. I have a few pictures of Hangar 5 at OAK, the same hangar I flew DC-3's out of from 1975 -1977. Alec Hamilton



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Dear Jeane, You can't imagine the surprise and delight that I had when I saw that TALOA little black airplane return address that I hadn't seen for so long and of course I read it right away then put it in a very safe place so I could read it again. Of course, when you are pushing ninety years old, you can forget something you did

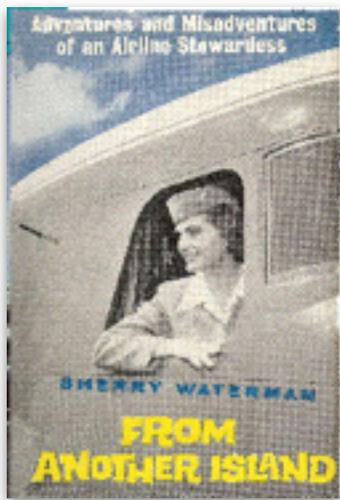


**Sherry Waterman Parker**

five minutes ago, let alone five days ago. Well, I cleaned three rooms and a stairwell in the process, but I finally found it.

I think your Wake Island reunion is a swell idea - my husband and I made the last one in Hawaii, but that was so long ago and I have been widowed for the last fifteen years, and even though I am in pretty good health, I rely on my stepdaughters - Paul's grown daughters - for everything. (With any luck one of them will type this letter on one of their many machines, but if not I better brush up on what was once very good hand writing. Alas, no I can't come to the reunion, but its great to see all those names you have in that newsletter and to know of those who participate in some of the books that were best sellers.

As you know, I wrote my own little book about Transocean in the 1960s, and it did very well considering. Barnes & Noble are still selling it over the Internet. Some of my husband's very large family still buy a well worn copy now and then so I have these four which I am sending to you in case you can give them to anyone who might have missed out! I know my dear friend Roland Halper made it his job to see that everyone got copies when it first came out.



Before I close, I will tell you that a Swiss magazine serialized the book in three sections in their

magazine but it was in German, with lots of pictures and they even came to my parents house and took pictures of my father, who was a World War I pilot.

I'll close now because my penmanship isn't getting any better. Sherry Waterman Parker

PS: I've never written a letter that didn't have a PS on it so here goes...

Is Martha Jane still with us? She was such a great Chief Stewardess - I hardly knew her, but I remember one conversation when I disagreed about the white gloves she wanted us to wear with our uniforms. It was kind of joking and I had about forgotten about it, when weeks later I was on a flight that made a landing at Guam - never my favorite place and so beastly hot that after the crew deplaned, I went up into the cargo and flopped down on some truck tires, looking for something cool. In a few minutes I heard a female worker scurrying up the aisle with a package in her hand - all excited because it was for me from the main office. Yes, of course, it was white gloves - and I hid my excitement because I didn't want to disappoint the little messenger. Fondly, Sherry

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**Carolyn Frisbee Bovat has passed...**

Carolyn was the daughter of Mona & Karl Frisbie (a respected Naval Intelligence officer) who in her 20's became Chief Stewardess of Transocean Air Lines. Carolyn Frisbee secretly worked for the CIA and lived in



Tokyo hiring women to spy for America. Later she married Larry Bovat a World Airways pilot. After having two children she continued her service to America by (covertly) assisting CIA leaders in the creation of Democracies all over the globe. In her 40's she became Clayton California's first woman mayor and took on developers insisting they construct an environmentally friendly community. In 1979 Carolyn Bovat was part of the first all women official delegation traveling to China to promote women's rights. In her 50's she successfully battled the tobacco lobby and was responsible for mandating restaurants have "no-smoking" sections. She was instrumental in the creation of the Bay Area's planet friendly state of the art public transit system.

There's so much more, including many pictures, about Carolyn Bovat located at <http://www.carolynbovat.com>

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Hi Pat & Jeane. Thanks for your good work...enjoy the newsletter. [John Lannom](#)

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I don't normally do this, but while researching a "Transocean Airlines Lighter" that I was listing on Ebay, I came across your website. I was struck by the loyalty and camaraderie of Transocean employees. I thought it would be a shame to not let your organization's members know that this piece of their history was coming up for sale. I would much rather see it go to someone who has a connection to it than to some aviation collector. It is item # 132265150709 and is online now.

Best of Luck! Sincerely, Ron Dickinson

*Thanks so much, Ron, for letting us know. I'm glad the great camaraderie of our Transocean family shows through on our website.*

searched the old log books from the control tower. A few TALOA Strat movements, note the UK style dates - not the silly American style! Cheers, Tom Singfield

*No, Tom...haven't seen this before. Very interesting! Is there any public access on the Internet of the control tower log books?*

No, sorry, the logbooks are kept in a local history library. No digital copies.

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If you already haven't done so, please send your 2017 dues (\$20.00) to:

**TALOA Treasurer Pat Kearns**  
**15592 Maplewood Dr.**  
**Sonoma CA 95476**



*Thank you...that's how we continue to soar!*

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Hi Jeane...Don't know if I have sent you this before. Its from the Gatwick Aviation Society who have

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