

# **Pat Malone to be Inducted into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame**

## **A Delta Network News Story**

On April 24, 2010, a Delta legend, Patricia (Pat) "Mother" Malone, will be posthumously inducted into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame in Warner Robins, GA. The ceremony will take place at the Museum of Aviation at Warner Robins Air Force Base. Delta will be one of the sponsors and encourages anyone interested to attend the special black tie event. Cost for the dinner and ceremony is \$75.00 with the proceeds going to sustaining the museum. As a special addition to the event, Delta will provide a chartered B-757 to fly friends and family from Atlanta to Macon and back. More details on how to register for the event and reserve a seat on the B-757 are listed below.

Patricia (Pat) "Mother" Malone came to Delta in the Northeast Airlines merger in 1972 and served as an Operations Specifications Instructor. She transitioned to Flight Operations management in 1984 until her retirement in 1994 as Manager - Compliance and Incident Management. Pat spent her 30-year Delta career teaching pilots and dispatchers the "ins and outs" of instrument flight procedures, Federal Air Traffic Control procedures and Operations Specifications as well as conducting instrument flight reviews and Human Factors, Flight Safety and Crew Resource Management training. Her impact at the airline went well beyond the lessons she taught though; she gained the nickname "Mother Malone" because she took a genuine interest in her students - "My boys" as she called them - and was fiercely loyal to Delta. After her retirement in 1994, Pat was a frequent sight on the G.O. campus and at Delta events around Atlanta representing the Delta Pioneers retiree group, where she served as a member of the Advisory Board and as National President. Pat was an honorary member of two Air Line Pilots Association councils, the Delta Golden Wings (retired pilot association) and was the only non-pilot awarded the "Leather Helmet" flying award by the Delta Air Line Pilots Association for her contributions to flight safety. She also received a Certificate of Commendation from then FAA Administrator David Hinson. Pat was a 2009 inductee into the Women in Aviation International, Pioneer Hall of Fame and was active in the Atlanta community supporting the American Business Women's Association, Goodwill of North Georgia, the YWCA of Northwest Georgia and the American Red Cross.

Her aviation career spanned over 50 years, starting in 1942 when she graduated from Radio Training School and was hired as a Radio Engineering Aide, U.S. Signal Corps Laboratory in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. She completed Link Training school at Naval Air Station Atlanta, which was located at what is now Peachtree - DeKalb airport. She then went on to train carrier-based Navy pilots on instrument procedures from 1944-1946 as a member of the U.S. Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). In 1951, she was hired by Trans World Airways as an instrument flight, radio navigation, Federal Aviation Regulations and Air Traffic Control procedures instructor, and in 1960, Pat was hired by Northeast Airlines to operate the Curtis Wright Dehmel Instrument Procedures Trainer for their pilots.

Pat will join seven other Delta inductees in the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame: C.E. Woolman, Hollis L. Harris, Captain Thomas "Pre" Ball, Captain Basil Victor Hewes, Lieutenant Colonel Christofer B. Smisson, Captain Connie Bowlin, and Captain Ed Bowlin.

To purchase tickets for the black tie event, you can go online at [www.gahof.org](http://www.gahof.org). You can also purchase tickets by sending a check payable to Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 8427, Warner Robins, GA 31095. The deadline for tickets is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

For those individuals who wish to make a donation to the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame in honor of Pat, an account has been set-up at the Delta Community Credit Union. Donations can be made as follows:

- Mail your donation to: Delta Community CU, Attention: Terry Seiler, 1025 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30354. Make checks payable to the GA Aviation Hall of Fame-Pat Malone, and in the note/memo field provide account #991671719.
- If you are a member of DCCU and you wish to make a donation online:
  - Log in to your DCCU account and from the top menu, select *Transfers*.
  - Select *Member to Member* from the drop down menu.
  - Choose the account you want to transfer the donation from and enter the transfer amount.
  - Enter **account # 991671719** (*The Last Name field does not need to be completed.*)
  - You can add a comment to remind you of your donation.
  - Click *Continue* and select *Checking* then *Continue* again.
  - Confirm the data and click *Transfer Now* - be sure to print a copy for your records.

If you wish to reserve a seat on the B-757 charter to and from Macon, you must send your name as it appears on your normal travel documents to [beth.poole@delta.com](mailto:beth.poole@delta.com). Seats will be on a first-come first-served basis. While the company is donating the use of the aircraft to this event, we ask that anyone traveling on the aircraft make a minimum \$50.00 donation to the Hall of Fame via the Credit Union account detailed above.

Delta will present a check to the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame's Chairman on behalf of all Delta employees and friends of Pat "Mother" Malone on the evening of the event.

Delta has also secured a group rate of \$74 per night for April 23<sup>rd</sup> and/or 24<sup>th</sup> at the Atlanta Airport Renaissance Hotel. You can make reservations online at: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlsa?groupCode=gahgaha&app=resvlink&fromDate=4/23/10&toDate=4/25/10>

Or you can call the Renaissance at 404-209-9999 and ask for the Pat Malone, GA Hall of Fame rate.

We hope to have a large contingent of Mother Malone supporters in attendance and look forward to seeing you at this truly memorable event.

The Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization whose primary support comes from museum visitors and proceeds from this annual banquet honoring the newest class of inductees. Donations to this event are tax deductible.