

## FLYING TIGER LINE FLIGHT ATTENDANT HISTORY 1947 – 1989

### “THE WAY IT WAS”

#### EVENTS:

- 1947 – First male Purser  
Post World War II  
Curtis C -47 and Douglas DC-3 flew from 1946 - 1951
- 1951 – First female Stewardesses  
Korean Conflict  
Curtis C-46 flew from 1949 – 1961  
Curtis C-54 flew from 1947 - 1957
- 1953 – Seattle crash  
Douglas DC-6A flew from 1953 - 1958
- 1958 – Tachikawa crash  
Lockheed Super H Constellation flew 1957 – 1967
- 1962 – Aircraft disappeared between Guam and Clark AFB, Manilla  
Atlantic ditching  
Super H Constellations  
Canadair CL-44 flew 1961 - 1969
- 1964 – First formal Flight Attendant training  
El Al Charters
- 1967 - Vietnam Conflict  
Boeing 707 flew 1966 -1969  
Douglas DC-8 flew 1968 – 1989
- 1974 - 1989 Boeing 747 – 100  
Nov 9, 1977 - Air line deregulation  
Metro  
Hadj  
Inter-Governmental Committee for European Mitigation  
Desert Shield  
Desert Storm

#### FLIGHT ATTENDANT BASES:

Burbank  
San Francisco  
Los Angeles  
Newark, New Jersey

Tel Aviv  
McChord AFB, WA  
Travis AFB, CA  
New York



**CHIEF PURSERS, CHIEF STEWARDESSES, & CHIEF FLIGHT ATTENDANTS:**

**1940s**

Art Wehl  
John Weil

**1960s**

Vye Kusner Benedict  
Margaret J. Hough  
Ina Collins Fine  
Brenda Brown

**1950s**

Billy Welch Garrick  
Olive Parker  
Marjorie "Magee" Thompson  
Verna Williams  
Vye Corrington  
Eve Matot  
Anne Pedroncelli  
Marion Claire  
Betty Fields  
Vye Kusner Benedict

**1970s**

Margaret J. Hough

**1980s**

Margaret J. Hough  
Cathy Styer

**1990s**

Margaret J. Hough

**Flying Tiger Line Pilots Association Officers 2007:**

**George Gewehr – President**  
**Dave Cawthorne – Vice President**  
**Bill Mayfield – Vice President**  
**Michael Howe – Vice President of Communications**  
**Sandy White – Meeting Planner Plus**  
**Peter Okicich – Secretary/Treasurer**

**Judie Nunns Esler – Flight Attendant Coordinator**  
**Robin Burkey Pestarino – Flight Attendant Coordinator**

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