

# Kathryn Purwin Takes Over as CEO of Helinet Aviation Services

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**ALEA, Savannah, GA** — Kathryn Purwin, jet and helicopter pilot and widow of Alan Purwin, today takes over as CEO of [Helinet Aviation Services](#). Helinet is a leading international provider of corporate travel, emergency medical service, electronic news gathering, motion picture, television and commercial production services since 1987.

The company predicts growth for its technical division [Helinet Technologies](#), which specializes in the delivery of digital and data transmission from airborne, marine and ground based platforms. The Helinet Technologies team has doubled in size to serve the growing number of local, state and federal government organizations utilizing real-time transmission and distribution of HD video and data.

“Alan was committed to helping law enforcement agencies across the county develop customized, turnkey solutions, that have been widely adopted among agencies nationally and internationally,” Purwin said. “That’s a legacy I am dedicated to building on.”

Alan Purwin died on September 11, 2015. A pioneer in helicopter aviation and highly respected in the entertainment industry, Alan built a reputation for his work as an aerial coordinator and film pilot in hundreds of Hollywood movies while simultaneously establishing Helinet as a reputed aviation and technology company.

The Helinet Technologies division provides a complete range of customized tactical aerial and terrestrial based video and data transmission solutions, systems and services that work inter-operably between local police agencies which include the Los Angeles, Long Beach, Ontario, Hawthorne and Riverside police departments and the Sheriff’s Departments of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Helinet Technologies also provides vital command and control platforms to Emergency Operations Command Centers for Los Angeles World Airports (LAX), and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. In addition, the technology is used by agencies internationally and nationally including the New York Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Massachusetts State Police.

In fast-moving tactical situations Helinet Technologies provides public safety agencies with custom designed solutions for seamlessly sharing live video and data directly to fixed locations while providing IP streams to secured laptops, smartphones and other devices on the ground. The accessibility of this information enables multiple agencies to coordinate effective joint actions.

In addition to further supporting law enforcement and military, as the company moves forward Kathryn is equally committed to continuing Alan’s legacy of giving back, particularly to Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. The Purwin family, through Helinet, donated two Sikorsky helicopters for patient transport to CHLA and provide pilots 24/7, maintenance and all operational expenses at no cost to the hospital.

The Purwins met at Santa Monica Airport in the early 1980's. They were married in 1994 and over the following two decades Kathryn supported Alan as he built Helinet Aviation into the highly respected and successful business it is today. In addition to its work in surveillance, Helinet currently owns and operates 16 helicopters and is well known for its work in ENG (electronic news gathering) patient and organ transport, and high-end charter services.

"I caught the aviation bug and committed myself to building my flight time and experience until I became qualified to fly co-pilot and captain in several types of jets," she said. "Now I fully intend to apply the same focus and commitment to keeping Alan's life's work, Helinet, strong and successful."

Of the staff Kathryn said, "Alan built a loyal and close-knit team made up of some of the most respected professionals in aviation. Some have been at Helinet since it started. These people are family to me as they were to Alan, and my goal is to return their loyalty and comradery and to do everything I can to ensure a solid future for us all."

### **About Helinet Technologies**

A division of Helinet Aviation, Helinet Technologies is an international provider of aviation technology solutions to the law enforcement, government and public safety markets. Backed by decades of experience deploying customized surveillance and transmission systems for agencies across the globe, the firm offers a full suite of services, ranging from basic equipment sales to fully turnkey surveillance solutions. Helinet Technologies is online at [www.helinettechnologies.com](http://www.helinettechnologies.com).

### **About Helinet Aviation**

Helinet Aviation Services is a diversified helicopter transportation provider located in Van Nuys, California. With nearly 30 years in business, the company has earned a highly trusted and widely respected industry-wide reputation for its exceptional pilots and other team members, unparalleled service, and an outstanding safety record. Helinet serves the following markets: VIP Transportation, Emergency Medical Services including patient and organ transport, Electronic News Gathering (news helicopters), Motion Picture, Television and Commercial Production, and Helicopter Fleet Management. Its mission is, and has always been, to be Southern California's preferred carrier for safe, responsive and reliable rotor wing transportation.

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