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Valentine's
♥ day ♥

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~~Welcome back Vanguards~~
Join Us

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

**American Legion Post 36
5845 E. 22nd**

Social time: 10am

Business Meeting: 10:30am

Speaker: 11am

**Havala Schumacher
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February 17



If you have access to the AA retiree jETNET, click on The History of AMR where you can view :
ARRIVALS - FLAGSHIP NEWS -
CONNECTIONS - FLAGSHIP WORLD and
ASTROJET - publications.

Experience the History of AMR as it was told in the pages of six legacy publications: Arrivals, Flagship News, Connections, Astrojet, Astrojet (Oklahoma Edition) and Flagship World. Read the wide-ranging stories that have shaped our company and the airline industry.

American Airlines and US Airways. Arrivals was published from Feb. 20, 2013 to Dec. 27, 2018



ARRIVALS

American's weekly newsletter providing updates and insights on the merger between American Airlines and US Airways. Arrivals was published from Feb. 20, 2013 to Dec. 27, 2018.

FLAGSHIP NEWS

Flagship News has been in publication since 1941. It's an amazing treasure trove of events and milestones.

CONNECTIONS

Connections has been telling the American Eagle story since 1990. From station to station, agent to mechanic.

FLAGSHIP WORLD

Flagship World

Flagship World was published for one year - 1945 - and covered WWII.

ASTROJET

The Oklahoma edition of Astrojet ran from 1961-67 for Tulsa employees.

ASTROJET

Astrojet was the original "American Way" magazine from 1966-71.

ASTROJET

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2020 SCHEDULE

February 19
April 15
May to be announced
October 21
November 18
December 9*
*Christmas Luncheon



Any address, phone number or email changes.....please advise Karen Shudy. We would like to keep all information up-to-date.

****Helpful AA Telephone Contacts****

*A-9 Death/ Emergency Passes
1-888-WE-FLY-AA (888-933-5922)
*Flight listings & ZED fare PNRs
1-800-433-7300

NRSA Department

480-693-8164

***American Airlines Benefits Service Center**

AON Hewitt 1-888-860-6178

Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 7pm CST

AA Team Member Service Center

844-543-5747

To access the new
RETIREE JETNET

Go To: retirees.aa.com
1-888-207-2607

Team Member Service Center

Phone: 1-844-543-5747 to speak with a member of the team.

You'll first choose from a few prompts to make sure your question goes to the right department.

Hours: Monday through Friday: 7am – 7pm CST, Saturday and Sunday: 8am to 4pm CST

We handle questions related to:

- Travel
- General policy
- Retiree data management



FEBRUARY

3 Richard and Carole Curtin 42 years

24 Roger and Carol Collier 48 years



FEBRUARY

5 Bob Mencil

11 Lori Carlson

24 Roger Collier



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www.aavanguardscities.com

I want to believe that there is a mountain so high that I will spend my entire life striving to reach the top of it.



Cicely Tyson, actress

American and Southwest boost seasonal routes from Texas

American and Southwest are increasing their seasonal summer routes between Texas and long-haul destinations in Alaska, Europe and the Caribbean, which an airport executive attributes to availability of more efficient aircraft. "The main lines are adding nonstop seasonal flights out of their hubs to places where they don't fly regularly," said Jose Mulet, director of air service and business development at Valley International in Harlingen. [Valley Morning Star \(Harlingen, Texas\)](#) (1/7)

American Airlines offering translation via Google Nest Hubs at LAX

American Airlines travelers will be able to get translation services via Google Nest Hubs and Google Assistant, at its airport lounges in Los Angeles International Airport, the airline announced at CES. The airlines is taking advantage of apps and smart devices to provide more customized services to its passengers. [TechCrunch \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (1/7)

Opinion: Congress should not add to the cost of flying

Former Secretary of Transportation James Burnley writes that "airports are sitting on billions in cash," which makes efforts to increase the Passenger Facility Charge unjustified and unnecessary. Airports are not facing a funding crisis, and a higher PFC would burden budget-conscious travelers with an additional tax. "Airlines and airports have already been working together to modernize and improve infrastructure at airports across the country. Airports are flush with cash that could go toward further infrastructure improvements. In fact, US airports had \$16 billion in cash on hand in 2018, an increase of 63% since 2010." [RealClearPolitics](#) (1/11)

American adds maintenance leadership position

American Airlines has added a leadership position in its maintenance department, moving Craig Barton from vice president of technical services to vice president of technical operations. Barton will oversee maintenance of facilities and ground support equipment as well as line maintenance. [The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Dallas](#) (1/10)

American opens another lounge at Dallas terminal

American Airlines has continued its investment in Dallas Fort Worth Airport and opened a new Admirals Club at Terminal E. The airline now has a lounge in each terminal at its DFW hub. The new Admirals Club is roughly 7,000 square feet with capacity for 117 guests. [The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Dallas](#) (1/14)

Global Entry rolls out facial recognition

Global Entry, the paid program monitored by US Customs and Border Protection, has replaced fingerprint scanning with facial recognition at some international cities and 15 US airports. Members take their picture at the kiosk, wait for a printout to hand to an agent, and they're done. [TravelPulse](#) (1/14)

American adds to executive team

American Airlines has named Brian Znotins vice president of network and schedule planning. Znotins, who has had a long airline career, will manage American's global route network and lead long-range planning efforts. [The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Dallas](#) (1/15)

New routes on American, Southwest, Air Canada and United highlighted

Southwest's new service from Houston to Cozumel, Mexico; Air Canada's upcoming flights between Boston and Calgary, and United's new route between Newark, N.J., and Palermo, Sicily, are among the 13 air travel routes highlighted as the "most exciting" being inaugurated in 2020. Several American Airlines routes made the list, including Chicago to Prague, Czechoslovakia; Philadelphia to Casablanca, Morocco; and New York to Bozeman and Kalispell, Mont. [USA Today](#) (1/15)

A4A applauds DOT's proposed rule regarding emotional support animals

Airlines for America applauds the Department of Transportation's proposed rule regarding emotional support animals. The guidance on the definition of a service animal is a step in protecting the legitimate rights of passengers to travel with service animals. "Airlines want all passengers and crew to have a safe and comfortable flying experience, and we are confident the proposed rule will go a long way in ensuring a safer and healthier experience for everyone," said A4A President and CEO Nicholas Calio.

Flight attendants join A4A in praising support animal rule

Organizations representing flight attendants joined Airlines for America in applauding the US Transportation Department's proposed guidance setting clear definitions for service animals and banning "emotional support animals" from aircraft cabins. "Passengers claiming pets as emotional support animals has threatened the safety and health of passengers and crews in recent years while this practice skyrocketed," said Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA. [nc. online](#) (1/24)

Delta unveils premium pet carrier

Delta Air Lines has unveiled an innovative pet travel carrier that includes strong walls to protect pets against temperature changes, blinds that create a calmer environment, a built-in hydration system and GPS tracking and monitoring. The CarePod will initially be available in several locations, including Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles and San Francisco. [TravelPulse](#) (1/22), [The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Atlanta](#) (1/22)

American Airlines donates retired MD-80 to Ill. college

American Airlines donated its last retired MD-80 aircraft to Lewis University. Students saw immediate benefit as they watched airline workers change out an engine that won't be staying with the plane. The donation gives the school a more modern aircraft with newer avionics for aviation maintenance students to work on.

[Aviation Week & Space Technology \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (1/23)

Schools receive American Airlines grants boosting flight education

A \$24,400 award from American Airlines' flight education grant program will allow Flabob Airport Preparatory Academy in Riverside, Calif., to purchase equipment and flying lessons and take students to visit a training school and Boeing aircraft manufacturing facilities. American made grants to 16 high schools, including an \$8,299 award to Greenville Technical Charter High School in South Carolina, which will purchase two drone systems.

[The Greenville News \(S.C.\) \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (1/22), [The Press-Enterprise \(Riverside, Calif.\) \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (1/28)

American reaches contract agreement with mechanics

American Airlines has reached a contract agreement with unions representing fleet service workers and mechanics, who will receive boosts in wages, benefits and retirement income if the contract is ratified. "Our Maintenance & Related and Fleet Service team members are the very best in the business and work incredibly hard to care for our customers," American CEO Doug Parker said, and "deserve contracts that include meaningful improvements in pay, quality of life and job protections."

American announces codeshare agreement with Brazil's GOL

American Airlines has announced a codeshare partnership with Brazilian airline GOL, giving American passengers easy access to GOL's network of 88 Brazilian cities and 16 international destinations. American also plans to increase its own service to South America and Latin America.

[TravelPulse](#) (2/4),

Alaska mileage program supports forestry restoration

Alaska Airlines' LIFT Miles program allows members to donate miles to support causes such as the National Forest Foundation, which has received more than 5 million miles since 2013 and traveled 1 million miles in 2019 alone. The partnership has helped more than 15,000 NFF volunteers restore 67,000 acres of wildlife habitat and repair 125 miles of public trails in the last year. [Alaska Airlines Blog](#) (2/4)

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[TravelPulse](#) (2/4), [The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Miami/Fort Lauderdale, Fla.](#) (2/4)

United opens flight academy to train new pilots

United Airlines has purchased the Westwind School of Aeronautics in Phoenix, Ariz., with plans to hire 10,000 pilots in the next 10 years to help combat the impending shortage as its pilots reach retirement age. About 300 students are expected to graduate from the flight-training academy in the first year and United intends to offer scholarships to women and minorities, as well as low-cost loans to qualified candidates [CNBC](#) (2/5)

Southwest to pay out \$667M in employee bonuses

Southwest Airlines will award \$667 million in profit-sharing bonuses to its crew members, some receiving payments equal to 12.2% of their salary and others a retirement account contribution. "Our employees delivered outstanding results despite a challenging year, and it's a pleasure to reward our people for all they contribute to our continued success," Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly said.

[The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Dallas](#) (2/6), [CNN](#) (2/6)

Don't believe in miracles -- depend on them.

Laurence J. Peter,
educator who formulated the Peter Principle