

2019



**Special points of
interest:**

- Meeting Reminder
- 2020 Membership & Newsletter Renewal

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WELCOME BACK TUS VANGUARDS

Join us for the first fall meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

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

Social time: 10am

Business Meeting: 10:30am

Speaker: 11am

**Mrs. Ramirez-Trillo
AARP**



Non-rev travel updates: What you need to know »

Each year, and even throughout the year, we take a look at our non-rev travel program to make sure it's the best in the business, that it works for you and makes sense for American.

SEE ENCLOSED SEPARTATE DOCUMENT WITH ALL THE DETAILS.

Members who receive the TUS Vanguard newsletter online, this information is available below the October newsletter.

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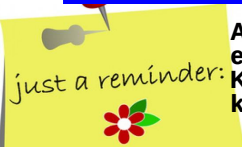
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743-3717 (if you are unable to reach Judy, please contact any officer) if you have information you wish to share regarding sickness, hospitalization or death of a Vanguard member or family member.



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



2020 Membership and Newsletter Renewal

2019 SCHEDULE

October 16
November 20
*December 11
*Christmas Luncheon

****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

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1-888-207-2607

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www.aavanguardscities.com



OCTOBER 23

Don & Glenda Seidel
43 years



OCTOBER

- 7 Judy Hunter
- 9 Gene Bisson
- 10 Shirley Peat
- 12 Carole Curtin
- 17 Dee Sundby
- 18 June Parker
- 20 Bob Losik

Thank you Glenda Seidel



IT'S THE
FRIENDS
WE MEET
along THE WAY
THAT
HELP US
APPRECIATE
THE journey

Share if you have awesome friends

**Form enclosed with October newsletter,
If you receive newsletter via email, go to:**

**aavanguardscities.com to print the form
Bring with you to the meeting or mail to
Bonnie Conway, Treasurer.**

American Airlines now offers 900-plus daily flights from Dallas

American Airlines now offers more than 900 daily flights from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. "We're making the world a smaller and more connected place by connecting small communities like Harlingen, Texas, to global cities like Dublin and Munich, while also bringing citizens of the world to the beauty of Glacier National Park via Kalispell, Montana, and California's Wine Country with service to Santa Rosa, California," American's Vasu Raja said. [TravelPulse](#) (6/6)

A tour of American Airlines' Integrated Operations Center

Travel editor Ted Thornhill describes his tour of American Airlines' Integrated Operations Center, a 149,000-square-foot facility where 2,000 workers oversee more than a million annual flights operated with 1,547 aircraft and serving more than 200 million passengers. "The calm professionalism of the staff -- some of whom have to digest information across six or seven screens in front of them -- is salute-worthy," writes Thornhill. [Daily Mail \(London\)](#) (7/21)

DOT approves American Airlines and Qantas joint venture

The US Department of Transportation has approved a joint venture between American Airlines and Qantas, which will allow the two carriers to codeshare on certain routes and combine operations in certain airports. The carriers filed their initial application for a joint venture in 2016. [Forbes](#) (7/21)

American expands Five Star Service to 4 more airports

American Airlines is rolling out its premium Five Star Service at Texas' Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, Nashville International Airport, New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport and Georgia's Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Passengers using the service receive perks including priority check-in, expedited security screening, an escort to their gate and access to the Admirals Club. [The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Dallas](#) (8/1)

American Airlines now offers 3,025 Premium Economy seats

American Airlines has finished rolling out Premium Economy seats on 124 wide body planes across its fleet. "Premium Economy is the perfect complement to the many travel experiences we offer, providing customers with even more options when flying," American Airlines Vice President Janelle Anderson said. [TravelPulse](#) (8/7)

American Airlines announces new flight routes for 2020

American Airlines announced it will add five new international routes in 2020, including the airline's first flight to Africa. The new routes are Philadelphia to Casablanca, Morocco; Dallas-Fort Worth to Tel Aviv, Israel; Chicago to Krakow, Poland; Chicago to Budapest, Hungary; and Chicago to Prague, Czech Republic. [One Mile at a Time](#) (8/8)

Ariz. airport to receive Airport Development Grant for upgrades

Marana Regional Airport has been issued a \$375,000 grant by the Arizona Department of Transportation's Airport Development Grants Program. Funding will be used for equipment replacement and design, and a safety improvement study. Ninety percent of the funds will be contributed by ADOT, with the remaining 10% covered by the town of Marana. [The Explorer Newspaper \(Tucson, Ariz.\)](#) (8/21)

Op-ed: DOT guidance on service animals improves air travel for all

Suzanne Boda, senior vice president at American Airlines, and Albert Rizzi, founder of the My Blind Spot disabilities advocacy group, applaud steps taken by the Department of Transportation to protect the rights of airline customers and trained service animals that travel with them. "Regulatory leadership on emotional support animals was long overdue, and the DOT guidance will ensure that more people have more enjoyable journeys when they choose to travel by air," they write. [The Hill](#) (8/13)

TSA campaign reminds travelers they'll need Real ID to fly next year

The Transportation Security Administration has launched a campaign to remind travelers they'll need Real ID-compliant identification in order to fly on commercial airlines, starting Oct. 1, 2020. "We want the public to make sure they're aware," said Thomas Cuellar, TSA transportation safety manager. [CBS News](#) (8/23)

American Airlines rolls out biometric boarding process at largest hub

American Airlines has started using new technology at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport to make the boarding process more convenient. "American is committed to ensuring that DFW remains a premier gateway," said Cedric Rockamore, vice president of DFW Hub Operations at American. "As its largest hub, implementing new technology like biometric boarding gives us the opportunity to enhance the airport experience in partnership with CBP. This new technology allows us to provide a more seamless and modern experience for both our customers and team members." [TravelPulse](#) (8/27)

American Airlines to add 400 jobs at Okla. maintenance facility

American Airlines on Wednesday announced plans to add 400 jobs at its Tulsa, Okla., maintenance facility, which already employs 5,200 workers. "This announcement not only reaffirms American's continuing commitment to Tulsa, but also the great benefit our community receives from investments like this. I'm grateful to the hard-working team at American for their partnership and am excited to see the impact of this work," Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum said. [Tulsa World](#) (Okla.) (8/28)

American Airlines says goodbye to the McDonnell Douglas MD-80

American Airlines' McDonnell Douglas MD-80 jet will make its last revenue-generating flight on Sept. 4. "The "Mad Dog" (as it's affectionately known) is one of the last of an older crop of mechanical planes that didn't rely on computers - a plane you had to really fly, in other words," writes travel columnist Gabriel Leigh.

American adds Africa, 4 other new international destinations in 2020

American Airlines will be soaring into more places around the globe in 2020 with its new route lineup. Look for service to Budapest, Hungary; Casablanca, Morocco; Krakow, Poland; Prague, Czech Republic; and Tel Aviv, Israel. [Skift](#) (9/6)

American invested almost \$30B in aircraft, facilities, exec says

American Airlines has invested almost \$30 billion over the past six years in new aircraft and facilities, "probably more than has been spent in commercial aviation history," American President Robert Isom said at an industry conference. "We are ending the era of extraordinary capital expenditures," Isom said. [KNXV-TV](#) (Phoenix) (9/9)

A4A: Airlines are flying greener than ever before

Airlines for America's Nancy Young writes that US airlines have established themselves as a leader in the fight against climate change through advances in aircraft engine technology, sustainable aviation fuels and aviation infrastructure to meet emission targets. "Between 1978 and 2018, the US airlines improved our fuel efficiency by more than 130 percent, saving nearly 5 billion metric tons of CO2," which is the equivalent of "taking 26 million cars off the road every year," Young writes. The actions of the airline industry shows a record to be proud of when it comes to flying greener.

American adds flights to Montana, Alaska for national park visitors

American Airlines is adding four new seasonal flights in 2020 to Montana from Philadelphia, New York City and Los Angeles due to the success of its service to Glacier National Park. The airline is also deploying larger planes on flights from Dallas and Chicago. American also plans to begin service from Dallas and Chicago to Fairbanks, Alaska, aimed at travelers headed for Denali National Park, and adding service between Chicago and Anchorage as well. [Lonely Planet](#) (9/11)

American Airlines retires its last MD-80s

American Airlines is retiring the last 28 McDonnell Douglas MD-80s in their fleet, marking the end of an era. Almost 1,200 were sold over a 20-year production run, 360 of them to American, which made the aircraft a cornerstone of their fleet for decades. [KNSD-TV](#) (San Diego) (9/16)

American Airlines' Stand Up to Cancer plane ready for take-off

As a part of American Airlines partnership with Stand Up to Cancer, the carrier's Airbus A321 is wrapped with 22,627 names of people impacted by cancer. The design stems from a campaign in July that allowed anyone who donated \$25 or more to include a name on the plane. The names were added to the plane in Tulsa, Okla., before heading to Los Angeles for a special ceremony. All of the funds will be donated to SU2C's cancer research programs. [KOTV-TV](#) (Tulsa, Okla.) (9/19)

