

April 2018



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APRIL SHOWERS SOCIAL EVENT

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 2018
NOON TO 3PM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 36
5845 E 22ND STREET

Members, see you soon for the last gathering before summer.
If you did not plan to attend, we will see you in October.
Have a great summer!!

Annual Leadership Conference: Introducing Four Strategic Objectives

At this year's Annual Leadership Conference, more than 7,000 leaders learned about the long-term vision for American. CEO Doug Parker explained that we're focused on playing the long game and making decisions that will set American up for long-term success. As a result, he introduced four strategic objectives that will help shape the future of American for many years to come:

Make Culture a Competitive Advantage: Create an environment that cares for frontline team members. Invest in our teams. Provide the right tools, training and facilities. Develop innovative, inspiring and caring leaders.

Think Forward, Lead Forward: Create a vibrant future; dream and deliver the right future products, partners and network. Be nimble. Set a new standard for delivering value to market quickly.

Ensure Long-Term Financial Strength: Finish integration and capture the efficiencies created. Manage our assets like owners.

Create a World-Class Customer Experience: Deliver value to all customers, especially premium customers. Drive operational excellence. Strengthen our network. Grow where we have a competitive advantage.

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We would like to keep all information
current.



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2018 SCHEDULE

October 17
November 14*
December 5 - Christmas
Luncheon

***Due to the Thanksgiving
Holiday
We will meet one week earlier**

New stations, new routes

Last year we announced international seasonal service to Budapest, Hungary (BUD); Prague, Czech Republic (PRG); and Reykjavik, Iceland (KEF) beginning this summer. In recent weeks, you've seen many **new domestic routes added to our network** as well. Now we're sharing the newest additions to our 2018 schedule for travel beginning June 7:

- Two new stations: Panama City, Florida (ECP), and South Bend, Indiana (SBN), both of which will be served from our CLT and DFW hubs.
 - Service between PHL and Fort Wayne, Indiana (FWA); Oklahoma City (OKC); and Pensacola, Florida (PNS)
 - Service between ORD and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pennsylvania (AVP)
- Our growing domestic footprint will bring us to almost 800 daily departures at DFW in 2018, the highest number we've seen in recent years at our largest hub.

American Airlines applauds Brazil's Open Skies agreement with US

American Airlines is commending the Federal Senate of Brazil for ratifying an Open Skies agreement with the US, which opens the door for the carrier's proposed joint business agreement with Brazil's LATAM Airlines Group.

American Airlines names new global marketing executive

American Airlines has brought aboard Janelle Anderson, formerly of PepsiCo, to be vice president of global marketing. Anderson will lead the airline's brand and marketing strategies across the entire travel experience.

A4A expects record 151M passengers on US airlines through April 30

Airlines for America is predicting a record-breaking 150.7 million travelers will fly on US airlines between March 1 and April 30. "Travelers are taking to the skies this spring in record numbers, thanks to persistently low fares, unsurpassed levels of investment in the product, increasing competition, and unprecedented access for passengers of all regions, age groups, and income levels," said A4A Vice President and Chief Economist John Heimlich.

US airlines celebrate Women's History Month

Airlines in the US are proud to celebrate Women's History Month with a look back at how far women in aviation have come. Through STEM programs, aviation days and partnerships around the country, airlines are committed to ensuring that women have the tools they need to continue to take commercial aviation to new heights.

Airline hiring surge has young people considering aviation careers

Brisk hiring by major US airlines has sparked interest among young people in piloting careers. A pilot shortage has small airlines struggling to find pilots and Boeing predicts that 117,000 new pilots will be needed in the US by 2036.

American Airlines to partner with chefs on new menu options

American Airlines will partner with Chef Sean Connolly on new business-class menus for flights departing from Auckland, New Zealand; and Sydney, Australia, and with Chef Jun Kurogi on business-class menus for flights departing from Narita International Airport and Haneda Airport in Tokyo.

Airlines roll out new amenities to help passengers relax, enjoy the journey

Airlines are rolling out new amenities designed to help travelers relax and appreciate the travel experience. Virgin Atlantic has launched a soothing new scent by Rachel Vosper, Cathay Pacific has introduced in-flight yoga as well as meditation sessions and Qantas has upgraded its food choices with fresh fruits and vegetables.

**American Airlines pampers Hawaii-bound passengers with Premium Economy**

Travelers flying to Hawaii in American Airlines' Premium Economy class can expect priority boarding, wider seats with more room to recline and stretch their legs, a larger seatback screen, free drinks and more personal space.

Congress rejects proposal to increase taxes on flyers



The new federal spending bill includes \$1 billion for airports and does not raise the cap on passenger facility charges, saving travelers \$2.2 billion per year in potential ticket taxes. Airlines for America President and CEO Nicholas Calio lauded lawmakers for declining to raise taxes on passengers, saying, "This is a continuation of the promise Congress made to the American people three months ago when they passed historic tax cuts."

USA Today (3/21)

American Airlines retrofitting 777s to offer more seat choices

American Airlines is retrofitting its Boeing 777 planes to standardize the number of seats and offer passengers more seating choices. Some standard economy seats will be replaced with slightly larger premium economy seats with more leg room.

WDTN-TV (Dayton, Ohio) (3/22)

American Airlines increases seats on Memphis-Washington route

On June 7, American Airlines will begin using 76-seat Embraer 175 planes for all of its flights between Memphis International Airport in Tennessee and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, adding 221 seats per week. "It's great to see this continual growth in service by American Airlines, and we know their customers will surely embrace the up-gauge to larger aircraft," said Pace Cooper, chairman of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority board.

American Airlines announces new routes in Mexico, South America

Next winter, American Airlines will offer four new destinations: Oaxaca International Airport in Mexico; Georgetown, Guyana; Pereira, Colombia; and Cordoba, Argentina. The carrier will also offer service between Los Angeles and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

TravelPulse (3/27)

Southwest, American Airlines fend off airport tax increase on passengers

Major airlines including Southwest Airlines and American Airlines told Congress that an increase in the cap on an airport passenger fee won't fly with customers, and lawmakers responded by rejecting the proposed hike from the spending bill this month. The Federal Aviation Administration reports Dallas airports have already collected billions of dollars in revenue over the years, including \$2.3 billion at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and \$170 million at Dallas Love Field. In addition, airlines collaborate with airports to pay for airport improvements. "It always works better when we work hand and hand with the airport," American Airlines CEO Doug Parker said. "The issue that happens when you add a PFC is that it ends up being basically a tax to the passenger -- which we end up bearing."

The Dallas Morning News (tiered subscription model) (3/27)

American Airlines Cargo adds GSAs in Croatia, Slovenia, Kuwait

American Airlines Cargo has designated general sales agents in Croatia, Slovenia and Kuwait. R-BAG will represent American Airlines at Ljubljana Airport in Slovenia and Zagreb International Airport in Croatia; and Al Rashed International Group will represent the carrier in Kuwait City.

Air Cargo News (3/28)

American Airlines names Cornelius Boone new vice president

American Airlines has hired Cornelius Boone to be vice president of Team Member Services, in charge of human resources functions supporting the carrier's 120,000 team members. Boone comes to the airline from Walmart, where he was most recently vice president for Field Hourly Talent Management.

The Financial (Georgia/Ukraine) (3/29)