



February 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF 2019

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 36
5845 E 22nd St.**

Social Time: 10am

Business Meeting: 10:30am

Speaker: 11am

DORIS EVANS

**Join us for this interesting presentation and
lunch after the meeting**



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Doris taught elementary grades in Tucson Unified School District and in a small school for park employees in Big Bend National Park, Texas. She also held environmental education positions as Curator of Education at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and as Environmental Education Resource Teacher with the Tucson Unified School District.

She has published a few natural history books and is now retired, enjoying photography and travel, and volunteering with Tucson Audubon Society, and Pima County Parks Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation.

Program description: The Desert Comes to Life

Under the watchful "eye" of a tiny Polaroid Cube Camera, a variety of fascinating animal behaviors are recorded on video as quail, squirrels, javelinas, lizards, a variety of birds, and more unwittingly perform before the camera.

The unobtrusive Cube is able to catch the animals going on about their daily business without the intrusion of human interference, thus giving us a rare peek into their intimate world.



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you have information you wish to
share regarding sickness, hospitaliza-
tion or death of a Vanguard member
or family member.

2019 SCHEDULE

April 17
May 15
October 16
November 20
*December 11
*Christmas Event

****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

*American Airlines Benefits Service
Center
AON Hewitt 1-888-860-6178

**HR Services has a new
"dedicated" phone contact
for retirees**
844-543-5747

To access the new
RETIREE JETNET
Go To: retirees.aa.com
1-888-207-2607



2019 RENEWAL

Membership and newsletters mailed
to you are being accepted. If you
have not yet renewed, print a form
online at:

www.aavanguardscities.com

or contact Karen for a form.

Membership will remain \$10 per
person and if you want the newslet-
ter mailed to you that will also remain
at \$10.

We're on the web:
www.aavanguardscities.com



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



February 5 Bob Mencil
February 11 Lori Carlson
February 24 Roger Collier

February 3 Richard & Carole Curtin 57 years
February 5 John & Dee Sundby 8 years
February 24 Roger & Carol Collier 51 years

What to know about W-2s

The 2018 tax season is right around the corner, and we want to be sure you know what to expect when it comes to your W-2s. All U.S.-based retirees will receive a paper 2018 W-2 at their mailing address on file, and it'll be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2019.

Don't forget that the IRS now requires us to report your income related to retiree travel on Form W-2. As a reminder, imputed income is the estimated value of a trip that is added to your taxable income to comply with IRS guidelines. It applies to travel by registered companions, non-dependent children, domestic partners and their children. Trips are valued for imputed income purposes based on mileage for each segment flown.

See **Imputed income associated with non-rev travel** for additional information.

Questions?

If you have questions about your W-2 for imputed income related to travel, please contact the Team Member Service Center at 844-543-5747. For all other W-2 questions, please reach out to psc@aa.com for assistance.

Airlines look to keep children happy in the sky

Airlines are working to keep their smallest customers happy with special foods, gifts and entertainment. JetBlue Airways' in-flight entertainment options include videos designed to help children stay calm, and the carrier also offers a child-friendly "Party Up" food box. Watertown Daily Times (N.Y.) (1/1)

US sees surge in aviation mechanics

US training programs are producing more aviation mechanics, and enrollment is expected to keep growing, according to the Aviation Technician Education Council. The enrollment in maintenance technician schools is expected to increase 40% in 2019. MRO Network (1/2)

American Airlines to focus on on-time performance in 2019

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker and President Robert Isom sent a year-end memo to the carrier's 120,000-plus employees, outlining plans to make on-time reliability a major focus in 2019. "Our future is bright given the ongoing initiatives that will drive revenue improvement, our renewed focus on operational execution and the confidence we have in your [ability] to deliver extraordinary service to our customers," they wrote. The Business Journals (tiered subscription model)/Charlotte, N.C. (1/2)

Southwest Airlines founder Kelleher dies

Southwest Airlines founder Herb Kelleher has died at 87. Kelleher will be remembered for helping to build one of the industry's most successful airlines by providing low-cost, no-frills flights with high standards for customer service and employee satisfaction. Southwest Airlines co-founder Herb Kelleher shook up the airline industry by keeping things simple and focusing on people rather than procedures. "His vision for making air travel affordable for all revolutionized the industry, and you can still see the transformation taking place today," said Southwest CEO Gary Kelly.

Robert Crandall reflects on his friendship with Herb Kelleher

As the former president, CEO and chairman of American Airlines, Robert Crandall formed an easy friendship with his competitor from Southwest Airlines, Herb Kelleher, who passed away last week. Crandall remembers Kelleher as a savvy businessman who also "had an effervescent sense of humor and liked to take ordinary situations and turn them into fun events if he could." TIME magazine (1/10)

United revises emotional-support animal policy

United Airlines is tightening its rules for emotional-support animals. The airline has seen increases in incidents on longer flights involving these animals and will limit emotional-support animals to flights under eight hours beginning January 7.

American to offer nonstop Coachella flights from Los Angeles

American Airlines is offering nonstop flights between Los Angeles and Palm Springs, Calif., on April 12, 15, 19 and 22, to coincide with the 2019 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival. "As we continue to grow our hub at LAX, American Airlines is proud to provide Southern Californians and those from around the globe with a more convenient way to access one of the world's premier music and arts festivals," said Suzanne Boda, American Airlines senior vice president for Los Angeles. The Desert Sun (Palm Springs, Calif.) (tiered subscription model) (1/3)

American reveals updated Tulsa facility

The American Airlines maintenance facility in Tulsa, Okla., has unveiled a new tail slot that allows the space to house American's much larger planes. "This will allow us to service the new generation of American's aviation fleet, which secures jobs for thousands of people in our community for years to come," said Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum.
[KTUL-TV \(Tulsa, Okla.\)](#) (1/10)

American Airlines taps Owens as corporate controller

American Airlines has appointed Angie Owens as vice president and corporate controller effective March 1. Owens started at American in 1992 and has been president and CEO of American Airlines Federal Credit Union for the past decade.
[Breaking Travel News](#) (1/14)

American Airlines' New Orleans team wins the Customer Cup

The American Airlines team at Louisiana's Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport won the carrier's quarterly Customer Cup for the strongest performance in on-time dependability, baggage handling, customer feedback and overall airport experience. "Thank you for continuing to improve the travel experience for customers through MSY and moving our airport in a positive direction," said Kevin Dolliole, Director of Aviation at the airport.
[WGNO-TV \(New Orleans\)](#) (1/15)

American Airlines appoints Brickner as SVP of technical operations

American Airlines has promoted Kevin Brickner to the role of senior vice president of technical operations. Brickner was most recently the carrier's vice president of safety and operations integration as well as certified director of safety.
[American Journal of Transportation](#) (1/17)

Solar-power system saved Ariz. airport \$800K in a year

Arizona's Tucson International Airport has been using a new solar-power system for about a year, saving more than \$800,000. The \$14 million system was paid for with funds from the Federal Aviation Administration, Arizona Department of Transportation and the Tucson Airport Authority.
[KGUN-TV \(Tucson, Ariz.\)](#) (1/24)

American Airlines Cargo set new record in 2018

American Airlines Cargo last year saw its cargo traffic increase by 4.3% compared with 2017, to 2.9 billion cargo ton miles. Revenue increased 13.8% to just over \$1 billion.
[Air Cargo News](#) (1/24)

American Airlines reports \$319M Q4 profit

American Airlines reported \$319 million in fourth-quarter profits, beating analysts' expectations. Revenue for the quarter climbed 3% to \$10.94 billion, and expenses were up 4%, due largely to rising fuel prices. [ABC News/The Associated Press](#) (1/24)

American Airlines lays out a plan for success in 2019

American Airlines laid out a list of goals for 2019 that includes ways to "Make Culture a Competitive Advantage," "Build American Airlines to Thrive Forever" and "Create a World-Class Customer Experience." Travelers will appreciate American's upgrade goals for the year, which include increasing installations of Wi-Fi, in-seat power and the carrier's new international premium economy product.