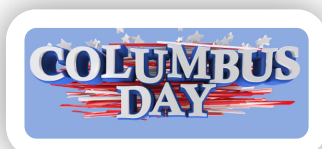


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**Special points of  
interest:**

- 2019 Renewals
- New Position
- Holiday Luncheon

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**WELCOME BACK VANGUARDS**

~ ~ TUS VANGUARD MEETING ~ ~

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

**Social Time: 10am**

**Business Meeting: 10:30am**

**Speaker: 11am**

**Banner Health**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 36**

**5845 E 22nd St.**

**Join us for lunch after the meeting**

**Airline Passenger Numbers Climb as More Tucsonans Use Home Airport**

**Airline passengers using Tucson International Airport (TUS) have increased by 4.9% to more than 2.1 million so far in 2018.**

Continuing what is now a 25 month streak, July passenger numbers totaled 274,373, an increase of 5.6% over July 2017.

Helping to spur on this year's growth has been new airline flights this summer to Austin, Charlotte and San Jose.

Through July, TUS has served 2,126,374 passengers, up from 2,026,566 a year ago. The year is on pace to be the busiest at the airport in six years.



**Annual Christmas Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

The November issue of the TUS Vanguard newsletter will have full details regarding menu and cost per person. Tickets will be available for sale at the November meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the celebration.

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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.

**2019 RENEWAL**

The 2019 membership campaign begins this month.

If you are an active 2018 member, your membership is good through December and you are eligible to attend the Christmas luncheon at the member cost. If you are not yet an active member and wish to join for the 2019 year during the campaign period, you can attend the Christmas luncheon as an active member.

The membership will remain \$10 per person and if you want the newsletter mailed to you that will also stay \$10.

For your convenience, if you receive the newsletter via US mail, a 2019 form is included with this issue. **SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 17!**

**\*\*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

**Need help from the Team Member Service Center?**

Phone: 1-844-543-5747

Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 7pm CST

AA Benefits Service Center

888-860-6178

**OCTOBER**

**7 Judy Hunter**  
**9 Gene Bisson**  
**10 Shirley Peat**  
**12 Carole Curtin**  
**18 June Parker**  
**20 Bob Losik**

**2018 SCHEDULE**

**October 17**  
**November 14\***  
**December 5—Christmas Luncheon**

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

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



**We're on the web:**

[www.aavanguardscities.com](http://www.aavanguardscities.com)

*Happy Anniversary*

**OCTOBER**

**23 Don and Glenda Seidel**  
**42 years**

*Congratulations*



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At our recent board meeting, a new position was created. We welcome **ELLIE PUMP** to our officer board. Her title is **CONSULTANT/ACTIVITY DIRECTOR**.

Ellie has contributed many things to our Chapter, including securing speakers for our October and November meetings.

**American Airlines to raise number of reserve flight attendants**

In July, American Airlines will increase its ranks of flight attendants on reserve in preparation for an overall increase in the number of flights. [Frequent Business Traveler](#) (6/17)

**American Airlines' new headquarters named for former CEO**

American Airlines' new headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, will be named the Robert L. Crandall Global Support Campus in honor of the airline's former CEO. The five-building complex is still under construction and will house 7,000 leadership, administrative and support workers starting next summer.

[The Dallas Morning News](#) (tiered subscription model) (6/16)

**American Airlines converts WWII DC-3 fuselage into food truck**

American Airlines and Los Angeles' Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum on Monday unveiled a food truck made from a converted WWII DC-3 aircraft fuselage. Called the "DC-3 Gourmet," the truck features a kitchen and an intact cockpit that diners can visit. [Airline Geeks](#) (7/12)

**Southwest will keep free bags, unassigned seating**

Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly says the airline will continue to offer free bags and no assigned seating, resisting calls to increase ancillary revenue by shaking up the carrier's longtime policies. "We've been the largest airline in the country for 15 years. I don't like the saying if it ain't broke, don't fix it, but there's certainly no evidence that it's broken," Kelly says. [Skift](#) (7/26)

**American Airlines adds one carry-on to Basic Economy options**

Benefits of the Basic Economy option on American Airlines will increase starting on Sept. 5 to include one carry-on bag in addition to a personal item for all passengers. [TravelPulse](#) (7/26)

**American Airlines to serve CES show with Japan-Las Vegas flight**

Next year, American Airlines will add a special nonstop flight between Narita International Airport in Japan and McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, timed to serve travelers going to the 2019 Consumer Electronics Show in January. "The network and onboard experience offered by American and Japan Airlines as part of our Pacific Joint Business is world-class, and we are thrilled to make getting to the world's largest technology event faster and easier than ever before," said the airline's Shane Hodges. [TravelPulse](#) (8/2)

**Passengers value Wi-Fi on flights**

More than half of airline passengers in a new survey consider in-flight Wi-Fi crucial and two-thirds would be more likely to rebook with an airline that offered it. The amenity is most important to business travelers, parents traveling with children and young people. [International Airport Review magazine online](#) (8/7)

**Sabre joins with American Airlines, others for its NDC initiative**

Sabre, American Airlines, American Express Global Business Travel, Carlson Wagonlit Travel and Flight Centre Travel Group will collaborate on New Distribution Capability solutions. Sabre announced the partnership Tuesday. [Travel Weekly](#) (8/7)

**American Airlines adds new routes**

American Airlines has added 43 new routes, including several European destinations to cities such as Reykjavik, Prague and Venice, and will launch eight nonstops to the Caribbean by the end of 2018. The aggressive expansion comes as American adds five more gates at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, seven gates at Charlotte Douglas International Airport in North Carolina and 15 new gates at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, giving customers even more options for travel.

[FlyerTalk](#) (8/8)

### **American Airlines Cargo reports volume and revenue gains**

American Airlines Cargo posted a 9.7% increase in volume between the second quarters of 2017 and 2018, and a 19.4% increase in cargo revenue. Increased shipments of blood, pharmaceuticals, fruit and flowers contributed to that growth, the company said, as well as one-time projects such as moving engine and auto accessories from Japan and transporting artwork from Madrid to the San Antonio Museum of Art.

Air Cargo News (8/9)

### **Airlines expand healthy, dietary in-flight food options**

Airlines are improving meal options for passengers who are looking more for healthier, more flavorful choices.

From gluten-free to vegetarian selections and partnerships with celebrity chefs, expanded in-flight food options can add to passenger satisfaction and build customer loyalty.

CNBC (8/11)

### **American Airlines picks Viasat for Wi-Fi on 100 new A321neos**

American Airlines has selected Viasat to outfit its new fleet of 100 Airbus A321neos with high-speed onboard Wi-Fi. About 200 of American's domestic narrow-body planes use either Viasat or Gogo 2Ku systems, a spokesperson for the airline said.

The Business Journals (tiered subscription model)/Dallas (8/13)

### **American honors employees who have worked 45 or more years with the airline**

American Airlines celebrated more than 400 people who have worked 45 or more years with the carrier this week.

"We are all here tonight because we want to thank you and let you know that we stand on your shoulders. Because of all that you've accomplished and that you've done, we have the honor to be able to lead this company and live up to the legacy that you've created," American Airlines CEO Doug Parker said.

### **Revamped C.R. Smith Museum to reopen at American Airlines campus**

The C.R. Smith Museum at the heart of the American Airlines campus in Fort Worth, Texas, is ready to reopen to the public following an update that modernized exhibits to provide an interactive look at today's aviation industry. "What we're trying to do is explain who runs an airline and how they do it ... in a region and a community where aviation is so important, that seemed like a story that really needed to be told," said museum director Uli Das.

The Dallas Morning News (tiered subscription model) (8/28)

### **American Airlines invests in workers, with an eye on long-term success**

American Airlines has been investing in its employees with generous mid-contract pay raises for its pilots and flight attendants, \$647 million in profit-sharing since 2016, and base pay at the top of the industry. "As a team and at the board level, we're talking over and over about long term, long term, long term," CEO Doug Parker said in a meeting with pilots. "Because we think that's the right way to think about this company."

The Dallas Morning News (tiered subscription model) (9/14)

### **American Airlines CEO talks up Texas to Amazon**

A letter from American Airlines CEO Doug Parker encouraged Amazon to consider locating its second headquarters in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, area. Parker praised the "diverse and talented workforce" and "warm welcome" of North Texas. American continues to grow in DFW, investing in new facilities, and now has more than 31,000 local employees and one of the biggest annual payrolls in the region.

The Dallas Morning News (tiered subscription

### **American Airlines uses AI to improve baggage handling**

Deploying artificial intelligence in a useful way can be challenging for a large airline, but American is adapting new AI technology to streamline the baggage process and reduce bottlenecks.

CIO Dive (9/28)

### **American completes final steps in merger with US Airways**

American Airlines has integrated all of its 27,000 flight attendants into one group on its new flight crew operations system, which is used for crew scheduling. Merging the flight attendants into one group is a final step to completing the carrier's integration with US Airways.

Frequent Business Traveler (10/1)