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Celebrating Five Years Since the Merger of American and US Airways

IN DEC. 2013, AMERICAN AIRLINES AND US AIRWAYS CREATED THE LARGEST AIRLINE IN THE WORLD. AND WE'VE BEEN BUSY EVER SINCE. AS WE CELEBRATE FIVE YEARS SINCE OUR MERGER, WE'LL BE SHOWCASING SOME OF OUR KEY MILESTONES FROM ACROSS THE COMPANY.

Special points of interest:

- 2019 Officers
- Phone Contacts
- 2019 Schedule
- January Birthdays
- 2019 Renewal

28 Reasons to Fly American

Airline inaugurates 28 routes this week, including a return to St. Maarten and St. Thomas from New York and Philadelphia

FORT WORTH, Texas — American Airlines is launching 28 flights across its network this week, with more opportunities for travel throughout the U.S., the Caribbean and South America. With the launch of 12 flights to the Caribbean — including The Bahamas; Aruba; and Grand Cayman — five flights to Miami, and two new ways get to Sarasota, Florida, American is offering several reasons to trade in snow for sand.

Additionally, the airline is starting the only service between Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE) in Buenos Aires, Argentina; introducing a new destination with service to Oaxaca, Mexico (OAX), from Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW); and resuming service to St. Thomas (STT) and St. Maarten (SXM) from Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) and John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in New York which had previously been suspended following Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017.

**Everyday you wake up
You have one job:
To be better than
yesterday.**



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*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



January	2	Jack Appleyard
January	9	Patty Gilbert
January	12	Bonnie Conway
January	22	Lillie Johnson
January	22	Charles Johnson
January	30	Glenda Seidel



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



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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 newsletter mailed to you that will also remain at \$10.

2019 SCHEDULE

February 20
April 17
May 15
October 16
November 20

4.9% More Passengers Are Using TUS in 2018

With one month remaining, more airline passengers have already gone through Tucson International Airport (TUS) in 2018 than in any of the years from 2013 through 2016.

Through November, passenger traffic is up 4.9% to 3,287,263.

Much of the increase can be attributed to new airlines – including the November arrivals of Allegiant and Frontier – and new routes – to Bellingham (Vancouver), Provo and Austin. All totaled nine airlines now fly nonstop to 22 destination airports.

November passengers were up 8.6% to 303,621, making it the second busiest month of the year at the airport, after March, which had 341,996 passengers.

American Airlines continues to rank as the busiest airline at TUS, followed by Southwest.

*****COMPANY WATCH * **AIRLINES GIVE BACK ***INDUSTRY TRENDS****American Airlines orders 15 E175 jets from Embraer**

American Airlines has placed a firm order with Embraer for 15 more E175 jets. The contract brings the carrier's total order to 104 of the jets since 2013. The carrier selected a wholly owned subsidiary, Envoy, to operate the 15 aircraft. [Travel Daily News International \(Greece\)](#) (11/6)

Pa. airport to add service to Chicago

American Airlines will offer service to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport from Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley International Airport. The twice-daily service will launch in April. [Lehigh Valley Business \(Bethlehem, Pa.\)](#) (11/5)

Interview with American Airlines' Ross Feinstein

Ross Feinstein, director of operations communications at American Airlines, works with the carrier's social media team, enabling the airline to communicate with passengers in real time. "Our baggage team and customer service team use social, and our social media team sits a few feet away from our operational leaders so they can provide insight about what's happening in real time." said Feinstein. [The Holmes Report](#) (11/9)

American Airlines employees volunteer to beautify park

American Airlines employees joined Melwood Veterans Services staff at the Melwood Recreation Center in Nanjemoy, Md., to help beautify hiking and riding trails. The airline also donated 3 million AAdvantage miles to help veterans from around the country attend programs at the Operation Tohidu retreat in Nanjemoy. [Southern Maryland Online](#) (11/13)

American to add service between Dallas, Texas, and Monterey, Calif.

American Airlines will on April 2 launch regular seasonal service between Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and California's Monterey Regional Airport, which is near the Pebble Beach Golf Links. The airline will also offer the route from Feb. 4 to Feb. 10 to accommodate travelers interested in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. [The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Dallas](#) (11/14)

American Airlines adds nonstop service to Guyana

American Airlines has launched nonstop service between Miami, Fla., and Guyana in South America. The flights will be offered four times a week. [Caribbean Journal \(Miami\)](#) (11/18)

American celebrates Giving Tuesday with \$500,000 donation to SU2C

American Airlines observed Giving Tuesday with a \$500,000 donation to support cancer research efforts by Stand Up to Cancer. The airline this year unveiled an Airbus A321T aircraft wrapped in custom livery featuring SU2C researchers, scientific adviser Dr. Phillip Sharp, and American Airlines team members who have survived cancer. [TravelPulse](#) (11/27)

American strengthens relationship with China Southern Airlines

American Airlines is expanding its codeshare agreement with China Southern Airlines to cover both airlines' most popular routes between the US and China. The carriers will also offer reciprocal frequent-flyer benefits and access to each other's lounges. "We are very pleased with the progress we have made so far in our newly formed relationship with the largest airline in Asia," said Robert Isom, president of American Airlines. [Xinhua News Agency \(China\)](#) (11/28)

American Airlines names Garces director of maintenance

American Airlines has appointed Evita Garces director of maintenance. Garces is the first woman to fill the role at American and was most recently managing director of maintenance planning for base and strategic at the airline. [The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Dallas \(11/29\)](#)

American adds flights to Barbados from Charlotte, Miami

Travelers looking to go to Barbados will have more options with American Airlines beginning this month. The airline will offer direct flights to the island from Miami, Fla., and Charlotte, N.C., beginning Dec. 19. [Caribbean Journal \(Miami\) \(12/4\)](#)

American to test biometric boarding at LAX

American Airlines will launch a 90-day biometric boarding pilot program at Los Angeles International Airport, using facial scans to confirm travelers' identities and speed up the boarding process. "The goal of the new technology is to provide a more efficient, modern experience for our customers and team members while enhancing aviation security," says Suzanne Boda, senior vice president for Los Angeles at American. [The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Dallas \(12/5\)](#)

American Airlines' post-merger transformation

American Airlines has transformed since its merger with US Airways in 2013, with hundreds of new planes, renovated lounges, faster in-flight Wi-Fi, gourmet onboard food offerings and employee pay rising an average of 44%. Since 2013, American has added 17,000 new employees, and passengers around the country have access to 1,025 unique routes and 6,900 daily flights to destinations around the globe. [The Dallas Morning News \(tiered subscription model\) \(12/9\)](#)

Global Traveler honors American Airlines

Global Traveler magazine honored American Airlines with 13 awards following the publication's annual Tested Reader Survey and Wines on the Wing Airline Wine Survey. The carrier's awards included Best Airline in North America, Best Airline for Domestic First Class and Best North American Wines on the Wing. [The Virgin Islands Daily News \(12/10\)](#)

Podcast explores American Airlines' Cadet Academy

Reporter Kate O'Connor talks with American Airlines Pilot Career Strategy Manager Christopher Shope about the carrier's new Cadet Academy. The academy's first cadets are already in training for airline pilot careers. [AVweb \(12/10\)](#)

American to offer seasonal Orlando-Washington, D.C., service

American Airlines will on May 4 launch twice-weekly service between Florida's Orlando Melbourne International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in the Washington, D.C., suburb of Arlington, Va. The seasonal service will operate at least through Labor Day. [Frequent Business Traveler \(12/18\)](#)

American's Philadelphia-Dubrovnik service poised for success

American Airlines will on June 7 launch seasonal flights between Philadelphia and Dubrovnik, Croatia, and travelers are said to be eager for the service. "We are pleased about the advanced bookings we have already received to Dubrovnik, and we are looking forward to serving our customers on this new and exciting route," said the airline. [Total Croatia News \(12/19\)](#)