



JANUARY 11, 2019: NEWS

Check your Checks

As we begin a new year, the R&I Committee recommends a review of your first check to ensure your 2019 benefits are correct. We also encourage you to thoroughly scrutinize your benefits coverage, review your final 2018 paycheck for tax planning purposes, and check that your beneficiary designations are up to date.

Vacation Bidding

Bidding for the 2019-20 vacation year is now open. Vacation week availability has been posted and the secondary vacation bids close Jan. 19. Tertiary, quaternary and quinary bids close Jan. 30, Feb. 10 and Feb. 21, respectively. To bid, log into iCrew > Bids > Vacation > Initial Vacation Bids. A Vacation Bidding Guide can be found in the [Scheduling Reference Handbook](#), beginning on page 88. Additionally, a contract education video is available on the [Delta MEC website](#) under Committees > Contract Administration > PWA Videos or on the [Delta MEC Communications YouTube channel](#). For questions, contact dalcontractquestions@alpa.org or 800-872-2572.

International Jumpseat Availability

Please be aware that iCrew may indicate a flight deck jumpseat or cabin jumpseat is available for an international flight when in fact it is being occupied by a working crewmember (either an augmented crew or additional flight attendants beyond the minimum required) who do not show up in iCrew. Delta has informed us they are working on a solution to correct this issue. There is no change to the jumpseat policy.

DPCF Holiday Ties

Thanks to the support of our pilots, the Delta Pilots Charitable Fund (DPCF) holiday tie drive has raised over \$19,000 so far for the Rally Foundation. We continue to collect donations from purchased ties and hope to reach our \$20,000 goal to support childhood cancer research. If you received a tie and have not yet made your donation (suggested \$20 minimum), please do so today at deltapilotscharitablefund.org. Since its inception, DPCF has donated more than \$1.56 million to 109 children's charities.

FAA Physical Reimbursement

As provided in **Section 25** of the PWA, FAA physical reimbursements increased on Jan. 1. Reimbursements for FAA physicals are now \$355 when an EKG is required and \$216 when an EKG is not required.

New MLOA Process

There is a new, streamlined return-to-work process for military leaves of absence (MLOAs) of 60+ days. Search MLOA on [DeltaNet](#) for details. The new form allows you to enter your returning category and days of USERRA leave, then independently routes to the right department(s) to expedite the return process. Pilot feedback has been very positive to this point. Please contact the Military Affairs Committee with questions at dalmac@alpa.org.

ATL PUB

All pilots and their families are invited to attend the ATL Training Pilot Unity Building (PUB) event at La Fiesta (1419 Virginia Ave) on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 6-9pm, for fellowship, fajitas and beverages. Join us in La Fiesta's Bar Room, located inside the Red Lion Hotel lobby. Transportation from the training hotels – Hilton, Staybridge and Doubletree – is available upon request at the front desk; it's across the street from the Holiday Inn.

Special MEC Meetings

The first Special MEC Meeting for January has adjourned. [Key Takeaways](#) are available on the Delta MEC website. The next Special MEC Meeting will be Jan. 28-30 at the Renaissance Concourse Atlanta (One Hartsfield Centre Pkwy).

SME Q&A Highlights

The Delta MEC [Facebook group](#) has a monthly post where pilots can ask questions and receive answers from ALPA's subject matter experts (SMEs). We've compiled some of the top questions and their answers from December (shortened for clarity) that may be helpful for all Delta pilots. Read the [December edition](#) here. We'll share the SME Q&A Highlights monthly in Vectors.

REPEAT ITEMS

ASAP and the Government Shutdown

As the government shutdown continues, our FAA ASAP partners cannot participate in any ASAP activities, including Event Review Committee (ERC) meetings. However, the ASAP program remains operational. **Pilots should continue to submit ASAP reports** as necessary. The Delta Flight Safety office is functioning normally, including processing of ASAP reports and providing guidance for crew members. When ERC meetings resume, all submitted ASAP reports will be reviewed and closed as expeditiously as possible. Please contact the ASAP Program Leader [Heather Owen-Perry](#) (404-714-2759) or ALPA ASAP Primary Representative [Warren Bildstein](#) (817-689-6563) with any questions.

MEC Polling

Delta MEC directed polling will be conducted Jan. 14-20 by the University of New Hampshire Survey Research Center. If you are contacted, your caller ID will display 603-397-0635, NH Call or UNH Surv Ctr. Please add 603-397-0635 to your phone contacts. UNH polling provides for an accurate measurement of pilot sentiment and opinions with a low margin of error. If you are contacted, please take the time to participate. Your individual answers will remain confidential.

Pre-Report Fatigue Calls

In 2018, 7% of Fitness for Duty Reports (FFDRs) have been pre-report fatigue calls in which a pilot was not fit to report for their rotation. While approximately 96% of all fatigue calls result in full pay, only 70% of pre-report fatigue calls have retained pay. In the interest of safety, removing yourself from flying when you are fatigued is always the right decision. However, know

CALENDAR

- 1/14: MEC Polling (through 1/20)
- 1/15: C66 Meeting
- 1/16: C81 Meeting
- 1/19: Secondary vacation bids close
- 1/23: ATL PUB Event
- 1/28: Special MEC Meeting (through 1/30)
- 1/30: Tertiary vacation bids close
- 2/5: ALPA National Leadership Training Conference
- 2/6: C1 Meeting
- 2/10: Quaternary vacation bids close
- 2/20: Special MEC Meeting (through 2/22)
- 2/21: Quinary vacation bids close

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- [December SME Q&A Highlights](#)
- [Special MEC Meeting Takeaways](#)
- [DYK: Vacation Bidding](#)
- [Chairman's Letter: New Beginnings](#)
- [Chairman's Letter: New Year's](#)
- [Blog: Vice Chairman's Letter](#)
- [Blog: Chairman's Letter](#)
- [RCC Update: December Update](#)
- [MEC Meeting: Key Takeaways](#)
- [Jumpseat: myIDTravel Update](#)
- [MEC Alert: ATL Camp Creek Parking Lot Security](#)
- [Blog: Pilot Gift Guide](#)
- [Base Safety Notes](#)
- [November SME Q&A](#)
- [Blog: Fall 2018 MEC Recap](#)

HOTELS

- SIN: Jan. 11-June 30 to Swissotel
- JAX: Jan. 18-19 to Courtyard Oceanfront
- MCO: Jan. 20-24 to alternate approved hotels
- Contact: DALHotel@alpa.org

LEC MEETINGS

- Council 66: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 12-5p | Terminal 4 Station Briefing Room | JFK
- Council 81: Wednesday, Jan. 16, 10a-2p | JAZZ Room | SLC
- Council 1: Wednesday, February 6, 11a-2p | Granite City Restaurant

ALPA ONLINE

-  [Contract2019.org](#)
Check in for negotiations timeline and updates
-  [Facebook](#)
Private group for verified Delta pilots
-  [PilotBlast](#)
Text message updates in the category(s) you choose
-  [DALScope.org](#)
Information, news and more on Delta Scope
-  [Delta MEC Blog](#)
Pilot stories, non-job-critical info & more
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News, real-time updates and more
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Visual storyboard of the Delta MEC

that unless the reason for your fatigue is directly related to the operation (e.g., a late incoming flight the evening before) you may lose pay when calling in prior to rotation report. As with any evolving process, the ALPA Fitness Review Board (FRB) members continue to work through the challenges that arise and toward creative solutions that benefit all pilots and the safety of the operation.

Dots on a Map Episode 6 Now Live

Episode 6 of the *Dots on a Map* podcast, “Special Edition: Korean Air JV Scope Violation” focuses on Delta scope violations related to the Korean Air JV and why they matter. The episode is available on the DALscope.org website as well as on iTunes, Overcast and Google Play Music.

CLT Airport Hotel Pickup

The Charlotte Douglas International Airport is under major construction and the hotel pickup procedures have changed. Executive Transportation is not allowed to sit in any pickup areas to wait for passengers. Therefore, they now wait either on the 5th level of the parking deck or at a remote location outside of the airport property. They request crews call them at 704-525-2191 once they are departing the aircraft. They will then tell the crew where to meet their transportation, which usually takes less than 15 minutes. Please call the transportation company to confirm the pickup location to alleviate any delays.

PFMC Mental Health Resources

The experience of a family member with a mental health condition can affect everyone in the family. The PFMC webpage has information and resources for pilots dealing with this difficult family issue. For more information, visit the Pilot Family Matters Committee (PFMC) webpage on alpa.org/dal > Committees > [Pilot Family Matters](#). For questions, contact DALPFMC@alpa.org.



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