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## MARCH 8, 2019: NEWS

### 2019-2020 Vacation Daily Rate Change

As a reminder, effective with the 2019-2020 vacation year, a pilot will receive 3:45 per day for the first 14 awarded days of his or her vacation (PVAC and/or SVAC) and 3:30 for the remainder. A pilot's PBS calendar will show 14PV or 14SV, as appropriate, for PVAC and/or SVAC days that are valued at 3:45. All vacations in iCrew will continue to be indicated as PVAC, SVAC, etc. as they are today. For additional context and examples, [click here](#).

### Documenting Fatigue Risk

The FRMT is requesting assistance from the pilot group in documenting fatigue risk. If you are rerouted or extended into a flight that you feel is unsafe, please stop the operation and assess your level of fitness to fly and file an ASAP report. If you need immediate help determining your legality, please contact the After Hours Support Network at 866-239-0437. Additionally, please take screenshots of your rotation when you feel it may cause an unsafe condition. This allows us to better understand what happened between the first and final versions of your rotation. If you determine you are fatigued or not fit to fly at any point, take a screen shot of your trip before calling in fatigued to help us better document what drives our pilots' fatigue. Please send all screenshots to [dalfrmt@alpa.org](mailto:dalfrmt@alpa.org).

### Regular MEC Meeting Recap

The MEC met in regular session Mar. 4-8 in Atlanta. Summaries of each day's meetings are available [here](#), and the official meeting minutes and resolution tracking will be available on the [Delta MEC website](#), on the Secretary's page when complete. Additional daily summaries are available on our [Delta MEC Facebook page](#), and live updates were shared in real-time on our [Delta MEC Twitter account](#).

### Government Affairs Update

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, your Government Affairs Committee discussed ALPA's pilot partisan legislative agenda and grassroots strategy entering the 116th Congress in D.C. Additionally, the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued an interim final rule on Feb. 27 to enhance safety provisions for lithium batteries transported by aircraft in the United States. Lastly, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR), introduced a bill (H.R. 1108) to ensure FAA operations will continue during any future funding lapse. For full details on all three matters, please see [Capitol Hill Brief 19-03](#) available on the Delta MEC website.

### Air Traffic Control Update

The ATS Committee met this past Tuesday with A80, ATL ATCT and ZTL in Peachtree City, GA. The meeting proved to be extremely productive in which different ideas were presented and discussed. Our collaboration and growing relationship with the ATL FAA continues to improve our safety and enhance our efficiency within our busiest airport hub. Thanks to all for the emails and topics of discussion - your input enabled us to present challenges and solutions.

## CALENDAR

- 3/19: Special MEC Meeting (through 3/21)
- 3/29: C108 Meeting
- 3/31: FSA reimbursement claims due
- 4/6: ATL Family Awareness Event
- 4/9: C44 Meeting
- 4/10: C48 Meeting
- 4/17: C54 Meeting
- 5/2: C16 Meeting

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- [Capitol Hill Brief March Update](#)
- [Delta Well-Positioned for Section 6 Openers](#)
- [Pre-Contract 2019 Opener Update](#)
- [Special MEC Meeting Key Takeaways](#)
- [Fitness Review Board: 2018 Year in Review](#)
- [Profit Sharing Day 2019](#)
- [SkyHub Update](#)
- [B-777 and A350 FRMS Operations](#)

## HOTELS

- BHM: Mar. 8-15 to the Marriott Courtyard
  - LIM: Mar. 8-23 to the JW Marriott
  - BWI: Mar. 8-23 to Sheraton Inner Harbor
  - MSO: Mar. 8-31 to Holiday Inn Downtown
  - SIN: Mar. 8-June 30 to Swissotel
  - PUJ: Mar. 9 to Paradisus Palma Real
  - GRR: Mar. 9-10 to Delta by Marriott
  - TPA: Mar. 11-14 to Doubletree Westshore
  - GRB: Mar. 14-16 to the Springhill Suites
- Contact: [DALHotel@alpa.org](mailto:DALHotel@alpa.org)

## LEC MEETINGS

## 2018 FSA Reimbursements

Pilots who participate in an FSA have until Mar. 31, 2019 to submit 2018 claims for reimbursement. *Note: expenses must have been incurred by Dec. 31, 2018.* As a reminder, if you participate in one of the HSA Gold, Silver or Bronze insurance plans, funds in your FSA can only be used for dental and vision expenses until you meet your medical plan deductible. After meeting your annual deductible, remaining FSA funds can be used for any eligible medical, pharmacy, vision or dental expenses.

## Updated London Heathrow Airport Security Procedure

Beginning Mar. 18 at LHR, crews will no longer enter the airport through the checkpoint. You will be dropped off at Terminal 3 to pass through the airport staff search security channel, allowing you to check a bag at the terminal. Checked baggage can be picked up at baggage claim at the arrival airport. If you are connecting to another flight, you will be required to recheck your bag following local airport security/recheck procedures.

## A Note to Rally Users

We have been made aware of reports surrounding automatic diagnosis on the Rally website using survey information provided by the user. Please note the link to this information has been disabled. Any information provided was strictly for informational purposes and visible only to the employee via secure log in. Questions regarding the issue may be directed to Contract Administration through (800) USA-ALPA.

## ATL Family Awareness Event

The Delta MEC will be hosting its first Family Awareness event of 2019 on Saturday, Apr. 6 from 4-8pm at the Commemorative Air Force Hangar at Falcon Field (1200 Echo Ct, Peachtree City, GA). As Contract 2019 openers are expected to be exchanged on Friday, Apr. 5, your union leadership, representatives, and committee members will be present to discuss your contract priorities and celebrate the beginning of this important process. Food, beverages and entertainment will be provided. We hope you and your family can participate in this event.

## REPEAT ITEMS

### 7ER Long Range Trip Reduction Success

Thanks to active engagement by line pilots, the Rotation Construction Committee (RCC) was successful in reversing the Company's decision to limit long-range trips to a maximum of 10 days on the 7ER. Your participation in this quality of life issue was immediate and overwhelming. The Company initially set the 10-day maximum due to concern of fatigue when a pilot was acclimated in Asia and returning to the mainland. We had a collaborative discussion and will work to address this issue in the weeks to come. In the near term, long range trips—mostly out of SEA and LAX—will continue as long as we have inter-port flying in Asia. When inter-port flying goes away, long-range trips will go down in infamy; we expect to see maximum trip length of nine days. The RCC is working on other major QOL issues in rotations, such as one- and two-day trips, and commutability in the bases that desire these essential items in their rotation construction.

### A Note About SkyHub

We continue to hear from pilots who are concerned about claiming their SkyHub account due to potential privacy and security issues. As a reminder, if you choose to download the Workplace app to your EFB, it may request to use your location or other information. Location tracking on a Company device is a prohibited action per PWA **Section 24 W. 8**. For that reason, we strongly recommend you do not download the app on your EFB or allow your location to be accessed on the web browser until a resolution can be found.

### Adding KCM Checkpoint in SJU

A new Known Crewmember (KCM) lane opened at SJU Central Checkpoint on Mar. 5 available daily from 0500 to 1700. The KCM lane is located adjacent to the current TSA Precheck lane. To access, crewmembers must present their

**Council 108:** Friday, March 29, 1-4p  
| Hofbrauhaus/Newport | 200 East  
3rd St, Newport KY

**Council 44:** Tuesday, April 9, 11a-  
2p | CAF Dixie Wing | 1200 Echo  
Ct., Peachtree City GA

**Council 48:** Wednesday, April 10,  
12-2p | ALPA Conference Room |  
100 Hartsfield Centre Parkway Suite  
450, Atlanta GA

**Council 54:** Wednesday, April 17,  
10a-2p | SEATAC Conference Center  
| SEA

**Council 16:** Thursday, May 2, 11a-  
2p | Proud Bird Restaurant | LAX

## ALPA ONLINE



[Contract2019.org](https://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



[Twitter](#)

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updates and more



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Visual storyboard of  
the Delta MEC



[Dots on a Map](#)

Scope-focused podcast,  
produced by the Delta  
MEC



[ALPA PAC](#)

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leaders to promote  
pilot careers

aircraft operator photo ID and a government-issued photo ID to the TSO at the KCM lane.

### **PBS Update**

“Set Condition Max Credit Window” is telling PBS that your new legal Line Construction Window (LCW) must be between the Average Line Value (ALV) and the top of the LCW. The threshold in this case will be the top of the LCW and therefore will attempt to award as many pairings as will fit into this new LCW. Any preferences below this condition can be denied to get you a line above the ALV. Use caution when using this condition with a Clear Schedule Next Bid Group instruction as the Max Credit Window may not be available to even the most senior bidder in category.

### **Death in the Family**

Losing an immediate family member can have a significant impact on a pilot. Information and resources including who to contact, time-off and pay protection are available on the [Pilot Family Matters Committee](#) webpage. For more information on this and other family issues, visit the PFMC webpage on [alpa.org/dal](http://alpa.org/dal) > Committees > [Pilot Family Matters](#). For questions, contact [DALPFMC@alpa.org](mailto:DALPFMC@alpa.org).

### **Sign up for PilotBlast**

Worried about forgetting a deadline or wondering when your schedule is out? Sign up for *PilotBlast* to receive targeted text messages in the categories you choose so all the information is relevant to you. To subscribe or update your selections, visit [dalm.ec/pilotblast](http://dalm.ec/pilotblast). Be sure to select your correct time zone. Note: *PilotBlast* is never used for advertisements outside of relevant ALPA business.

### **International Random Alcohol Testing**

Japan and Singapore have joined The Netherlands and England in implementing random alcohol testing of aircrews (including those of foreign carriers) during ramp inspections. Penalties for a positive test can include substantial monetary fines and/or prison time. Your MEC advises all pilots to strictly comply with Company rules regarding consumption of alcohol. Be aware that even compliance with the pre-duty abstinence rules can still result in a positive test result if a large quantity of alcohol was consumed. If you are in need of immediate assistance due to an issue or failure of a random alcohol test, immediately notify the OCC duty pilot, your local reps and the ALPA emergency hotline at 202-797-4180. If you have any issues with random testing in a foreign country, contact the MEC contract administration office and speak with a labor relations counsel and/or ALPA legal department. Finally, if you or a fellow pilot are suffering from substance abuse or addiction, [DPAC](#) is available to assist and support.

### **A Note for Military Pilots**

To double-check your profit sharing, use your Dec. 31, 2018 paystub and look at the YTD amounts. Your profit sharing should be 14.03% x (Flight Pay YTD + Flight Advance YTD + Military Leave Adjustment YTD). If you see a discrepancy, contact Pilot Leaves to ensure your MLOA days are reconciled. Then open a ticket with pilot payroll to get the payment corrected.