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12/5	Council 1 Meeting	1/17	Mid-Contract Survey Closes
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Vacation Bidding

Bidding for the 2018-19 vacation year is now open. Vacation week availability will be posted by January 1, 2018 and the primary vacation bids close January 8. To bid, log into iCrew > Main Menu > 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 Contract Language > Committees > Contract Administration > PWA Videos or on the [Delta MEC Communications YouTube channel](#). For questions, contact dalcontractquestions@alpa.org or 800-872-2572.

Mid-Contract Survey is Now Open

We encourage all pilots to participate in the mid-contract survey, open now. The survey asks for pilot input on a number of topics to find out what is important to you. All pilots in good standing are encouraged to participate, including those who participated in the recent phone polling. Look for an email with survey participation instructions and a unique access link that does not require pilots to log in. Alternatively, you can click the link to the survey on the [Delta MEC homepage](#). You have until Wednesday, January 17 at 12pm ET to share your feedback with the MEC through the mid-contract survey - please participate!

Holiday Ties Benefitting Cancer Research

Holiday ties benefiting childhood cancer research are now available in your Chief Pilot Office. Show your support and holiday spirit! The "snowman" tie was designed by 8-year-old Grace who is battling cancer. The recommended donation is \$20 (or more) which can be paid [online](#) or you can sign up for direct deposit donations to DPCF. 100% of donations benefit the Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer.

TSA Enhanced Screening Procedures - Electronic Devices

In August 2017, TSA began implementing the screening of electronic devices larger than cell phones with the same procedures as laptops. This procedure is currently being implemented across the country, with all stations scheduled to use the new procedure by the end of the year. Pilots should be aware of longer security lines at stations without KCM, TSA Precheck or Automated Screening Lanes. KCM, TSA Precheck and Automatic Screening Lanes will remain unchanged.

Call for Volunteers

The Delta Pilot Network is calling for more volunteers to assist with contacting pilots affected by natural disasters or other emergencies, provide support content for pilot life, and build unity among the pilot group. Want to volunteer in an easy, low-commitment capacity? Email dpn@alpa.org for more information.

Training Schedule Reminder

There is an enormous amount of training being placed on pilots' schedules as a result of the May AE. **Section 23 B. 1.** in the PWA requires all training, including OE during the last six days of the month, to be posted no later than 1800 on the 4th. This means that during the bid window until the bids are awarded in DBMS, there should be no changes to your VTS file or PBS calendar regarding training. Here's what you need to know:

- Training is a pre-posted event as long as it posted in VTS by 1800 on the 4th. After the 4th, any acknowledged training will pay the greater of trips missed or ALV divided by 30 or 31 days.
- The PWA requires a 15-day notice for transition training (25 days for displacement training), but if training is placed in your VTS file after the 4th then it should not be used in the PBS bid award.
- Preposted training has to be entered in VTS by 1800 on the 4th. Any training should show up on your PBS Calendar. No training entered after 1800 on the 4th may be used toward your PBS award without consent. We have seen training placed on schedules as late as 1730 on the 11th, just prior to PBS bids closing with no capability to bid accordingly.
- PWA **Section 11 F. 8. b.** is the controlling language as it relates to OE rotations during the PBS bid window. The planned OE rotation cannot touch the last six days of the current bid period OR any portion of the next bid period unless you are contacted **and acknowledge the assignment**. IF the OE planner contacts you and you acknowledge the rotation, then you are liable for the rotation and resultant PBS Bid award.

If you notice a change to training after 1800 on the 4th, please contact the Scheduling Committee immediately via the Delta MEC Pilot Report or dalscheduling@alpa.org.

PFMC Adds New Content

The Pilot Family Matters Committee (PFMC) webpage is a centralized source of support for pilots dealing with family situations, and is available 24/7. New content has recently been added on topics including pilot paternity leave, bonding and adoption. These valuable resources can be found on alpa.org/dal > Committees > [Pilot Family Matters](#). For questions, contact DALPFMC@alpa.org.

Frontier DEN Informational Picket

Our ALPA colleagues at Frontier Airlines are holding an informational picket in Denver on Thursday, December 7. Delta pilots are invited to show unity for our profession and join the picket. Frontier pilots will be meeting at the Beck Recreation Center (800 Telluride St, Aurora, CO) at 9:30am. Pilots are asked to [RSVP](#) and should wear their uniform and ALPA pin. Contact FFTSPSC@alpa.org for transportation information and questions.

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Off Rotation Deadhead Issues

We are tracking pilots who are denied positive space transportation while deviating on an Off Rotation Deadhead at

the beginning of a rotation under **Section 8 E.**, particularly if the Company stated the denial was because the transportation prevented rest prior to an FDP. If you have been denied transportation while performing an off rotation deadhead at the beginning of a rotation, please report the details to Contract Administration via this [form](#).

ALPA Membership Benefit Enrollment

Open enrollment for ALPA Membership benefits remains open through December 31. The R&I committee would like to make you aware of the value of the Compass Critical Illness and Accident Insurance plans. The Critical Illness plan is a great backstop for covering your HSA deductibles and coinsurance while preserving your HSA Funds should you have a catastrophic illness listed in the plan. The Compass Accident Insurance is a similar safeguard against critical injuries listed in the plan. In addition, the wellness actions that you complete for Delta Health Rewards can get you wellness credit of up to \$250 against either plan premium. The brochure and application forms are available on alpa.org. For questions, contact dalri@alpa.org.

ATL Training PUB

Come and socialize with the MEC officers, elected representatives and MEC committee members at the upcoming Atlanta Training PUB. Join us on Tuesday, December 12, 6-8pm at Mellow Mushroom (1477 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta) for food and drinks. Transportation from the Hilton, Staybridge and Doubletree hotels is available upon request at the front desk. It's a short walk from the Holiday Inn and Crowne Plaza. All pilots able to attend are welcome.

Crew Assist App Update

If you have not updated your Crew Assist application to version 1.0.12, you are missing out on the functionality allowing you to view queue wait time. To update the app on your Surface, access the Delta Catalog, and click the Install button. You can find more information about Crew Assist on DeltaNet.

Fight for Our Jobs - ME3

Delta recently sent out a mailer about ME3. If you haven't already, please call 844-502-9987 to leave a message for our government calling on President Trump and Congress to enforce our Open Skies agreements with the UAE and Qatar. Encourage your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues and acquaintances to share their voices - all can participate. Also, be sure to visit OurFutureOurFight.com to learn more and write to your Congressmen. We can win this fight together, and it's worth protecting 1.2 million U.S. jobs.

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[New] GSP: Crews arriving December 5 will move to the Courtyard Greenville as the Aloft Greenville is being renovated.

[New] FLL: Crews arriving December 3-4 will move to the Hilton Marina due to A/C maintenance at the Embassy Suites.

ATL: As a reminder, airport pickup for crew layovers at the Marriott Marquis is at the international terminal F, door A3, green section for hotel/ride share/shuttle. Transportation is provided by A-National.

MCI-L: Crews will move to the Sheraton through March 2018 while the Westin undergoes renovations. A sister property of the Westin, the Sheraton offers a 10% F&B discount, \$5 voucher in hotel outlets and complimentary WiFi.

MEX: The Intercontinental Polanco is now our layover hotel in Mexico City as the Barcelo Mexico Reforma sustained major damage in the recent earthquake. The Intercontinental Polanco offers a 15% F&B discount and a \$15 breakfast buffet.

Contact: DALHotel@alpa.org

Local Council Meetings

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Council 1: Tuesday, Dec. 5, 11am-1pm, Granite City Food & Brewery - Eagan, MN

Council 81: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 10am-2pm, Jazz Room - SLC Airport

[New] Council 66: Friday, Jan. 19, 1-2:30pm, Empire Room - JFK

Council 16: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 11am-2pm, LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce

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Support pilot-partisan leaders in Congress to promote pilot careers

The Pilot Assistance Network (PAN) provides support for pilots during difficult times.

Call 1-800-USA-ALPA and ask for PAN or press "7" after hours

Do you need help? The [Furlough Emergency Relief Fund](#) exists to assist Delta pilots with a demonstrated financial hardship.