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PRESIDENT MESSAGE
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the states slowly reopen we are seeing some of our represented groups going back to a normal schedule and the airlines remain in a holding pattern to see if there is a trend that might predict a more favorable than anticipated return of air travel. Through all this and I believe through all of your hard work and precautions, except for a couple of members we have been blessed with staying healthy. All though as hard as the isolation and social distancing was for two months, the inability to visit in person with our children, parents and friends made our bond even stronger. Speaking of, it was great to have 75 in attendance at yesterday's GMM and greatly appreciate the acceptance of our precautionary measures. Thank you Phil and Art!

We are saddened to report, after June, South Central Dallas office will no longer exist. During the past couple month's members have been terminated due to the office closing. Severance and pension payout date modifications for the members have been worked up to the end. A special Thanks to Sherry and Mary for all their years of Great representation of the group.

At Fort Polk schedules are returning to normal. We still have an issue with DST not abiding by the FFCRA guidelines for compensation/time off regarding COVID-19 related events. The DOL is pursuing the case. Valiant returns to work next week and for the month of June. They will be off July then rotations starting back in August. It has been requested for members, at Amentum, to be made whole, in accordance with the CARES Act, for the reduced schedule worked, by order of the customer for social distancing measures and this is still in the works.

Standard Parking is seeing business pick up at DFW. As such, members are starting to be called back from furlough.

ExpressJet has announced that the last E175 transferred out of the fleet. This is so very unfortunate as to the work of our members to certify the aircraft to Express in very short time and great reliability in operations only to have the aircraft removed. The plan for the future is to be the largest ERJ145 operator with a fleet of 131 aircraft. COLA's have also been offered to our Brothers and Sisters at ExpressJet.

Our WN Material Specialist and Flight Simulation Brothers and Sisters have had COLA offerings from the company. Only a few have taken advantage of them and from our discussions we understand another voluntary program will be forthcoming. Our interest was clearly to ensure contractual language was not impeded upon and while presented with the next program, our input was not considered. We are requesting more information and I will be on property when the information is released.

A lot of discussion yesterday, after the GMM, related to UAL types and application of seniority dates. We have completed our review, as requested, of a Juniority list from the company and are awaiting response to our findings. This week UAL is supposed to reveal a voluntary separation package for our represented groups. After which we will review and be able to discuss concerns. For more information on the PBGC and Pensions go to this link it has a lot of great information including charts.
https://www.pbgc.gov/wr/benefits/guaranteed-benefits/your-guaranteed-pension

Please keep in your Thoughts and Prayers; Family of Jim Gatz who passed away this week, Kelly Camp – Father passed, Joshua Watson – Grandmother passed, Daryl Hedtke – Son Passed, Mike Peterson – Mother passed, Muhammed Khan – Father passed, and (Femi) Olufemi Olowogbade - wife was in a fatal car accident in Florida.

Thank you and stay safe,

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