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Issing someone who has left us to kick back and enjoy life? Well, they also enjoy a hot breakfast every quarter prepared by our local officers.

Our retirees take pleasure in their get togethers. It gives them an opportunity to stay current with issues related to retirees and American Airlines benefits.

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SAVE THE DATE

Membership Meetings
January 14 & 15, 2015
February 25 & 26, 2015
March 25 & 26, 2015

Retirees March 4, 2015 Women's Committee February 2, 2015 April 6, 2015 June 1, 2015 At the last retiree breakfast Gene Lantz, President of the Texas Alliance for Retired Americans and Judy Bryant, a Field Organizer came to speak about the travel changes that the New American Airlines has implemented on the retirees.



Gene and Judy also gave the retirees information about how to become a member and the benefits that come with being a member. Membership for this organization is only \$10 per year and more information can be found at www.retiredamericans.org.



Remember, when it's your time to kick back and relax you have an amazing support group waiting for you.

During his campain for reelection, Congressman Mark Veasey representing the 33rd District of Texas joined us down on the ramp to work side by side.



"Anyone who, like me, grew up in Fort Worth, knows how important major manufacturing and union jobs are at GM, at American Airlines and at Lockheed," said Veasey in a Fort Worth Star Telegram article. "I know one of my most important jobs in Congress will be to stand with you and work with you to protect the jobs in our area and to protect your rights as American workers."



Congressman Veasey was successful in his reelection winning with 86.5% of the votes defeating Jason Reaves (L).



EAP Coordinator, Mark Scroggins and Peer Coordinators Ceaser Gillespie, Ron Stinson, Kelly Cooper, Paul Martinez, Michael Gipson, Jim Binegar and Audrey Van Hook attended a week long training and education conference in Las Vegas with Labor Assistance Professionals (L.A.P.). L.A.P. is a group of Union and Company EAP's throughout the U.S. and Canada. Included are fire departments, Ford, UAW, Steam Fitters, Steel Workers, CWU, Flight Attendants, Aircraft Mechanics and Fleet Service.

We expanded our education and received training on workplace violence, bullying, gambling, anger management, relationships between mental illness and violence, and recovery/aftercare just to name a few. The conference had over 30 treatment providers that we met with and learned about their programs such as alcohol and drugs, mental illness, trauma, overeaters, PTSD and adolescent programs for anxiety and bi-polar disorder. We each received a certificate of completion for 30 Professional Development Hours.

We met with US Air's EAP and talked about each others programs. In my opinion, there is no doubt that we at the TWU have the better EAP program. US Air seemed to be intrigued with our program and is interested in coming to DFW to learn more about how our EAP functions. I will set up a time for them to visit before the end of the year.

I would like to thank all of our Local 513 officers and E-Board members for allowing us to attend this conference. It is very valuable training for our EAP Coordinators/Peer Coordinators to better help our membership.

Fraternally,

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Job Nunez served in the Army for several years as a Sergent E5 receiving an honorable discharge. He said he refused E6 status three times, "because I like to take care of my troops out there in the field."

Job is also on the Honor Guard here at DFW. The Honor Guard performs a respectful flag folding ceremony when a Fallen Hero is passing through or reaching their final destination at DFW. The Honor Guard was established around March of 2011 and entails military employees from Fleet Service, Facility Maintenance, Aircraft Maintenance and Passenger Service. Job said, "for me, its something very personal, giving the Fallen the most honors they deserve."

Job is the leader for the PM shift Honor Team and is highly respected by many of his co-workers. "We don't do this to make a name for ourselves, we are here to honor our Fallen Heroes", said Job. Nunez was instrumental in getting the Guard more properly organized. He said the company, AA, is behind them 100% and they have received several certificates of gratitude from various military units.

"Let us not mourn that such man died, but rejoice that such man lived." ~General George S. Patton





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