

Dear PCN,

Group Section.....

Mark's Remarks:

Merry Christmas!

From our family to yours we wish you the very best for this Christmas.

Mark & Barb's personal Christmas greeting.

A fight for benefits and insurance:

Our ongoing desire to eventually realize more of our "earned" retirement benefits motivates us to keep up the good fight. Our representation through the DP3 is leading our charge for an appeal to the PBGC and if necessary a class action law suit. In the meantime many of our retirees have insurance but may benefit from the VEBA alternative because it may be a quality lower-cost option.

Christmas is approaching fast! Get your stuff before out group in PCN Ads!

PCN Ads – up and running!

Every one submitting an Ad gets a private login and complete control over their ads. URL's and images are allowed and you will see it is a very nice format for entering online ads.

Check it out and get your item, thing wanted, service or house, posted!

PCN Ads

Calling the PBGC for BSW:

I wish I had a direct number for the Atlanta office (which you need to ask for when calling the PBGC) but I do not. Simply call the national PBGC number at the Atlanta office.

PBGC in DC- 1-800-400-7242 Any questions regarding your benefits or obtaining your benefit statement worksheet, *talk to the Atlanta office*.

Following is not good anymore: (extension 2000 or PBGC in ATL at 404 - 607 8836)

Tools for our members:

PCN Main Website: http://pcn.homestead.com/home01.html
PCN Ads — http://pilotcommunication.net/Ads/

PCN Tool Bar (for IE browser) - http://pcntools.ourtoolbar.com/
PCN Calendar - http://pcn.homestead.com/Calendar.html

News Section.....

Delta Air's Ticketing, Gate Agents Reject IAM Union

By Mary Jane Credeur - Dec 7, 2010 7:16 PM ET

Ticketing, gate and reservation agents at <u>Delta Air Lines Inc.</u> rejected unionization, becoming the eighth group to do so after Delta bought Northwest Airlines.

Of the 12,518 people who cast ballots, 8,746, or almost 70 percent, voted against joining the International Association of Machinists, the Atlanta-based carrier said today in a statement. The <u>Delta workers</u> had been nonunion, while their Northwest counterparts were represented by the IAM.

The vote reaffirms Delta's standing as the least unionized among major U.S. carriers, dating to the company's start in the 1920s as a crop-dusting service. Union efforts have failed for at least 55,000 workers, including flight attendants and baggage and cargo handlers.

The IAM said it plans to file an interference claim over "intimidation" tactics by Delta, without providing further detail. The Association of Flight Attendants filed an interference claim last month and Delta has until Dec. 21 to respond, <u>Mike Campbell</u>, the airline's labor chief, told reporters on a conference call.

Other Airline News (Recent stories of interest):

Airlines Cancel 1,400 Flights as Snowfall Covers U.S. Midwest

By John Gittelsohn - Dec 12, 2010 4:13 PM ET

Airlines including American, Delta, Southwest and United canceled more than 1,400 flights from Chicago as a snowstorm slammed the U.S. Midwest.

The storm, which dumped as much as 21.5 inches (55 centimeters) of snow in Minnesota, caused the collapse of the roof of Minneapolis's Metrodome today and the relocating of the National Football League game between the Minnesota Vikings and the New York Giants to Ford Field in Detroit tomorrow. Wind and rain caused flight cancelations from Boston to Washington.

About 1,200 flights out of Chicago O'Hare International Airport and 250 out of Chicago's Midway International Airport were canceled as of 2 p.m. local time, with more expected to be canceled throughout the day, the Chicago Department of Aviation said in a statement.

Read more: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-12-12/airlines-cancel-1-400-flights-as-snowfall-covers-u-s-midwest.html?cmpid=yhoo

Finance Section ((Claims, PBGC, HCTC,Insurance,Planning,Tax, Estate) - section containing items with financial consequence to our group)):

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Remaining financial items for retirees to watch:

After Aug 2007 these are retirement items remaining with financial consequence.

- 1. PBGC 2nd look re-calc at qualified annuity benefits completed 8/24/07
- 2. PBGC make up lump payment for underpayments since termination: most reported received 1/31/08
- 3. Final claim distribution by DAL through BSI pending (now likely Mar '11 according to Kight)
- 4. Class Action suit against DAL concerning 5 yr look-back worth in excess of \$100 million withdrawn
- 5. Final Benefit Determination Letters (BDL's) PBGC re-calc "determination" of qualified annuity (likely after claim stock sale) *in process until end of year* (only 45 days to appeal) Appeal extensions generally granted in Nov 2010 now extended by our law firm for all to: revised to Feb 18, 2011.
- 6. Pension reinstatement/contribution request by DP3 representing the retired pilots. very long shot....pending
- 7. Roth IRA creation as per Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 deadline June 22nd, 2009
- 8. Expiration of HCTC 80% premium subsidy will expire on December 31, 2010. Back to 65% unless legislative action.
- 9. Financial condition of the D&S Plan--a plan that pays benefits to eligible survivors of deceased pilots as well as to disabled pilots. A form 5500 for the D&S Plan is filed annually.
- 10. Formation of a VEBA Health Insurance plan by DP3. *Enrollment period commences.*

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DP3 VEBA Clarification

VEBA is Approved and HCTC Eligible

December 12, 2010

There appears to be some confusion regarding the viability/eligibility of the DP3 VEBA. First and foremost, the VEBA is HCTC qualified for those members who are between the ages of 55-64 and meet the eligibility guidelines as defined by the HCTC Program.

Medicare eligible members are not tied to the HCTC in any way. Our Medicare plans for the Over 65 are ready to go for a January 1st effective date.

Beginning with the February payment, the under 65 VEBA plans are HCTC eligible at the 65% level <u>unless</u> these outstanding HCTC provisions are finalized by Congress:

- The reauthorization of the current subsidy level of 80% (the original subsidy level was 65% until the ARRA legislation was passed)
- The reauthorization of the "qualified family member program" that permits spouses/dependents to remain eligible for the HCTC subsidy for an additional 24 months past a defined event date. The subsidy is offered for 24 months to the qualified family members after the death of a participant, divorce from the participant, or when a participant becomes eligible for Medicare. For the participants that become Medicare eligible upon turning 65, their qualified family members are eligible for 24 months, or until the participant turns 67, whichever comes first.
- The ability to receive a reimbursement to your monthly HCTC account in the event you had to make a 100% payment for your health plan premium while initially enrolling in the HCTC program. This provision allows the participant to complete a reimbursement form and have the over payment of 80% credited to your monthly account instead of having to wait and claim it on your income tax return when you file it in April.

Some of you may have already received your invoice and welcome letter from the HCTC Program for your January premium. You have been invoiced for 20% of the premium, which is the correct amount because the ARRA provisions do not expire until December 31, 2010. If the ARRA provisions are not extended, then your January invoice you receive will be for 35% of the premium and this will be for your February coverage. Remember to mail your payment directly to the HCTC so that they receive it by the due date. **Don't wait**; **mail it now**.

Cone Insurance Group (CIG), our insurance broker, has been working closely with the IRS-HCTC representatives. They have passed along information regarding an attestation letter that may apply to some of our participants. Please read the CIG attestation cover letter for further explanation and instructions in the event you receive this letter.

Sincerely, Dave Miller DP3 VEBA Chairman

DP3 Legislative Action Alert!

December 10, 2010

This is a Legislative Action Alert:

DP3 is asking all members to contact your elected representatives regarding the ARRA extension, which preserves improvements to the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). Following an internal IRS ruling last week, the DP3 VEBA healthcare plan is now eligible for the HCTC, but extending the ARRA would preserve the 80% reimbursement rate and eligibility for spouses of over-65 retirees.

The HCTC language was originally included on the "Bush" tax cut extension bill and was moved to the South Korean trade bill (in the hopes it would get passed quicker). Now that the tax cut bill has gained momentum again, Senator Sherrod Brown is working to get the HCTC language back onto this legislation.

It is important to contact your representatives through email and calls to their offices requesting they do the following:

- Allow the HCTC language to be moved from the trade bill back to the tax cut legislation. The
 HCTC reauthorization will allow qualifying family members to remain eligible for insurance as
 well as keep the 80% subsidy in place (instead of the 65% subsidy that was in effect prior to
 the ARRA passage in 2009).
- It is very important that the language limiting VEBA's established during a bankruptcy have no time limitation language (currently Jan. 1, 2012). This time limit language should be removed from the proposed HCTC language in the reauthorization of the program.

To send an email to your elected representatives, visit the NLRN web site at http://nrln.org. Type in your zip code in the upper right-hand corner under the "Write Congress" banner. That will take you to the next page where you will see your elected representatives (based on the zip code you entered in the first step). At the top left side of the new page click on "Action Alert" which will take you to a preformatted letter we distributed a few weeks ago urging passage of the extension language. Cut and paste the two bullets above into the "canned" message and it will automatically be sent to your representatives. If you have not previously used the NRLN's CAPWIZ system, you may need to enter your contact information as representatives will not answer email messages from voters who do not reside in their legislative districts.

Thank you for helping to ensure this important healthcare legislation is passed.

DP3 Board Of Trustees
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Can anyone help the Captain out?

From: "William Stewart" < imeredith 17@att.net>

Date: Dec 7, 2010 4:54 PM

Subject: Cobra

To: "Mark Sztanyo" <marksztanyo@gmail.com>

Mark:

Sorry to bother you, but you either know the answers or have the sources to get them. I have been researching for several hours and can not find the info that I need. Do you know if the tax extension bill has any indication that the cobra benefits will be extended and for how long? Any info or reference as to where I might find this info would be great. Thanks for your tireless efforts.

Bill

From: John Sellmer

Date: 12/6/2010 9:34:24 AM *To:* mark@pilotcommunication.net

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net Subject: DP3 VEBA vs DALRC

First I want to thank you for keeping us all informed. You do a great service for the retired Delta Pilots.

Both the DP3 VEBA Plan F and the DALRC Medicare Supplement plans are very good. I had a Plan F from USAA before DALRC came along. The Plan F is Medicare approved, are available from several sources (ie USAA, AARP, etc) and all pay out the same. The only difference is the premium charge by the various companies that offer it. The one from DP3 is very competitive.

In comparing the DP3 VEBA Plan and the DALRC it is true that there are no deductibles for the DP3 plan; however, with the DP3 plan you pay for that up front whereas with the DALRC plan you only pay for the portion you use. If you are healthy and don't go to the doctor very much then it costs less for the year than the DP3 Plan F.

I'll use my wife and I as an example. Using the rating tool from the Cone group (based on our age and zip code) I calculated that for the two of us to have the Medical, Prescription and Vision plans (we don't have dental but that's another story) the monthly cost would be \$384.41 per month for a total annual premium of \$4,612.92. For the DALRC plan the same coverage monthly cost is \$212.94 for a total annual premium of \$2,555.28, a difference of \$2,57.64 (which includes the Delta subsidy). That means we would have to go the doctor enough during the year to pay out that much in deductibles and co-pays.

Fortunately we have not had to see the doctor that much during the last three years and have saved several hundred dollars during that period.

I hope this will help people make the right decision for their unique circumstances as both are good plans.

John Sellmer Captain, Atlanta Retired

^{*}From:* Michael Green <skybear777@msn.com>

^{*}Sent:* Wednesday, December 08, 2010 5:18 PM

^{*}To:* george.leatherbury2@dp3.org

^{*}Subject:* DP3 Insurance Committee Message

George I just received the forms for Insurance coverage thru DP3. Unless I'm reading this wrong It is about the shitiest insurance plan I've ever seen. DALRC is about 200 dollars less! Unless I get an update, I will recommend that the pilots stay the hell away the guys are always calling me, knowing I'm a Pharmacist dealing with this crap all day that I should know. Well I know most plans suck and we got screwed from Dumpster airlines and now I concerned about DP3!! Mike your "silver tongued Pilot/Pharmacist"

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Capt. Michael D. Green- Delta Airlines (ret.) (Mickey)Forwarded message ------

From: George Leatherbury <gleatherbury@peoplepc.com>

Date: Wed, Dec 8, 2010 at 11:23 PM

Subject: Re: DP3 Insurance Committee Message To: Michael Green <skybear777@msn.com>

Mike – you are correct if you are over 65. The DP3 VEBA is GREAT for those pilots under 65 who are HCTC eligible (most of them). There are about 700 of those retired pilots and they have been paying up to \$4,000/month for insurance (not likely – many of those did without insurance). With the DP3 VEBA plan they will pay less than \$200 for one and less than \$500 for a family (with the HCTC at 80%).

Realize that we had VERY limited choices of the insurance companies bidding for our plan. This will not surprise you, but Delta Air Lines did not comply in a timely manner once the Bankruptcy Court released them of liability so they could supply the historical health information to the insurance companies that DP3 had offered our program to. I am told that they took less than a month to supply the same information for the DALRC plan, but for our DP3 plan, it took two visits to Bankruptcy court and over a year to comply.

As a result of that only one (Aetna) company offered to give us a plan. Without that offer DP3 would not have been able to form a VEBA. That plan for Medicare coverage was priced according to the zip code of the client and his/her age. In Florida, New York and a few other states the rates are very high. Some other locations have very good rates for the coverage – I've been told that one location in Vermont (or NH?) had a rate for the over 65 medical of \$108 where my rate in FL was over \$200/mo plus the drug coverage premium. At the road shows, they used an average rate of \$130 for medical and about \$73 for drug coverage. Compare these average costs of \$203 to the Delta Pilot plan at about \$214 or the DALRC plan at \$168 and there is not that much difference. The DP3 VEBA has no out of pocket for the medical where the Pilot plan has about \$2,500 and the DALRC has up to \$1,500 total out of pocket for medical payments. The VEBA drug plan has nearly 3 times the number of covered drugs than DALRC, but some of the drug copays on our plan are higher.

For retired pilots the VEBA plan is hurt by the fact that Delta refused to offer a subsidy to our VEBA. They do so for both the Pilot plan and DALRC. That subsidy for retired pilots amounts to between \$67 and \$85 less cost for those two plans. For myself, the costs for the Pilot plan decreased from \$214 to \$147 and the DALRC plan reduced from \$168 to \$101/mo. The non-pilot group that makes up about 85% of the DALRC will be losing their \$50 subsidy in coming years, and our plan will get more competitive in the future.

Mike, DP3 is for the retired pilots, what we do is all about you. We are 9 trustees who work full time without compensation to attempt to benefit the 3,500 retired pilots who have been disadvantaged by the PBGC. We have for 18 months attempted to get this VEBA plan born. Last year you may remember Delta promised a similar plan, but it failed. This plan works great for the under 65 pilots – they now pay from 51% to 100% of their health care insurance, while with our new plan they will pay

probably 20% but possibly 35% of those costs. You and I, and most of the DP3 trustees do not get that benefit, but 700 pilots could, so it was well worth doing.

I fear that the retired pilot group, who have all been treated badly by Delta and the PBGC will fracture. That will be a sad moment when a fabulous group of fantastic pilots and comrades separate due to money issues. Those who lost just a little could say "what do I care that those younger pilots lost 75%, I got mine." When I was flying with the greatest pilot group that the world has ever known, I would never have been able to imagine it would come to that, but maybe it will.

Mike, I remember you from MIA. Please realize that DP3 does not recommend any insurance – I have personally recommended DALRC to many over 65 pilots. All we want to do is to offer an alternative choice. For some it will work, for many over 65 – especially in Florida/New York it will not. But for any under 65 it is a God-send – and that is the reason we have pursued it for 18 months.

As a DP3 trustee, I would hope that you would see fit to join us in the pursuit of justice against the PBGC. DP3 is about to challenge the PBGC like they have never seen, and with very competent legal assistance we hope to prevail. But prevail or not, we will have given them a fight they won't forget.

George Leatherbury (former 727 engineer in MIA) DP3 Trustee 767er/Retired

lbezdek@sbcglobal.net

Fri, Sep 18 2009 8:18 am

My quote for VEBA plan F was \$247 for our zip code. I called for my wife. I am not old enough yet.

That quote surprised me. It is not even close to DALRC.

Leo

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kurtbrown@comcast.net -

Thurs, Sep 17 2009 1:03 pm

I don't know who this Carolene Neubrand is who put in the VEBA over 65 plan estimates, but they are way off when you actually call Boon and get a quote according to zip code and age. Her quote shows \$130 for the Plan F. My actual Boon quote is \$191.30 per person. The Drug and Dental has the same discrepancy. Their rates are VERY high. Don't go by what she has in this email, call and get your actual quotes.

Kurt Brown

Recurrent Training for DP3 Consolidated Appeal

December 8, 2010

Much of our workload is due to members misunderstanding or not reading the procedures carefully. In order to protect your appeal, please take a few minutes to read this update about the actions you must take to participate in the DP3 consolidated appeal of our PBGC benefits.

Honor Roll Membership Required

First, full Honor Roll membership is required to participate in the DP3 appeal and gain legal representation by the DP3 legal team. Honor Roll membership is defined as "those members who have made all requested dues and assessment payments since DP3's inception." The current total of those payments is \$1,200, which covers all our expenses through the end of 2010. Even if you just joined yesterday, or plan to join tomorrow, you must contribute the same amount as every other DP3 Honor Roll member to join the appeal. Just paying the 2010 dues of \$100 does not grant you access to our attorneys for the purposes of appealing your PBGC benefit.

How to Join the Appeal

Once you are an HR member we will send you the generic/common username and password necessary to access the members only section of the DP3 web site. If you have lost those emails or misplaced that information, ask us and we will remind you after confirming your HR status.

Full and detailed instructions for joining the DP3 appeal are posted on our web site's members-only appeals resource page (username and password required.)

Please read and follow the instructions carefully - most problems can be avoided by reading the instructions.

**Please note that step five of the process requires emailing the PBGC appeals board a simple request for an extension of your appeal deadline. It is important to understand that sending this email does not automatically appoint our law firm as your counsel; in order to be represented by DP3 and Miller & Chevalier, we must have your DOR and BDL documents. Merely sending this extension request email does not get you included in the appeal. **

The consolidated appeals date is currently **February 18, 2011**, and is subject to further change.

Honor Roll Members are Not Automatically Appealed

We want to make sure everyone understands that just being an Honor Roll member does not get you into the appeal. You must pro-actively join the appeal by following the instructions that are outlined above.

Review the Paperwork Requirements

Please try to scan and email your documents if at all possible. We prefer documents in the PDF format, but will accept and convert almost any file format if your scanner cannot create a PDF. Any .TIF, .JPG, .BMP, .PNG, .RFT, or .DOC images are ok. However, we cannot convert and process ".pages" files generated by some Apple software.

All pages of all documents are required. Don't forget the back of each page, particularly the back of the BDL cover letter that contains the signature of the PBGC analyst who prepared the final BDL.

We don't need copies of PBGC forms or instructions that accompany your documents.

Remember that we do not process or submit any PBGC forms for you such as the lump sum request, payee information form or installment payment agreement.

Not everyone gets these forms, so if you didn't get them, please don't worry. You only receive the lump sum payment form if your retro check will be greater than \$5,000. You only receive the installment payment agreement form if your overpayments from the PBGC cannot be adjusted by simple adjustments in your payment. You only receive the payee information form if you previously had a zero benefit and have never received a PBGC check.

Fill out and send the PBGC your payee information and lump sum payment forms yourself. We do not need a copy. Do not send the PBGC the installment payment agreement Form 718 without checking with us first - it may affect your appeal rights. Very few of you will receive that form.

Check your Status

Follow the progress of your appeal on our <u>appeals status page</u> (username and password required.)

This page is de-identified for privacy.

Please check the remarks column for missing pages/documents that we still need from you, then send the missing pages with your name clearly added to any page that is not identifiable.

We are not tracking your individual PBGC extension letters - we will only update the "PBGC Granted Extension Date" when the PBGC informs our lawyers that they have granted your appeal extension. This may take weeks or even months after we submit your name to the PBGC as a member of the appeal.

Most of our email messages include the status of your documents - it's in the membership status box near the top left of our messages.

Remember we must always have your current email address for that status box to be accurate.

Common Problems

Some emails we receive do not have the intended attachments included. Some faxes we receive are blank, garbled or otherwise electronically disrupted. Please check the document status and check with us if we have not shown receipt of your documents a couple of weeks after you sent them to us.

Please contact us if you have questions about the process or need additional information about your participation in the case.

Thanks for your continued support.

Will Buergey
Chairman, DP3
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As the PBGC appeals progresses the sensitivity of the information does as well. While the PCN has re-published many of DP3 general postings, we will refrain from re-publishing "private emails" in view of the nature of the process. So when there is a general update we will re-publish and when there is a private email we will help announce its existence.

To PCN subscribers these links are "hot" and will take you directly to the DP3 resource page or checklist for filing an appeal concerning your PBGC benefits.

Click for PBGC Appeals Resource Page
Or

Appeal Checklist

DP3 (login required)
Click to appeal your PBGC benefit

Call PBGC in DC- 1-800-400-7242

Link of explanation for BSW (Benefit Statement Worksheet)

(Note: Must know your DP3 assigned passwords which cannot be shared in our newsletter!)

Commercial Section.....

Investment (Legitimate firms that have helped our groupare encouraged to contact PCN to add articles here):

Travel & Non-Revving (share a quick reco):

ZED TICKETING GOES ELECTRONIC FOR CERTAIN CARRIERS FOR ALL DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED EMPLOYEES

Action Required

• For Your Information

Impacted Audience:

• All Domestic & International active and retired employees

Date:

• December 8, 2010

What you need to know:

Delta domestic & international active & retired employees will be able to purchase electronic Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) tickets on TravelNet for certain carriers starting Wednesday, December 8, 2010.

Background Details:

eZED ticketing works through a third party program called myIDTravel that allows employees to create a standby listing and issue an eZED ticket through another carrier's reservation system. The myIDTravel program is accessible only via TravelNet.

Phase 1:

During the first phase of the program, eZed ticketing is available on six carriers: Air Berlin; Air France; Iberia; JetBlue Airways; SAS/Scandinavian; and Thai Airways. Look for additional carriers to join the eZED program in coming months due to an industry mandate to eliminate paper nonrev ticketing by March 2012.

How to Access the myIDTravel Site To List:

To access a link to myIDTravel and other information, from the TravelNet home page, scroll over "Leisure Travel" and select "Interline Travel" from the dropdown menu.

Note: All eZED tickets are subject to a refundable service charge of \$3.15 per flight segment.

How it Works:

With the new program, the electronic ticket is issued immediately on the operating carrier's ticket stock in a paperless format. Starting December 15, Delta ticket counters will no longer issue paper ZED tickets for the six participating carriers; however, the six carriers will continue to accept previously issued paper ZED tickets within the 90-day ticket validity period. Unused or partially used eZED tickets can be refunded up to 365 days from the date of issue on the myIDTravel site.

Communication:

A newsline article will be published on Wednesday, December 8, 2010.

Attachments:

The following attachments are included:

- OAL Fact Sheet 120610.pdf
- eZED FAQ 120610.pdf

Resources:

Employees may refer to **eZed Interline User Guide** on the pass travel page.

DeltaNetEmployee InfoEmployee ConnectionTravelTravel ResourcesResources

Life Section...

Misc Posts:

From: Al

Date: 12/9/2010 8:44:52 AM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: FW: Job Opening - MTSU

Good Morning Mark:

The below is from a retired CG pilot friend of mine. You may want to post it on the net.

All the best for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Al Lee

767 ER retired 2000

Coast Guard Aviation Association

The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl

The **Aerospace Department at Middle Tennessee State University** is seeking applications for a full time, tenure-track faculty position. The faculty member in this position will primarily teach in the Professional Pilot concentration. The search is underway now and will remain open until filled. The start date for the position is August 1, 2011.

Excellence in teaching, research/creative activity, and service is expected for all positions. MTSU seeks candidates who are committed to using integrative technologies in teaching. Proof of U.S. citizenship or eligibility for U.S. employment will be required prior to employment (Immigration Control Act of 1986). MTSU is an EO/AA employer.

The minimum qualifications for this position are: 1) a Master's degree in Aerospace, Aerospace Engineering or a related field. Note: a terminal degree (usually a doctorate) in Aerospace, Aerospace Engineering or a related field is required before the candidate can be awarded tenure; 2) FAA Commercial Multiengine certification with a commercial aviation background.

Preference will be given to the candidate who already holds a terminal degree in Aerospace, Aerospace Engineering or a related field and who has Part 121 and/or Part 135 experience as a pilot. Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with the candidate's education and experience.

To learn more about the MTSU Aerospace Department visit http://www.mtsu.edu/aerospace/
To find more information on this position and to apply for the position go to:

https://mtsujobs.mtsu.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails_css.jsp?postingId=178 214

From: Dan Sherrill

Date: 12/7/2010 2:24:23 AM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Grateful

Dear Mark, We have never met but I feel we are good friends. You give of yourself to me (and many others) like a close family member. I know I am only one among many that are very grateful and you deserve to hear that from us. I hope you find joy and blessings in knowing that your time and effort is appreciated by so many. Thank you! Please thank your wife for sharing you! Merry Christmas and may GOD bless you and your family! Dan Sherrill, Captain, Ret.1996, B-767, ATL

From: Rocky alan.w.price@gmail.com

Mark,

A friend sent me this list of Veteran's information sites. May prove useful to some of your readers.

Regards and Merry Christmas,

Alan Price

Veterans' information directory

PLEASE pass this along to any veterans you know. This should be very helpful for all Servicemen and Women of all wars. Below are web-sites that provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file/ask for them.

Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA.

Please pass this information on to every Veteran you know. Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it.

You need to know what questions to ask so the right doors open for you and then be ready to have an advocate who is willing to work with and for you, stay in the process, and press for your rights and your best interests.

Appeals http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc 1/mr/part1/ch05.doc

Board of Veteran's Appeals http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/

CARES Commission http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/

CARES Draft National Plan http://www1.va.gov/cares/page.cfm?pg=105

Center for Minority Veterans http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/

Center for Veterans Enterprise http://www.vetbiz.gov/default2.htm

Center for Women Veterans http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/

Clarification on the changes in VA healthcare for Gulf War Veterans http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum1/HTML/000016.html

Classified Records - American Gulf War Veterans Assoc http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum18/HTML/000011.html

Compensation for Disabilities Associated with the Gulf War Service http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6%20/ch07.doc

Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-03 http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm

Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page http://www.va.gov/

Directory of Veterans Service Organizations http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view

Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm

Due Process

http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc

Duty to Assist

http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch01.doc http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21 1/mr/part1/ch01.doc

Electronic Code of Federal Regulations http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/

Emergency, Non-emergency, and Fee Basis Care http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf

Environmental Agents http://www1.va.gov/environagents/
Environmental Agents M10
<http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1002
http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1002

Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315 http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315

EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR GULF WAR AND IRAQI FREEDOM VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU)

http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHandbook1303122304.DOC and

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Depleted Uranium Fact Sheet

http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DepletedUraniumFAQSheet.doc

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http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHANDBOOKNONGW130340304.DOC

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http://www1.va..gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=206

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependants 2005 http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm

Forms and Records Request http://www.va.gov/vaforms/

General Compensation Provisions

http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter11_subchaptervi_.htm

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Geriatrics and Extended Care http://www1.va.gov/geriatricsshg/

Guideline for Chronic Pain and Fatigue MUS-CPG http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg/cpgn/mus/mus_base.htm

Guide to Gulf War Veteran's Health http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/VHIgulfwar.pdf

Gulf War Subject Index

http://www1.va.gov/GulfWar/page.cfm?pg=7&template=main&letter=A

Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses Q&As http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/GWIllnessesQandAsIB1041.pdf http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/GWIllnessesQandAsIB1041.pdf

Hearings http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch04.doc

Homeless Veterans http://www1.va.gov/homeless/

HSR&D Home http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/

Index to Disability Examination Worksheets C&P exams http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/exams/index.htm

Ionizing Radiation http://www1.va.gov/irad/

Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom Veterans VBA http://www.vba.va.gov/EFIF/

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http://www1..va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1007

M10 Part III Change 1

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1008

Mental Disorders, Schedule of Ratings

http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4_130..DOC

Mental Health Program Guidelines

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1094

Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers http://www.mirecc.med.va.gov/

MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Centers of Excellence http://www.va.gov/ms/about.asp

My Health e Vet http://www.myhealth.va.gov/

NASDVA http://nasdva.com/

National Association of State Directors http://www.nasdva.com/

National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention http://www.nchpdp.med.va.gov/postdeploymentlinks.asp

Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders, Schedule of Ratings http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4%5F124a.doc

OMI (Office of Medical Inspector) http://www.omi.cio.med.va.gov/

Online VA Form 10-10EZ https://www.1010ez..med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/

Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative Disorders http://www1.va.gov/resdev/funding/solicitations/docs/parkinsons.pdf and http://www1.va.gov/padrecc/

Peacetime Disability Compensation

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgidbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1131

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Pension for Non-Service-Connected Disability or Death http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii chapter 15 subchapteri .html

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Persian Gulf Registry

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1003

Gulf War Registry Program (to include Operation Iraqi Freedom) as of March 7, 2005:

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Persian Gulf Registry Referral Centers

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1006

Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 1999, Annual Report To Congress http://www1.va.gov/resdev/1999_Gulf_War_Veterans%27_Illnesses_Appendices.do c

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Policy Manual Index http://www.va.gov/publ/direc/eds/edsmps.htm

Power of Attorney

http://www.warms.vba..va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch03.doc http://www.warms.vba..va.gov/admin21/m21 1/mr/part1/ch03.doc

Project 112 (Including Project SHAD) http://www1.va.gov/shad/

Prosthetics Eligibility

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=337

Public Health and Environmental Hazards Home Page http://www.vethealth.cio.med.va.gov/

Public Health/SARS http://www..publichealth.va.gov/SARS/

Publications Manuals

http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?Pub=4

Publications and Reports

http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/pubs_individual.cfm?webpage=gulf_war.htm

Records Center and Vault Homepage http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/default.html

Records Center and Vault Site Map http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/sitemap.html

REQUEST FOR AND CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM CLAIMANT'S RECORDS http://www.forms.va.gov/va/Internet/VARF/getformharness.asp?formName=3288-f orm.xft%C2%A0

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Research and Development

http://www.appc1.va.gov/resdev/programs/all_programs.cfm

Survivor's and Dependents' Educational Assistance http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partiii_chapter35_.html

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims http://www.vetapp.gov/ http://www.vetapp.gov/%C2%A0

VA Best Practice Manual for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) http://www.avapl.org/pub/PTSD%20Manual%20final%206.pdf

VA Fact Sheet http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact/gwfs.html

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VA INSTITUTING GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTION (GAF)

http://www.avapl.org/gaf/gaf.html

VA Life Insurance Handbook Chapter 3

http://www.insurance.va.gov/inForceGliSite/GLIhandbook/glibookletch3.htm#31

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VA Loan Lending Limits and Jumbo Loans http://valoans.com/va_facts_limits.cfm%C2%A0

VA MS Research http://www.va.gov/ms/about.asp%C2%A0

VA National Hepatitis C Program http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/%C2%A0%C2%A0 http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/

VA Office of Research and Development http://www1.va.gov/resdev/ http://www1.va.gov/resdev/

VAOIG Hotline Telephone Number and Address http://www.va..gov/oig/hotline/hotline3.htm

Vet Center Eligibility - Readjustment Counseling Service http://www.va.gov/rcs/Eligibility.htm

Veterans Benefits Administration Main Web Page http://www.vba.va.gov/

Veterans Legal and Benefits Information http://valaw.org/

VHA Forms, Publications, Manuals http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/

VHA Programs - Clinical Programs & Initiatives http://www1.va.gov/health_benefits/page.cfm?pg=13 http://webmaila.juno.com/webmail/new/UrlBlockedError.aspx%3e http://webmaila.juno.com/webmail/new/UrlBlockedError.aspx

VHA Public Health Strategic Health Care Group Home Page http://www.publichealth.va.gov/

VHI Guide to Gulf War Veterans Health http://www1.va.gov/vhi_ind_study/gulfwar/istudy/index.asp

Vocational Rehabilitation http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/%C2%A0 http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/%C2%A0

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VONAPP online http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp%C2%A0 http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp

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War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center - New Jersey http://www.wri.med.va.gov/%C2%A0 http://www.wri.med.va.gov/%C2%A0

Welcome to the GI Bill Web Site http://www.gibill.va.gov/ http://www.gibill.va.gov/

What VA Social Workers Do http://www1.va.gov/socialwork/page.cfm?pg=3 http://www1.va.gov/socialwork/page.cfm?pg=3

WRIISC Patient Eligibility http://www.illegion.org/va1.html http://www.illegion.org/va1.html

Print this and save it in your VA files. There may be a need for its use in the future

Human Interest:

No way to verify this story but stories like this one certainly do happen!

From: Tom Meyer

Date: 12/9/2010 1:59:27 PM

Subject: Fw: YOU NEVER KNOW HOW STRONG YOU ARE......

YOU NEVER KNOW HOW STRONG YOU ARE UNTIL BEING STRONG IS THE ONLY CHOICE YOU HAVE

Will you give this to my Daddy?

Last week I was in Atlanta, Georgia attending a conference. While I was in the airport, returning home, I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned around and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I have ever seen.

Moving through the Terminal was a group of soldiers in their camos. As they began heading to their gate, everyone (well almost everyone) was abruptly to their feet with their hands waving and cheering.

When I saw the soldiers, probably 30-40 of them, being applauded and cheered for, it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red-blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families.

Of course I immediately stopped and began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line everyday for us so we can go to school, work and home without fear or reprisal.

Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country or of our service men and women, a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 years old, ran up to one of the male soldiers. He kneeled down and said 'hi.'

The little girl then asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her.

The young soldier, who didn't look any older than maybe 22 himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her Daddy. Then suddenly the little girl grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, who said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for 11 months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter Courtney missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up.

When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military-looking walkie-talkie. They started playing with the device and talking back and forth on it..

After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, 'I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you.' He then hugged this little girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying 'your daddy told me to tell you that he loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon.'

The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet, he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event.

As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause. As I stood there applauding and looked around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness, turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek.

We need to remember everyday all of our soldiers and their families and thank God for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it's good to be an American.

We are not organized, boisterous or over-bearing. We get no liberal media coverage on TV, to reflect our message or our opinions. Many American, like you, me and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of Americans supports our troops.

The first thing a soldier says when asked 'What can we do to make things better for you?' Is....We need your support and your prayers.

IF YOU AGREE -- THEN SEND THIS ON.

IF YOU COULDN'T CARE LESS THEN HIT THE DELETE BUTTON --- IT IS YOUR CHOICE. I don't know if you've seen this, but I couldn't delete it..

WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE, ONLY BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE.
THEIR BLOOD RUNS RED---MAY GOD HELP AMERICA TO BECOME ONE NATION, UNDER GOD

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Hangar Flying (Share a bit of ole hangar flying with the net. Need a sim buddy? Use PCN for request) :

From: Bruce Cullen

Date: 12/9/2010 2:40:20 PM

To: AAAA@abc.ccc

Subject: Amazing WW2 footage of a B29 rescue

WW2 live color video of a B29 rescue at sea.

http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid34762914001?bctid=672454611001

Political (food for thought):

Humor/Sobering or Fun (Share some "vulgarity free" humor with the net):

From: CaptGrumps@aol.com
Date: 12/6/2010 5:06:57 PM
To: nscgeorge2@gmail.com
Subject: For Over 60 only

The younger folks may not know about Burma Shave, but to the OF's over 60 this should bring back memories. Enjoy...

http://oldfortyfives.com/DYRT.htm

From: old72driver@msn.com To: old72driver@msn.com

Subject: TSA must see video
Date: Fri. 3 Dec 2010 10:20:04 -0500

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9a8jGVXOMsw

Think Test. Give it a try...

CLICK ON THE BELOW LINK AND TAKE THE TEST. THE NORMAL RATE IS 7 OUT OF 25. GOOD LUCK!

CHANGE THE SUBJECT BOX TO YOUR SCORE.

DON'T BE EMBARRASSED IF ITS NOT SO HIGH. NOT MANY PEOPLE SCORE MORE THAN 5.

click here: A Think Test

Closing with an inspirational piece. I am sure you will enjoy this! Mark (click Full Screen)

This was shared by a pilot friend. What I makes me think of is what I learned about how many Eastern European and Russian churches have to meet in a clandestine manner inside public areas like restaurants. This is living out your faith. I love this kind of thing. Notice the impromptu joinees. Enjoy it.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXh7JR9oKVE&feature=player_embedded#!

Have a most Blessed Christmas and Hanukkah season!

Mark

Mark Sztanyo, PCN Dir & HL Editor
Pilot Communication Net from Aug 2009
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