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## **COMAIR - MCO BASE CLOSURE INFORMATION**

With the announcement in January that the Orlando HMV will close by September of this year, and be realigned and consolidated into our CVG capacity to generate savings, all of our MCO Brothers and Sisters have been faced with some challenging decisions. While the Company has gone above and beyond the requirements of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by offering packages to all affected employees, it does not make the reality of starting over in the workforce with today's economy any easier. After visiting and speaking with our members in MCO, a majority were not aware of the information and resources available to them.

The IAM Employment Services Department is a resource provided by the IAM Grand Lodge and is helpful to members facing job loss situations. I have contacted them and they will be providing materials to you in the near future. I would also encourage everyone to visit their website – <http://www.goiam.org/content.cfm?cID=2861>.

At the February Local Lodge 2508 monthly meeting, we had the opportunity to discuss the issues facing our membership due to the pending closure. The Local Lodge will be assisting with contacting local resources that can be beneficial to members faced with starting over. There are additional websites that are excellent resources from the State of Florida which list available jobs through their user friendly search features. These sites are:

State of Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation - <http://www.floridajobs.org/>  
Florida Department of Employment and Labor - <http://www.stateofflorida.com/>  
Employ Florida Marketplace - <https://www.employflorida.com/>

For our members electing to remain with the Company and move within the system, please contact your Shop Steward with questions about your rights under the Collective Bargaining Agreement or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely and fraternally,

James M. Samuel  
GENERAL CHAIRPERSON

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