



# AIR TRANSPORT



## DISTRICT LODGE 142

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the Officers and Staff of Air Transport District Lodge 142 I would like to welcome you to our District. As you are aware you were assigned to our District effective February 1, 2011 and we are pleased you are now part of our family. We look forward to your involvement in our District.

I would like to provide you with a short recap of the history of District 142 to explain how we evolved to what we are today. We were chartered on May 22, 1946. Our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary is this May. The District was formed originally to administer the Trans World Airlines Mechanic and Related agreement. In 1961 the Ozark Air Lines agreements and membership were assigned to our District. In 1986 District Lodge 146 agreements and membership were assigned to our District the largest being Southwest Airlines. In 1990 District Lodge 100 agreements and membership were assigned to our District the largest being British Airways. In 1988 as a result of the merger between the IAM and UFA the Continental Airlines and Continental Micronesia Flights Attendants became part of our District. In 2006 District Lodge 141M was disbanded and the U S Airways Mechanic and Related and Accreted groups were assigned to our District.

We currently administer 54 Collective Bargaining Agreements at 49 carriers and service companies, and have 25,316 members prior to you joining District 142. As you can see we are quite a diverse group, a veritable melting pot if you will, of the IAM Transportation Department and we are proud of that fact. Each of these additions to our District has made us stronger. To be clear you were not dumped here. That is why we requested for you to be assigned to our District if you were to be moved to another District. We wanted to represent you.

We have very active Flight Safety; Ground Safety; Education; and Legislative committees and a newly formed Community Service Committee that is just beginning its work. We look forward to your involvement in these committees as we will increase their size to accommodate additional members.

In the near future we will be requesting approval to adjust our Executive Board to more truly reflect your membership in our District and to assure your inclusion in our governance.

It is my hope that this brief communication to you indicates not only a welcoming, but also displays our commitment to assure your recognition in our District. Once again, we look forward to your involvement.

Fraternally yours,

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PRESIDENT-DIRECTING  
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