



District 142

# Weekly Update



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The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing Flight Attendants in the 2339 Local Lodges

## Friday, March 7, 2008

### Does Your Candidates Political Affiliation Affect Your Job? – Wall Street Journal reporter George



Ander's March 5, 2008 article "**Memo: Do Your M&A Before November**" highlights the urgency of attorneys and investment bankers advising their clients to carry out any merger and/or acquisition deals before the November elections, fearing that a Democratic presidential victory could create a firewall to any merger or takeover deals. David Robins, co-chair of the mergers-and-acquisitions law firm Bingham McCutchen says that Senators Clinton and Obama might take a more aggressive approach toward antitrust. "Hillary Clinton earned the IAM's endorsement by focusing on jobs, health care, education and trade – the bread and butter issues of the American middle class," said IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger. "She is the only candidate of either

party to come forward with a comprehensive manufacturing policy and the only candidate to connect with millions of Americans who feel invisible to the current administration." With airline mergers looming on the horizon, make your vote count by selecting representatives that will support and help to protect your current job and your retirement future.

**ExpressJet Flight Attendants Hotel/Transportation Issues Hotline Number** – Your Union Hotel Committee meets monthly with ExpressJet management to discuss crew hotel and transportation issues. ExpressJet Flight Attendants should call this Hotline number **832-353-3581** to report all hotel and transportation issues.

**Time to Spring Forward** – Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 9, at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set your clocks, watches and travel alarms forward one hour before going to bed Saturday evening. If you are on a layover, be sure to check with the hotel front desk or operations to determine the local time at your location and if that location participates in Daylight Savings Time. **Not all States or Countries utilize the Daylight Savings Time system.**



**Merger Watch**

Click Here for Current Airline Merger News

**Stay Informed with the FACTS Regarding Airline Mergers that Could Affect your Job!** – Please visit the District Lodge 142 website [www.go142.org](http://www.go142.org) to read the latest information on airline mergers. Merger Watch cards are available at the Union desks in each base to share with your crew members so that they can sign up for e-mail updates. While visiting the website click on the "**Merger Watch**" graphic to read the very latest news on possible airline mergers and what the Machinists Union is doing to

protect its members. Having this factual information and by not relying on rumors will play a vital part in protecting the jobs, wages, pensions, work rules and health care benefits of IAM members and future IAM members. Stay Informed — Inform Others!

**Got a Health Care Story to Tell?** – More than 23,000 men and women have already shared their personal experiences about the state of health care in America by taking part in the AFL-CIO's 2008 Health Care for America Survey. The compiled survey results will be given to the presidential candidates, every U.S. senator and representative, every candidate for Congress and state and local officials in every state in the U.S. The new goal is to record 25,000 health care stories by the end of the week and make sure candidates and lawmakers at every level understand what working families are experiencing. Click [here](#) to take the 2008 Health Care for America Survey or type the following website address into your browser to view the survey: [www.unionvoice.org/ct/PpaazPF1YP9i/](http://www.unionvoice.org/ct/PpaazPF1YP9i/)

**Third Annual Flight Attendant Conference Coming in April 2008** – The IAM has announced that it will sponsor its' third Flight Attendant Conference April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at the IAM William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in Hollywood, MD. Participants will include your Local Lodge Officers and Grievance Committee Members as well as any Flight Attendant members who want to attend on a voluntary basis. Transportation to and from the conference will be provided along with meals and lodging. Topics for this year's conference are still being finalized, however the intent and purpose of the conference is to provide our members with information about their union and to learn what the IAM stands for and promotes on their behalf. If you would like to attend please contact your Local Lodge President as soon as possible so we can plan for the number of interested participants. We look forward to seeing you!

**Crewmember Self-Defense Training** – Following meetings between the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Machinists Union, The TSA and the Federal Air Marshal Service are now offering Crew Member Self-Defense Training (CMSDT) in the Houston, TX and Newark, NJ areas. The techniques presented in this course are easy to perform and effective when applied correctly – something that is critically important when you must respond quickly. **Regardless of your physical size or fitness level, anyone can learn and execute these defense techniques quickly, efficiently, and effectively.** Participation is voluntary, but your Union representatives encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity! In the Newark area - Essex County College Police Academy 250 Grove Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ 07009, March 10, 13 ♦ April 21, 23 Contact: Rocco L. Miscia (973) 877-4352 Email: [miscia@essex.edu](mailto:miscia@essex.edu) and in the Houston area – Lone Star College - North Harris 10041 Regal Row, Suite 170 Houston, TX 77040, March 19, 20 Contact: Deb Pruitt (281)260-3598 Email: [Debra.L.Pruitt@nhmccd.edu](mailto:Debra.L.Pruitt@nhmccd.edu).

**We would like to encourage all members to attend your Local Lodge business meeting.** Each base must have a quorum to conduct business. The following is a schedule for upcoming meetings:

**Newark:** Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. at the Newark Airport Hotel (formerly Doubletree).

**Cleveland:** Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive.

**Houston:** Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.

**Guam:** Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.