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# Weekly Update



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

## Friday, October 31, 2008



**VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008.** Your vote does make a difference, so please take time to vote this coming Tuesday.

**ExpressJet Ratification voting of the recently announced tentative agreement** between the IAM and ExpressJet Airlines concluded yesterday, October 30, 2008. The results of the voting will be announced on Monday, November 3, 2008.

**DOJ Approves Northwest/Delta Merger** – International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. today issued the following statement in response to the United States Department of Justice's approval of the Northwest Airlines-Delta Airlines merger. *"After eight years of disastrous economic decisions by the Bush Administration, this comes as no surprise. It is another opportunity for executives to stuff their pockets at the expense of working-class Americans. Delta and Northwest management have separately bankrupted their individual airlines. Together, they will have more than \$28.8 billion in combined debt and \$15.6 billion in unfunded pension liabilities that could be forced onto the American taxpayer if the airline defaults. The Machinists Union will fight to ensure that workers at the combined airline will be protected by the guarantees that can only be found in a union contract. The days when Delta could ride roughshod over their employees is coming to an end. Delta is creating the world's largest airline. The Machinists Union will Northwest and Delta employees make it the world's largest unionized airline."* The Machinists Union is the largest airline union in North America and represents 12,500 Northwest Airlines ground employees. More information about the Machinists Union is available at [www.goiam.org/mergers](http://www.goiam.org/mergers)

**Continental Flight Attendant Virginia Stogner McDavid is a Candidate** for State Representative, House District 138, of the state of Texas. To learn more information about Virginia, including her views and positions and for further information on the Meet & Greet, please click on the following link. <http://www.votemcdavid.com>



**ExpressJet Offers System Wide COLAs with CIL 08-0XX “Additional Flight Attendant COLA Awards”.** These COLAs will be offered system wide for six months beginning December 1, 2008 and ending May 31, 2009, and are not renewable. COLAs will be awarded system wide based upon operational needs and staffing requirements, after seniority order. The company began taking requests for COLAs on Friday, October 10, 2008, and will stop taking requests on Friday, October 24, 2008 at noon IAH time. COLAs will be awarded by October 31, 2008. Any further questions, please contact your Local Lodge representative or your supervisor.

**Coalition of Labor Union Women – Join CLUW's [Count to 5!](#) campaign** to reach out to as many working women as possible before election day to make sure they learn about the 5 issues that we feel are important to working women: economic security; health care; education; Social Security and retirement; and an end to the war. We want to make sure that working women vote in the November 4 general election so their voices on these issues will be heard. Find out what **[YOU CAN DO!](#)**



Download CLUW's [Count to 5!](#) campaign (pdf).

### **Crewmember Self-Defense Training**

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#### **Class dates:**

**November** 6, 11, 20, 25

**December** 2, 9, 18

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

**Newark:** Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

**Cleveland:** Thursday, November 13, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

**Houston:** Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd

**Guam:** Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room