



# ATL Chief Pilot Office Newsletter

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## **Farewell to Assistant Chief Pilot Toni Wysong**

April will be Toni's last month in the office as an Assistant Chief Pilot. Please stop by and say goodbye to Toni before she returns to the line as a full-time first officer on the 7ER. Toni will be moving into the training department later in the year as a SLI on the 7ER. Thanks for all the great work over the past 3 years, Toni.

## **Farewell to Assistant Chief Pilot Chris Goedeke**

Chris has left the office for greener pastures. He has moved on to a Special Assignment Supervisor position working for OC Miller, the Managing Director of Flying Operations. Congratulations and enjoy the new position, Chris.

## **Opening for new Assistant Chief Pilot**

There will be an opening for a new Assistant Chief Pilot in the Atlanta Chief Pilot Office later this spring. Interested candidates are asked to stop by the office and find out details of the position and interview process.

## **Upcoming Retirements**

7ER CAPT Patricia Denkler – 10 April (31 years)

7ER F/O Thomas Jennings – 10 April (19 years)

765 CAPT Jim Dearien – 16 April (31 years)

765 CAPT David Jewell – 17 April (36 years)

717 CAPT Bill McInroe – 18 April (29 years)

777 CAPT Ted Ohr – 24 April (31 years)

## **New Hires**

Pilot hiring continues at a brisk pace with an estimated 700 new hires this year. The Atlanta base has gotten its share of new hires, during initial assignments and after pilots bid into Atlanta during subsequent advanced entitlements. Initial new hire assignments have been to the 717, M88, 73N, 320 and 7ER. New hires have been assigned to all bases and roughly 400 pilots with less than one year of seniority have been assigned to or bid into Atlanta. As of today, a pilot hired one year ago will have approximately 1200 pilots on the seniority list behind that pilot. We have approximately 14000 pilots on the seniority list today. By the end of 2017, we will have hired close to 4000 new pilots since hiring resumed in 2013.

## **Passport Renewals**

Crews have reported delays associated with passport renewals and applications for second passports. CIBT is working to renew your passport and process your second passport as quickly as possible; in most cases, crews should have their new passports returned to them approximately 10 business days after they were

submitted and received by CIBT. Please plan accordingly and allow CIBT as much time as possible for the renewal or application processing and remember to keep Pilot Crew Scheduling apprised of your passport status. For urgent renewal or application needs, it is possible to go directly to a National U.S. Passport Processing Center for an often same-day renewal. Details for renewals are available on the Passport/Visas page under the Administration section of the Flight Operations webpage.

### **Legal Duty**

As a friendly reminder, PWA Section 13.E pertains to Legal Duty Leave and outlines the requirement that "Upon receipt of a summons or subpoena for legal duty, a pilot will immediately notify the Company, and will provide a copy of the summons or subpoena." A pilot who does not immediately notify the company under Section 13.E.1 will be placed on unpaid legal duty leave. Please note that pilots whose legal duty is extended must also immediately notify the company of the extension before picking up additional trips they will be unable to fly.

### **Parking Lot Issues**

The Camp Creek employee parking lot construction project is estimated to be completed by June. Until the construction is complete, there will be challenges finding parking spaces during busy times of the day (normally around shift change times for our ACS and station personnel). Please allow extra time to find a parking space and please be patient.

The Camp Creek employee parking lot has undergone extensive construction over the last few months. The entire lot was resurfaced and striped using diagonal spaces to generate additional capacity. Security sheds are being built around the perimeter to accommodate screening machines and the goal is to meet 100% employee bag screening by June. This will enable us to continue convenient bus service to the concourses inside the SIDA area. Please note that while the screening meets the criteria of our security plan for ON DUTY employees entering the SIDA area, it is not TSA approved screening needed for personal flight or commuting personnel. Crewmembers can also be subject to random security screening and bag searches at the Camp Creek security stations.

The Camp Creek lot is only for ON DUTY personnel. Commuters and persons flying for pleasure are not permitted to park at the Camp Creek facility. Parking for commuters and non-revenue travelers is available at the GO in the GOE parking lot.

### **Lounge Construction Update**

Plans are being finalized for a large scale renovation of the pilot lounge on the A concourse. We expect to begin construction in the summer of 2017. In order to prepare for the construction we are suggesting that pilots who have items in the commuter room consider moving them to one of the commuter rooms on the E concourse. Once the construction begins, sections of the lounge will be roped off and there will be noise. For a quieter environment we suggest that you visit our pilot lounge on the E concourse.

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