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FAR 117 Education Campaign DTW: FAR 117 goes into effect on January 1st, 2014. As part of our FAR 117 education campaign, we will have FAR 117 Subject Matter Experts in the DTW Pilot Lounge beginning on Tuesday, December 17 until Friday, December 20th. Anticipate similar training events at pilot bases throughout the system over the next several weeks.

FAR Part 117 Update: The FAA issued an official interpretation which clarified the rules for implementation of cumulative flight time and FDP limits. Flight time and FDP hours will be counted for Part 117 beginning with the first FDP that has a report time at or after 0001 local time on January 1st, 2014. Hours flown on any duty period that has a report time earlier than midnight local time on January 1st, 2014 will not be counted toward Part 117 cumulative limits for flight time or FDP hours.

Scheduling SMEs Expanded Hours: Scheduling Subject Matter Experts will be available at 1-800-USA-ALPA from 0800-2400 on Monday, December 16 through Wednesday, December 18 to answer pilot questions.

Attention 777 Pilots! FAR Part 117 Update - FRMS anticipated: The company applied for and expects approval of an FRMS which will result in an alternate method of compliance with the FARs for certain four-pilot 777 flying beginning in January. The FRMS is expected to include:

- FDP Limit of 20.5 hours
- Elimination of the 17 hour flight time limit for an FDP operated with four pilots
- Requirement for 24 hours scheduled rest and 13, 18 or 20 hours minimum actual rest (depending on the city pair and time of day) prior to an FDP operated with four pilots
- 48 hour scheduled layover in JNB and 40 hour minimum actual layover in JNB
- A minimum of 56 hours rest upon return to base, which must include three physiological nights

The January bid package specifies which FDPs will be flown under the FRMS.

Delta Pilots' DC Plan Termination: Even though the Delta Pilots DC Plan is terminating on December 31, 2013, you may continue to direct the investment of funds in your DC account and ***no further action is required on your part at this time***. All Delta contributions will be made to the Delta Pilots Savings Plan, effective January 1st. A window is expected to open in the 2nd quarter of 2014 in which you will have an option to elect how you want your entire DC Plan account to be distributed. Please review [R&I Report 13-04 - Streamlining Our Retirement Accounts Pt 2](#) for more information.

Abu Dhabi Call to Action: [HR 3488](#) has been introduced to prohibit the creation of a pre-clearance facility in Abu Dhabi. See [Capitol Hill Brief 13-10](#) for more info. We need every Delta pilot to again contact their House member and two U.S. Senators. Your participation in this [Call-to-Action](#) is crucial and will only take a few minutes. Participate today, as we are now seeking co-sponsors for [HR 3488](#)!

Earlier issues with VOCUS message confirmation screen have been corrected. Messages sent were all received in the appropriate offices.

Line Check Blitz: All pilots should be aware that Flight Operations is conducting a Line Check Blitz through the end of January. Random line checks will be more prevalent than normal. To help you prepare, access Line Check Emphasis Items on your respective fleet page and read the December Flight Standards Update accessible from the Flight Standards/LCP web page on Deltanet. If you have issues or concerns that need the attention of your Union, contact a member of the Training Committee by calling 1 800 USA ALPA or emailing DALTraining@alpa.org.

No New Taxes: Congress is seeking to double the TSA passenger security tax as part of a budget deal, which does nothing to enhance security. Raising the cost of air travel with higher taxes drives up the cost of air travel for our customers and dampens demand, which hurts the economy, jobs, our industry and reduces air service to communities. Join ALPA, labor and consumer groups to oppose this unfair and unwarranted tax hike. Go to [Stop Air Tax Now](#) and tell Congress and the President: No new air taxes!

January Hotel Changes: On 1/1/14 the following hotel changes take effect: JFK-S - Crowne Plaza JFK, GRU- Renaissance Sao Paulo, PEK-Grand Hyatt Beijing, SCL-InterContinental, TPA-L Hilton Downtown Tampa, TUS-Sheraton Tucson Hotel. On 1/5/14 GUM layovers move to the Westin Guam Resort.

Phone Polling Ongoing: MEC polling by the University of New Hampshire Survey Research Center will begin December 10. The caller ID will display "NH Call," "UNH Call," and/or a 603 area code. Participation is confidential. This is a scientific, statistically valid, random survey of every pilot demographic. If you get the call, please take the time to be heard.

Report Jumpseat Issues: Please submit JSAP and/or FCR reports for jumpseat issues. For issues on Delta or DCI submit both a JSAP and an FCR. For issues with other airlines, please only file a JSAP report. The JSAP report form is on the DAL MEC website, [Jumpseat Committee](#) page. Pilots may contact the committee at DALMECjumpseat@alpa.org.

Know your contract! A pilot may be awarded a white slip in the current bid period that will create an FAR and/or PWA conflict with a rotation in the next bid period. The conflicting rotation in the next bid period **will be removed from the pilot's line without pay!** A pilot should not submit a WS request for the current bid period that creates a conflict with a rotation in the next bid period unless he wants the other rotation to be dropped without pay. There will be no warning in iCrew when submitting the WS request! (Reference PWA Section 23 P. 7. f. Exception two)

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The Pilot Assistance Network (PAN) provides support for pilots during difficult times.

Call 1-800-USA-ALPA and ask for PAN.

During non-business hours, press "7" at the main menu to transfer to PAN.

The [Furlough Emergency Relief Fund](#) exists to assist Delta pilots with a demonstrated financial hardship.