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MEC Chairman Pilot Lounge Visits: MEC Chairman Donatelli looks forward to interacting with, and hearing directly from our line pilots. Captain Donatelli will visit pilot lounges on the following dates:

MSP	Monday, December 30	1400-1630
	Tuesday, December 31	0830-1015
SLC	Tuesday, December 31	1400-1630
	Wednesday, January 1	0900-1030
SEA	Wednesday, January 1	1300-1530
	Thursday, January 2	0900-1030
LAX	Thursday, January 2	1400-1630
	Friday, January 3	0600-0830
DTW	Saturday, January 4	0900-1500
ATL, CVG, and JFK	TBA	TBA

Scheduling SMEs Expanded Hours: Scheduling Subject Matter Experts or Delta Pilots Network will be available to answer pilot questions throughout the holidays at 1-800-USA-ALPA. The DPN can be reached on Jan. 1, 2, and 3 at 866-239-0437. Please see [MEC Alert 13-20](#) for additional information.

- Monday, Dec. 30 Normal Business Hours
- Tue., Dec. 31 - Wed., Jan 1 0900-1700
- Thursday, Jan 2 - Friday, Jan. 3 0900-2400

FAR 117 Education Campaign AMS and NRT: FAR 117 goes into effect on January 1st, 2014. As part of our FAR 117 education campaign, during the month of January we will have FAR 117 Subject Matter Experts in Amsterdam and Narita. Exact dates will be announced later. 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.

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.

HR 3488 Needs Your Effort: [HR 3488](#) introduced by Congressmen Meehan and DeFazio to prohibit the creation of a pre-clearance facility in Abu Dhabi currently has 122 House co-sponsors. To successfully send a strong message to stop the Administration's Abu Dhabi plan, it will take all of our efforts. Please review [Capitol Hill Brief 13-10](#) emailed to all Delta pilots on December 2nd encouraging every Delta pilot to again contact their House member and two U.S. Senators.

TSA Security Fee Update: As you may have learned earlier this month, the Congress approved increasing the [TSA security fee](#). The fee will now only be charged for each way of travel, and not by flight segment. However, the United States Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee is to be repealed on Oct. 1, 2014, saving the airline industry an estimated \$380 million dollars. Thank you for your participation to stop the increase in TSA fees.

ALPA Safety Volunteer Opportunities: Ever thought about ALPA volunteer work and interested in safety? Call the Delta MEC Central Air Safety Committee @ 404-763-4925 to get started. Twice a year ALPA National conducts a Basic Safety School where you can learn about the fundamental processes involved in helping our airline become a safer organization. The next Basic Safety School is in Herndon, Jan 21-23.

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.

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.

OGG Temporary Hotel Change: Crews in OGG from Dec 26-30 will layover at the newly opened Andaz Hotel (Hyatt brand) due to an overbook situation the Hyatt Maui. The 15 percent food and beverage discount and complimentary Wi-Fi will be honored.

Delta MEC Holiday Hours: The Delta MEC ALPA offices will be closed for the New Year holidays Tuesday, December 31 through Wednesday, January 1. Normal business hours will resume Thursday, January 2.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday!

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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.

