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ARW MEC Mission Statement

To defend and advance the careers, working conditions, compensation, retirement, and benefits of Air Wisconsin and fellow ALPA pilots while also working to maintain the character of the Air Wisconsin pilot group as one of the most highly respected in the industry.

There are currently 120 ARW Pilots on Furlough

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Tell Congress: #ExtendPSP, Save Jobs Before December 18 Deadline
Congress must hear from you now! Our elected representatives need to realize the impact that government inaction has had on our lives and our industry.

Congress has until mid-December - when government funding expires - to act on legislation to help the tens of thousands of pilots, flight attendants, and other aviation workers who have been furloughed due to the pandemic.

Airlines' ability to deliver safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines where they are needed reinforces the vital importance of air transportation—and of the pilots and other workers who make it possible.

This could be our last chance to save thousands of airline pilot jobs and protect the future of our industry. Congress must finalize a deal now to extend the Payroll Support Program.

We are asking pilots, frontline aviation workers, and the flying public to turn up the pressure by [tweeting at their members of Congress now](#) – urge them to support an extension to the Payroll Support Program.

FAA Approves First COVID Vaccine for Airline Pilots

On December 12, the FAA Office of Aerospace Medicine announced a policy change regarding use of COVID-19 vaccines. Following the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) emergency use authorization (EUA) of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, the FAA determined **holders of FAA-issued airman medical certificates or medical clearances may receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine; however, a 48-hour no fly/no safety related duty interval must be observed after each dose.** Before returning to duty, pilots should be free of any significant side effects from the vaccine.

This policy change applies only to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Other COVID-19 vaccines will be individually considered by the FAA following granting of each FDA EUA.

ALPA will notify pilots of updated FAA policies for each vaccine as they become available.

For the latest information, visit ALPA's [COVID-19 Resources page](#).

ALPA pilots in the United States with specific aeromedical questions should contact the [Aviation Medicine Advisory Service](#) at 303-341-4435 (8:30-4:00 MT, Monday through Friday).

Mask Policy Reminder

Please heed this gentle reminder on Air Wisconsin's and United Airlines' mask policies. Crew members – in fact, ALL employees – need to wear masks while in public areas of airport terminals, crew room, offices, and while on board aircraft. The sole exception is for Air Wisconsin pilots: *only when on the flight desk and the cockpit door is closed*. Essentially, please wear your mask from the time you step into the airport terminal until you set foot in your hotel room on the overnight.

No one LIKES wearing a mask, but we must lead by example. If we don't comply with the mask policy, we cannot expect our customers to do so. Mask wearing mitigates the spread of the virus, and with the approval and distribution of vaccines now on the horizon, we hope it will not be too far in the future where life can return to normal. Until then, let's do what we can to keep ourselves, our friends and families, and our customers as safe as possible.

Contract Corner: Uniform Bank – Use It or Lose It!

This is a reminder during this busy holiday season time to take a look at your uniform pieces and evaluate what you may want to replace before the end of the year.

On January 1 the Company will credit \$260 to your uniform bank. However, section 18.C.4 of [our contract](#) states the amount added to your bank will be available for use for two calendar years. In other words, you can never accrue more than \$520 in your uniform bank. If you want to take full advantage of your negotiated uniform bank, your balance needs to be below \$260 with all expenses submitted through the Company's Concur system by December 31, 2020.

New this year, the Company has approved a new jacket option. Details on the Karbon Aviator tech jacket can be found on CSS in the announcement posted on December 2. Since this is an approved uniform item, you can use your uniform allowance to purchase it.

If you have money in your uniform bank, now is the time to refresh your wardrobe in order to take full advantage of this agreed-to benefit of our contract. If you have any uniform-related questions, please contact the Uniform Committee at ARWUniform@alpa.org.

Finally, for those of you who may be looking at a new headset (maybe to replace those trusty old Dave Clarks), you can be reimbursed up to \$300 for the purchase of a new set of ears. Section 18.F.2 [in the contract](#) has the details on the headset bank; even if you've used this in the past, your bank gets fully replenished after another six years of service.

Winter Holiday Giving Opportunities

If you are participating in a charitable drive this holiday season, tell us about it. Send photos and information about the event to SocialMedia@alpa.org. Looking for ways to get involved?

- [Pilots for Pilots](#): ALPA's emergency relief fund provides grants to help ALPA members recover from natural disasters, as well as those suffering financial hardship due to COVID-19 illness. You can also donate to P4P just by making a minor change to your shopping habits – visit <http://smile.amazon.com> and make sure "ALPA Emergency Relief Fund" is selected as your preferred charity. Amazon will donate .5 percent of your purchase price to P4P.
- [Pilots for Kids](#): This international nonprofit organization is dedicated to helping hospitalized children.

Ready for Takeoff

ALPA recently launched its "Ready for Takeoff" public-awareness effort — a comprehensive initiative to reassure passengers that when they are ready to travel, airline pilots are ready for takeoff. Through print, digital, and video advertising, ALPA's outreach is making clear to the flying public that airline pilots are on the job, ready to fly, and taking precautions for COVID-19 to ensure passengers and crews travel safely. Help support the campaign by [downloading and sharing campaign graphics](#) on social media, or sharing the campaign posts from our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. You can also learn more, by [visiting the campaign website](#).

Calls to Action

ALPA's Government Affairs team currently has the following Calls to Action (C2As) underway. Please join your fellow pilots in protecting our profession by participating in these outreach efforts – a small action from you now can make a big difference in the halls of Congress.

- [**COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines Must Apply to Airlines**](#)
- [**Protect Pilot Jobs through Bankruptcy Reform**](#)
- [**Cabin Air Quality**](#)
- [**Secondary Barriers**](#)
- [**Cargo Safety and Security**](#)
- [**Flag of Convenience Schemes**](#)
- [**Single Pilot Operations**](#)

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Six unique sessions with key takeaways for all pilots during this unexpected industry downturn.



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**P4P
NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Pilots for Pilots provides assistance to ALPA members affected by COVID-19 and is funded solely by donations.

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The advertisement features a background image of two hands shaking, one in a blue business suit sleeve and the other in a white pilot's glove. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

November 2020 Resignations

ID#	Name	Resign date
26460	Garett Blydenburgh	11/4/2020
27385	Hamidi Hamed	11/2/2020

Upcoming Events

Dates and venues are subject to change.

December 16	FAPA.aero Virtual Job Fair
January 27, 2021	FAPA.aero Virtual Job Fair
February 24-25, 2021	Leadership Training Conference, Valo
February 24, 2021	FAPA.aero Virtual Job Fair
March 15-19, 2021	ARW MEC Meeting, dates/location TBD
March 30-April 1, 2021	Secretary/Treasurers Conference, Valo
March 31, 2021	FAPA.aero Virtual Job Fair
April 28, 2021	FAPA.aero Virtual Job Fair
May 11-13, 2021	Executive Board Meeting, Valo
May 26, 2021	FAPA.aero Virtual Job Fair
June 7-9, 2021	Legislative Summit, DCA
June 14-18, 2021	ARW MEC Meeting, dates/location TBD
June 30, 2021	FAPA.aero Virtual Job Fair
July 1, 2021	New ARW MEC Officer term begins
July 26-31, 2021	EAA Airventure Oshkosh
October 11-15, 2021	ARW MEC Meeting, dates/location TBD
October 19-21, 2021	Executive Board Meeting, Valo
October 25-28, 2021	Air Safety & PA Forum, DCA

ARW Representative Contacts

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