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JFK's TWA Hotel Is Open for Business

At last, the long-awaited opening of the TWA Hotel has happened. On May 15th, the TWA Hotel opened its doors to the public and a long-line of media people and invited guests. The neo-futurist hotel is the only on-airport property hotel at JFK.

The hotel's designers saved that architectural gem, the Eero Saarinen designed TWA Flight Center, and made it an integral part of the facility. The Flight Center will serve as its reception area and lobby.

The Flight Center, which was also known as the Trans World Flight Center welcomed passengers starting in 1962. Both the exterior and interior of the building were declared landmarks by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission in 1994.

The design features a prominent wing-shaped thin shell roof over the main terminal and tube-shaped, red-carpeted departure-arrival corridors. Its tall windows – unusual for the time period – offered travelers expansive views of airport operations. The hotel architects, Lubrano and Ciavarra started by



focusing on Eero Saarinen's original design as a sculpture, and looking at how the world had moved on around it, with elevated roadways and new terminals surrounding the space. The terminal had been expanded in the 1970s, and now touched the edges of the available space.

"Our proposal was to shave off the old pieces of the building and take it back to its 1962 original, the way that Saarinen had envisioned it, so we get that beautiful form again," Lubrano said.

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The Kiwanis Club of LaGuardia Airport Celebrates 78 Years of Service

The Kiwanis Club of LaGuardia Airport held their 46th Annual Charity Ball celebrating 78 years of service to the community. Kiwanis LGA is the only Airport Kiwanis Club in the world. Their mission is to serve children and seniors in the community.

Shanel Thomas, the president of the LGA Kiwanis Club has a motto that helps shape the direction of the club: "We must prepare the next generation to ascend beyond what we have achieved; if they can begin their journey where we end ours, that's true progress".

The Kiwanis Club of LGA is best known for sending kids to camp, providing scholarships and of course LaGuardia Kids Day. All of this wouldn't be possible without the generosity of the people and businesses from the airport that support the Annual Charity Ball.

This year's honoree was Loretta Bove, Managing Director at LGA for American Airlines. Loretta is both an outstanding leader at LGA, a

thoughtful participant in many philanthropic activities, and a mentor to so many in the aviation industry. ■



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As an active volunteer at the USO Center at JFK Airport, I have witnessed first-hand the comfort the USO provides our service men and women. As they pass through JFK Airport to be deployed overseas, and when they safely return home, the USO provides these men and women a haven to privately spend time with their families, rest, and just gather their thoughts. The USO is truly the force behind the forces.

We need them and they need us. Please consider joining *Metropolitan Airport News* in support of the USO this July as we celebrate our freedom and their sacrifices. I hope to hear from you soon.

With Deep Gratitude,

KATIE BLISS, *Publisher*

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A Message from The USO to Our Readers:

For over 78 years, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the U.S. military and their families by keeping our military connected to family, home, and country, throughout their service to the nation. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is committed to being by our service members' side.

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JFK's TWA Hotel Is Open for Business

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Present at the ribbon cutting event was Governor Cuomo, who took the dais to deliver a very positive statement on the hotel; "This rebirth of the TWA Hotel says we haven't lost our imagination, our boldness, our creativity, our daring – and we are still one step ahead of everyone else," Governor Cuomo said. "If you want to know where the future's going to lead, look to the State of New York. The best is yet to be, and the TWA Hotel is a beautiful example."

Rick Cotton, the Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York\New Jersey commented that the "TWA Hotel is a key part of the broader agenda of the 13-billion-dollar redevelopment of JFK, 90% of which comes from private sources".

Erik Palmer, the hotel's managing director, said that the opening is one of the "most unique" he had ever been involved in and expects the hotel to occupy a unique space for the city. Unlike most airport hotels, where guests only stay for a few hours before early-morning flights or rest after late-night arrivals, current reservations at the TWA Hotel are for two nights on average, said Palmer.

To be present at the invitation only ribbon cutting, just hours before registered guests would be arriving, was like being transported back to 1962. To walk around the space that was one of the most, if not the most, glamorous air terminals in the 1960's and 1970's, you feel how special air travel was then.

It's wasn't about the cheapest tickets and fastest routes. It was all about you. You would have dressed very nicely to travel and expected the airport personnel to also be dressed well.

The food and champagne were top notch and you would wait for your flight next to the who's who of celebrities and important figures of the time. The experience getting to your destination was just as important as to what was awaiting you when you got there. No one did it better than TWA at that time. What Tyler Morse and MCR did was breathe life back into a space and let all of us in 2019 experience how exclusive air travel was in 1962.

The vintage rotary phones in the lobby, the 1960's fleet of cars, the martini bar in your room, cocktail bar in the Sunken Lounge or the 'Connie', all the details have been considered, no expense has been spared.

The hotel isn't all 1962, they brought the building into 2019 by being Union Built, Air Train accessible, 2nd thickest glass in the rooms, next to the U.S. embassy in London at 7 panes thick, pet friendly, LEED Gold Certified environmentally friendly-greenest building in NYC, completely off the grid with a self-contained power plant, fastest WIFI for any hotel in the U.S., created 4,000 jobs during construction, 22% M/WBE participation (above the goal), permanent hires include 77% minorities and 49% are from Queens.....all paid for with Private Funds.

The new hotel has 512 rooms as well as six restaurants including the Paris Café, operated by Chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, and eight bars, all with a 1960s feel, including the hotel's cocktail lounge, which is housed in a 1958 Lockheed Constellation fuselage painted in a TWA livery. In addition, the hotel has 50,000 square feet of meeting and event space and a 10,000 square foot observation deck.

Adjacent to the observation deck is a 63' by 20' infinity pool that has a beach entryway and in-water seating as well as a large TWA logo mosaic. The pool will be heated in winter and offers expansive views of JFK's Runway

4L-22R. The deck also offers views of the so-called Bay Runway, Runway 13L-31R.

The Eero Saarinen-designed landmark terminal will serve as the reception area as well as the location for the restaurants and bars. Travelers will be able to access Terminal 5, the terminal that replaced the TWA Flight Center, through one of the tubes that originally took TWA passengers to their gates.

Guests and visitors can use the 10,000 sqft. fitness center, designed by the aptly-named The Wright Fit, although there is no connection between that company's founder, Jay Wright, and aviation pioneers Orville and Wilbur Wright.

The hotel also has its own font, Flight Center Gothic. The font mirrors the typeface Saarinen designed for the TWA Flight Center and is used on signage throughout the hotel.

The hotel was built by MCR Development in partnership with JetBlue, which operates Terminal 5, 22 government agencies and 174 firms. As Tyler Morse noted, "It Takes a Village".

Congratulations to Tyler Morse, the MCR Team and the TWA Hotel... Up Up and Away! **JOSEPH ALBA**

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Reflections of the Past As We Look Towards the Future

On May 15th, 2019 the TWA terminal reopened, and for the many TWA employees who worked or flew out of JFK, it was a joyous and bittersweet reunion. For most it was the first look at a place that was abruptly shuttered in October 2001. Ground service employees and inflight crew mingled in vintage uniforms, wearing service pins and carrying TWA flight bags, marveling at the restoration of a terminal many of us called home, hugging friends we had not seen in almost 20 years. Everyone expressed admiration and awe for this wonderful accomplishment and thankfulness that we would be able to visit again and even spend the night here. We were indebted to Tyler Morse and MCR for loving TWA almost as much as we did.

I began working at the TWA terminal (or Terminal 5 as it was later called) in 1969, my first real job after college, and stayed until its closing in October 2001. In essence, I grew up here, made a family of friends, met my husband. To come to the terminal everyday was exciting, exhilarating and glamorous, seeing the sun filtering in through the windows and looking out at the runway where we could see planes taking off and landing, to see the crowds of travelers also excited to be flying on a jet airplane! The first thing we did before starting our shift was to look at the Twaip sheet (the TWA VIP's who were traveling that day) and the "poop sheet" (the day's load factor broken down by domestic and international flights.) To read the outbound at 151% meant we were headed for a tough day as we cursed, laughed and wondered how we were going to handle it.

In 1972 I was promoted to the Ambassadors Club where I worked until the end. The celebrities, titans of industry and clergy we handled could fill a very large book. We were the "Airline of the Stars." One night Jacques Cousteau sat the desk with me for two hours, while his flight was delayed and we talked about everything under the sun, and the sea too! TWA was a world class airline with a beautiful terminal with a fleet of 747's and other jets filling every gate at JFK, and employees who were not only consummate professionals but called themselves family.

In time as the TWA's finances fluctuated, the terminal suffered and repairs were haphazard at best. The TWA family struggled on and almost made it despite lchan and the tragedy of TWA 800 among other factors. An article in an aviation magazine called us "The Warrior Airline."

To see the iconic Saarinen terminal restored to its former glory brought many of us TWA's to tears and reminisces of the happier times, the glamorous jet age we were lucky to have been part of.

Thank you, Tyler Morse, for having the persistence and dedication to bring your vision to completion. And heartfelt thanks to everyone involved, for it truly "takes a village."

And now we can go home again. **ROBERTA DUNN**





(L.-R.) Gabi Sarmiento, JFK Rotary Board Member; Wendy Phaff, President of Achilles; Sonia Saleh, President JFK Rotary; Frank McIntyre, JFK Rotary Treasurer.

The JFK Airport Rotary Club presented a donation to Achilles International Queens. The donation was raised from the proceeds of the JFK Airport Rotary Club 'Run the Runway 5K'. Wendy Phaff, President, accepted it on behalf of Achilles International Queens. Their mission is to enable people with disabilities to participate in mainstream athletics in order to promote personal achievement, enhance self-esteem and lower barriers to living a fulfilling life.



Boeing Fixes Software Bug

Boeing has completed the software update and associated simulator testing for the 737 MAX, after two crashes of the aircraft killed everybody on board.

Boeing said it is now working with the U.S. FAA to provide additional information the regulator has requested. The information includes details on how pilots interact with aircraft controls and displays in different flight scenarios. The airframer said that once the requests have been addressed, it will work with the FAA on scheduling certification testing and final documentation.

“With safety as our clear priority, we have completed all of the engineering test flights for the software update and are preparing for the final certification flight,” Boeing chief executive Dennis Muilenburg said. “We’re committed to providing the FAA and global regulators all the information they need, and to getting it right. We’re making clear and steady progress and are confident that the 737 MAX with updated MCAS software will be one of the safest airplanes ever to fly.”

Boeing has also developed enhanced training and education materials that are now being reviewed by global regulators and airlines. There will also be a series of regional customer conferences around the world.

The software updates come as a result of two fatal 737 MAX crashes in five months. A total of 346 people were killed in the crashes off Indonesia and in Ethiopia. ■



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Jetblue Unveils Bear Force One

Bear Force One Becomes Boston Based Aircraft For Jetblue

JetBlue Airways debuted a special livery dedicated to the Boston Bruins professional hockey team. The Airbus A320 aircraft has been christened “Bear Force One,” and was unveiled at a special event at Boston Logan International Airport.

“As the team continues on in the Eastern Conference Finals, this new livery will make it easier for Bruins fans to show off their black and gold fanfare,” said Marty St. George, the airline’s chief commercial officer.

Bear Force One is the airline’s third livery dedicated to a Boston team.

The aircraft made its first revenue flight later in the day to Raleigh, North Carolina, where the Bruins competed in Game 3 of the National Hockey League’s Eastern Conference Finals. ■

Virgin Galactic Moves To Spaceport America

Virgin Galactic has begun moving to a spaceport, thus marking the start of “the final countdown” to a regular commercial spaceflight service and science research from the U.S.

Virgin Galactic has begun moving its space-line staff and space vehicles from California to their commercial operations headquarters at Spaceport America, New Mexico.

Hopes are to finish the move by the end of summer 2019. Virgin Galactic plans to relocate to Spaceport America its space system consisting of carrier aircraft VMS Eve and spaceship VSS Unity, where the final test flights are to take place.

Virgin Galactic’s sister manufacturing organization, The Spaceship Company, will remain based in Mojave, working on planned fleet of SpaceShipTwo and carrier aircraft WhiteKnightTwo vehicles. Spaceport America is the world’s first, purpose-built commercial spaceport, in which Virgin Galactic intends to center its commercial space-flight activities. Once its vehicles and operations are ready for service, that is.

The company promises it will not take too long, claiming its development and testing program has now “advanced sufficiently”. Virgin Galactic’s VSS Unity made its maiden flight on the edge of space on December 13, 2018, marking “the very first time” that a crewed vehicle built for commercial passenger service has reached space. ■



Annual Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Awareness Day At JFK

On May 16th at JFK International Airport, the JFK Chamber of Commerce together with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey coordinated a FOD Awareness Day.

Foreign Object Debris (FOD) is defined as any object that does not belong in or near aircraft, and, as a result, can injure airport or airline personnel and damage aircraft. Dumpsters were provided at multiple locations throughout the airport for the tenants to participate in the ‘Spring Cleaning’.

In addition, over 55 volunteers worked together on certain areas that needed the most help. A special Thank You to the groups that came out to make the airport a safer place. PANYNJ Staff, CLPA, Farmingdale University, Hilton Garden Inn-JFK, Crown Plaza-JFK, dnata, Unilode, AGI, Gateway Security.

In all the day was a huge success. A total of 37 trash bags and one full bucket (3 yards) of large debris was collected by the volunteers.

FOD should be everyone’s concern every day, if you see something on the ramp, pick it up. If it’s too big to pick up, report it to the ramp managers. Let’s keep the airport safe and clean! ■





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JFK Chamber Hosts First Event at Newly Opened TWA Hotel

On May 30, 2019 the JFK Chamber of Commerce was the first to hold its event at the newly restored TWA Flight Center, with a record crowd of 540 in attendance. After opening remarks by **Joe Clabby**, President of the JFK Chamber, the invocation was given by **Rabbi Korenblit**, accompanied by **Pastor Dabee**.

The featured speaker for this luncheon was **David Neeleman**, Founder and Chairman of Azul Airlines, Founder and former CEO and Chairman of JetBlue, as well as co-founder of Morris Air and WestJet, and co-owner of TAP Air Portugal. Neeleman spoke at length about all his ventures, emphasizing Jetblue, Azul and then Moxy, his new start up. Azul which began service in December 2008, serves more than 100 destinations in Brazil, has boarded tens of millions of passengers and is ranked the 9th best airline in the world. Mr. Neeleman's dream with Azul was to make flying cheaper and easier for Brazilians, giving access to air travel to many who had never flown before.

In 2015, the Gateway consortium, led by Neeleman acquired 50% of TAP, Portugal's national carrier. They have acquired new aircraft, A330's, and inaugurated new daily service from Boston and JFK starting in June and July, working to build up Portugal as Europe's newest gateway and to revitalize the carrier.

Mr. Neeleman also spoke about his latest venture, Moxy, a vision of filling a niche to fly nonstop in the U.S. to places where no one else is flying, at a low fare. Moxy will get you there twice as fast and will get you there for half the current price is his promise. He has ordered a fleet of 60 Airbus A220 jets because of their ability to land at short runways and flexible cabin configurations. The high-tech nature of Moxy where an app will let customers do anything and everything eliminates much of the cost and frustrations associated with current reservation systems. Neeleman views Moxy as a technology company that happens to fly airplanes. Moxy is projected to launch in 2020 -2021.

Congratulations to this year's winner of the JFK Chamber of Commerce scholarship award, **Alexis Groark**, daughter of **James Groark**, Cathay Pacific. **ROBERTA DUNN**

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LaGuardia’s Terminal B New Home for United Airlines

United will move to new gates in the brand-new Concourse B at LaGuardia in June, a spokesman for the carrier confirmed. The date is expected to be June 2nd, however check for specific flight information to be sure which gate to use during the transition.

Not only did United move to new gates in a brand-new concourse, but they also opened a new and larger United Club in that same concourse. For years United lounge customers at LaGuardia had to settle for a less-than-up-to-date club in an airport that had been slowly deteriorating for a long time.

For the past couple of years, New York City’s close-in LaGuardia — an airport many business travelers to the Big Apple like because it is comparatively easy and fast to access — has been undergoing the massive build-out of an all-new terminal and parking garage.

Despite the huge scale and complexity of the project, construction is moving swiftly. United will be the last and largest carrier to occupy the already-open Concourse B.

Despite United’s significantly-improved arrangement at LaGuardia, the Chicago-based carrier’s principal base of operations in the New York City region will remain at its hub at Newark Liberty International Airport, where United operates hundreds of flights a day and continues to make significant investments.

United primarily uses LaGuardia for frequent flights to some of its principal hubs and business destinations, including Chicago, Denver and Houston, among others. It remains to be seen if United will expand its route network out of LaGuardia when the move is made to Concourse B and the entire LaGuardia project is finished in another 18 months to two years. ■



China’s SF Airlines To Make JFK Debut Later In 2019

SF Airlines (O3, Shenzhen) is planning to make its North American debut later this year, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) records have shown.

According to the Chinese cargo specialist’s application for exemption authority, it is looking to start a scheduled 3x weekly Hangzhou-New York JFK service in September of this year. Operations will be onboard B747-400(F) equipment.

SF Airlines is wholly-owned by Shenzhen S.F. Taisen Holding (Group) Co., Ltd., which is a Chinese company and is itself wholly-owned by S.F. Holding Co., Ltd. In turn, S.F. Holding Co. is owned by Shenzhen Mingde Holding Development Co., Ltd. With 61.15% and Chinese public shareholders with 39.85%.

Specializing in hauling freight for its SF Express sister company, SF Airlines operates from hubs at Hangzhou and Beijing Capital to 39 cities across China as well as India, Hong Kong, Singapore, Vietnam, Japan, and Taiwan. ■



2019 Vaughn College Graduation Day

Vaughn College of Aeronautics & Technology held its 2019 Commencement on May 11th. The Commencement speaker was Scott Donnelly, CEO of Textron, who also received an honorary degree.

President Dr. Sharon DeVivo spoke to the graduating class about how Vaughn College is leading the charge in workforce trends and preparing for industry demands by offering new and expanded curriculum. Vaughn College and the faculty are dedicated to developing well prepared students in their chosen fields of aviation, aeronautics, engineering, mechanics, management, technology and more. Dr. DeVivo beamed with pride as she proclaimed ‘You have been challenged and tested; you have prevailed!’

Speaker Scott Donnelly spoke about the past and the future of aviation, successes and failures and all the many opportunities to be looking out for; he said, “Most often success follows a series of failures...these are simply learning experiences...”. He ended with some great advice for the class of 2019, “You all have terrific opportunities in front of you, use them all as opportunities to learn”

Congratulations to the Vaughn College Class of 2019! ■



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(L.-R.) Mr. Jackson, Principal and Mr. Fisher Head of Aircraft Maintenance at the JFK Annex.

Career Fair and Expo Held At Aviation High School

Aviation High School held an impressive Career Fair and Expo on May 19th. It was day dedicated to the students to learn about the aviation industry and possible opportunities available to them in the near future utilizing the training and skills acquired at AHS.



The companies represented were excited to know that the students at Aviation High School today could be their team members tomorrow and that they are prepared to fill the thousands of openings available in aviation related industries.

Represented at the tables was American Airlines, Delta, Jetblue, Southwest, United Airlines, AAR, Embraer, PSA Airlines, Park Engineering, LGA Gateway Partners, FedEx, L3, GE Aviation, CapAir, Piedmont, Expressjet, Gulfstream, Bombardier, Republic, STS, Air Wisconsin, Flexjet, Endeavor and more.

The students were prepared with resumes and professional attire. Some companies were there to inform the students about future opportunities while others were aggressively recruiting from this amazing talent pool. The event was a great success for the school, the students and the companies. Good luck to the Aviation High School class of 2019! ■

Queens Chamber of Commerce Hits A Home Run At Annual Business Expo

The Queens Chamber of Commerce held their annual Business Expo at Citi Field on May 16th. The event offered thousands of attendee’s opportunities to meet with over 140 businesses from Queens through a table exchange, building relationships face to face.

Panel discussions were definitely the highlight of the day. “Why Tech Needs Queens” and “Taking Off: LGA and JFK Opportunities”.

At the LGA and JFK Opportunities discussion, Tom Grech, President & CEO of Queens Chamber of Commerce moderated the panel who included:

- **Suzette Bather -Taylor**, PANY/NJ, Senior Program Director, Strategic Capital initiatives
- **Quentin Braithwaite**, Senior Vice President, Director of McKissack & McKissack (The New Terminal One Project Management Office)
- **David Garten**, Senior Vice President, Infrastructure Investment and Emerging Sub-Markets (JetBlue) at RXR Realty
- **George Guillaume**, Deputy Program Director of Delta for Terminal C Redevelopment at LGA
- **Tracy Sandford**, Senior Director Communications of LaGuardia Gateway Partners

Infrastructure is on everyone’s mind as LGA and JFK are investing billions of dollars into the airports and in turn, the Queens communities where they are located. The airport redevelopment projects have incredible benefits for the residents and businesses of Queens. They can expect high employment numbers, new and improved roads and upgraded and expanded bus & rail transport plans.

The discussion was very positive and informative. The Port Authority of NY/NJ, the airlines, The Queens Chamber of Commerce, LGA Gateway Partners, the JFK Redevelopment Community Outreach office, and many community groups, are all working together for a more modern, prosperous Queens. ■



(L.-R) David Garten, Quentin Braithwaite, George Guillaume, Tracy Sandford, Suzette Bather-Taylor, Tom Grech.



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(L.-R.) Honoree Dolores Hofman, Program Manager for Queens Air Services Development Office ASDO; Angela Stern, Miles Petroleum; Mr. & Mrs. John Mangano; Frank McIntyre, Royal Waste; and Clorinda Antonucci, Corporate Loss Prevention Associates.

Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corp. Celebrates At 33rd Gala

The Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation held their 33rd annual Gala on May 15th at Russo's on the Bay. It was a spectacular evening honoring many including our very own **Dolores Hofman** and **Shanel Thomas-Henry** who received Community Builders awards. A well-deserved accolade considering all they do for the airport community ensuring businesses thrive and communities and residents prosper with all the rich opportunities that JFK and LGA have to offer.

Also honored was **Pastor David Cockfield** from Battalion Pentecostal Assembly and Curtis Archer from Harlem Community Development Corporation, former Executive Director of the RDRC.

The RDRC Chairwoman's Award was presented to **Enid Glabman**, President of the Bayswater Civic Association, Hilda Gross, Community Activist and Queen Makkada, Educational Community Activist.

The sense of community was so overwhelmingly strong that night. The people of Queens gathered to bestow honor on those who serve the community with their time, talents and passion. It was a wonderful event to be part of, congratulations to all those honored. Connie Delaigle, the event Chairwoman, together with the Gala committee and event sponsors should be very proud of the amazing evening enjoyed by so many. ■



(L.-R.) Honoree Shanel Thomas-Henry, Community Outreach Manager for the LaGuardia Redevelopment Program; and Kevin Alexander, President of the RDRC.



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They're Back: Amazon Back In New York With Plans For Fulfillment Center

Amazon is blitzing New York City again, although this time with warehouse jobs that pay workers \$17 to \$20 per hour rather than professional salaries averaging \$150,000. Opponents of its high-paying headquarters project killed it, in part over fears that the well-paid workers would gentrify Queens neighborhoods. This time the politicians might fume about the lower-wage jobs, but they won't be able to stop the company. Whether Amazon's other major opponent, the retail workers union, can do much about it remains uncertain.

News broke on www.thecity.nyc nonprofit news site that the city had given the green light to a \$5.6 million construction project in Woodside, Queens, to convert a former Bulova facility into an Amazon fulfillment center. The company is likely to create 2,000 jobs there. It already operates a similar hub on Staten Island and earlier this year committed to another one in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx.

The big difference between the warehouses and the scuttled

plan to put 25,000 high-wage jobs in a Long Island City headquarters is that the distribution centers can be built "as of right," meaning with only routine building permits. The politicians who fought the headquarters plan and are raising alarms about the Queens project, such as local Councilman Costa Constantinides and state Sen. Jessica Ramos, have no power to intervene. Amazon won't listen to their complaints, as it has made crystal-clear that it believes words cannot hurt it.

It's routine for Amazon to receive tax breaks when it opens such facilities elsewhere. One distribution center in Missouri got \$78 million in breaks. Another in upstate New York got \$13 million. The Staten Island facility could get \$18 million in state Excelsior Program grants. There's no word yet on whether the Queens or Bronx operations will get incentives, but some subsidies are automatic for job expansions in the outer boroughs.

If Amazon is to encounter any problems, they will come from the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, led by



Stuart Appelbaum. The union is spearheading efforts to organize both the warehouses and employees at Amazon's Whole Foods grocery stores. So far it has failed to make progress—which is not shocking given Amazon's determination to remain union-free. In fact, fewer than 20% of such workers in the city belong to unions. ■

Fast Five



Roel Huinink

President & CEO, JFKIAT

Roel Huinink currently serves as the President & CEO of JFKIAT, the company that manages Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport. He leads Terminal 4's dedicated management team and is responsible for developing, communicating and executing strategic and tactical plans for T4. Mr. Huinink has a 15-year history with Royal Schiphol Group, where he held various management positions from 1999 to 2014. He served as an executive in the management board of Norwegian based Airport Retail Group.

1 You are coming up on one year as President and CEO for Terminal 4 at JFK International. What has been the accomplishment you are most proud of so far?

Since starting, I have put a strong focus on Safety, Customer Experience & Innovation. I am proud to see that incidents have reduced significantly, the T4 Airport Service Quality scores have improved to over 4 (out of 5), and we have implemented multiple new innovative solutions such as Aira Access and CLEAR.

2 Survey's show that Airports in the U.S. are usually not on the top of the list. What are some things that U.S. airports can implement based on what works in Europe and Asia?

Best in class global airports do an exceptional job executing on the customer experience basics and creating a unique sense of place that's memorable. The basics are key drivers of customer satisfaction and cannot be overlooked. They mandate a safe and clean environment where customers can seamlessly navigate the airport, experience unique shopping and dining and get help — on their terms. Coffee, Wi-Fi and clean restrooms go a long way with customers. Our teams align every day to ensure that we're executing on the basics and as a result, we have seen continued increases in our Airport Service Quality (ASQ) scores.

3 Has LEED certification changed the way JFKIAT does business at JFK with sustainability in mind? What is on the horizon for continuing your effort?

Becoming the first and only air terminal in the United States to be awarded LEED certification has

inspired us to continue to raise the bar for sustainability at T4. JFKIAT is committed to leading the industry by reducing our carbon footprint and operating a sustainable and healthy facility for our employees and the more than 21 million passengers that travel through the terminal each year.

T4's comprehensive sustainability program demonstrates our continued commitment to sustainable growth and conservation of our natural resources. We have reduced our solid waste and increase our recycling to 53%, have installed water bottle filling stations in the terminal and continue to install LED lights. We aim for Platinum status — the highest LEED level — when we renew our LEED certification in 2022.

4 Workforce development and employee retention is always a challenge. What are some of the things that JFKIAT invests in for continued success for their employees?

Although we have roughly 12,000 employees at T4, there are just over 100 JFKIAT employees that manage the entire terminal and our annual 21 million passenger volume. We often say that we are a small company that does big things, and that says a lot about the dedication of our team and its commitment to operational excellence.

One of our strategic priorities is making T4 a great place to work as ranked by our employees. To that end, employee engagement and retention is critical and must demonstrated by our actions. We recently expanded our employee development program and are launching employee engagement surveys for both JFKIAT staff and all terminal employees. These voice of the employee results will guide our engagement efforts, including a new rewards and recognition program. Each summer we hold a terminal-wide employee appreciation event with food, games and music. It's a fun event that allows all our employees to take a break and get together for some camaraderie. Last year we had nearly 5,000 employees attend and this year we expect more.

5 To make the travel experience more family friendly, many airports are developing special children's areas as part of their facility. Is T4 thinking of, or planning to set up a separate play area for children?

Most of our customers are leisure travelers, and that includes families of all sizes. We know that the experience can be stressful for both parents and children and we have been actively studying airport best practices around children's play areas. We've identified some exceptional examples and are looking to develop a play area as part of our terminal improvement plan.

We have committed ourselves to better serving all our customers. In May, we were the first terminal in the New York City area to offer Aira Access, a mobile app-enabled service for passengers who are blind or have low vision. We are also developing a gate-to-curb accessibility program for passengers who have autism. ■

JFK Airport’s Terminal 4 Launches Aira Access for Blind and Low Vision Travelers

Travelers who are blind or have low vision can use Aira’s visual interpretation service to access live agents on demand for assistance when navigating the terminal

JFK’s Terminal 4, one of the world’s most modern and efficient airport terminals, recently announced it is the first airport terminal in the New York City area to launch Aira Access. The innovative service will provide passengers who are blind or have low vision with instant access to enhanced visual information and real-time service to navigate Terminal 4 and have a stress-free airport experience.

Through Aira Access, passengers can use a smartphone app to connect with an agent, who uses the video stream from the phone’s camera, GPS, and other web data to provide visual descriptions on demand. Aira Access enables people who are blind or have low vision to freely and confidently move through crowds, avoid obstacles and arrive at their desired locations on time. Passengers can also use Aira Access to check flight status, find gates and luggage, use self-service kiosks, navigate through TSA checkpoints, and locate restaurants and retail services.

With 10 million people who are blind or low vision in the U.S., it is becoming increasingly important for airport authorities to provide access to visual information for passengers who can benefit from it. T4 joins the more than 30 airports across the country and around the world that have deployed Aira Access for travelers. Aira Access is also available in sports venues, public buildings, and leading retailers.

“At T4, we are always looking for ways to better serve our passengers, and Aira Access is an excellent tool for improving the airport experience for those travelers who are blind or low vision,” Roel Huinink, President and CEO of JFKIAT. “We are proud to be the first New York City airport terminal to bring this service on board to continue improving the customer experience at T4.”

Greg Stilson, Director of Product Management at Aira, and an Aira user himself said, “The noisy and chaotic atmosphere of an airport can make air travel a challenging experience for blind and low-vision travelers. Aira Access enhances the airport experience by empowering blind and low-vision travelers to navigate the terminal on their own terms and times. We’re incredibly excited to see this service now available in JFK Terminal 4.

As one of the world’s most modern and efficient airport terminals, T4 prides itself on providing an accessible terminal for all passengers. In addition to launching Aira Access, the terminal also recently became the first airport terminal to offer Jetweels’ non-metallic, lightweight and ergonomic seat-equipped wheelchairs to improve the travel experience for passengers who need wheelchair assistance. It also offers a post-security pet relief area for guide and service dogs. ■



(L.-R.) Roel Huinink, President and CEO, JFKIAT; Anirudh Koul, Head of AI & Research, Aira



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FedEx and TNT Jointly Launch Medpak

FedEx Express and TNT has announced the global launch of Medpak VI°C, a service first launched in Europe that offers the transportation of sensitive healthcare products.

Launched in Europe 2016, Medpak VI°C is a network solution that allows companies in the clinical trials sector to ship test medications in temperature-controlled, reusable packaging. Medpak VI°C was originally a TNT service, but was made available to FedEx customers in Europe in 2018 and has now been expanded globally. FedEx and TNT are now rolling the service out internationally, starting with Asia Pacific and North America.

Medpak VI°C is also now serving customers in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries in addition to the clinical trials sector. These sectors all rely on temperature-controlled technology to ship high-value and temperature-sensitive products.

“The international launch of Medpak VI°C to various healthcare sectors marks an important and exciting step forward for the FedEx Express and TNT healthcare portfolio, as well as for integration of the two businesses,” said, Roland Schütze, Healthcare Lead at FedEx Express and TNT. “More than anything, our customers need reliability in terms of the technology itself, highly accurate delivery performance, time-sensitive shipment and having a partner that can deliver a full end-to-end service without multiple carriers and supported by a dedicated customer service team. I’m delighted that we’re able to take this innovation to the global marketplace.” ■





United Airways Launches Mini-Drama Starring Spider-Man

Nowadays airlines put a lot of effort into their safety videos, and recently United has launched a new Spider-Man themed one in a mini-drama film.

This is part of a broader promotional partnership with Sony Pictures, which celebrates the release of "Spider-Man: Far From Home," debuting in North American theaters on July 2. United will also be rolling out Spider-Man themed amenity kits in Polaris, and MileagePlus members will be able to redeem miles to see the film through MileagePlus Exclusives.

United notes that the safety video not only features real employees, but also features MileagePlus members who bid miles for the opportunity to appear in the video. There are also appearances from members of the movie's cast. ■

LATAM Named As Best Airline In South America For Second Consecutive Year

LATAM Airlines Group was named for the second year running as the 'Best Global Airline in South America' in the Passenger Experience Association of Airlines (APEX) Passenger Choice Awards in Los Angeles, California.

LATAM was also recognized for the 'Best Seat Comfort', 'Best Cabin Service', 'Best Entertainment' and 'Best Wi-Fi' in South America.

The APEX Passenger Choice Awards are based on independently verified passenger feedback gathered through APEX's partnership with TripIt® from Concur®, the travel-organizing app. Using a five-star scale, more than one million flights were rated by passengers across nearly 500 airlines from around the world between July 1, 2017 and June 31, 2018.

"For LATAM, our passengers are our priority and it is an honour to receive this distinction, based on their feedback, for the second consecutive year. In 2019, we have also been recognized for the best cabin service in the region, which is testament to the professionalism and service quality of our crew and encourages us to continue improving," said Juan Ordoñez, Director of Onboard Service, LATAM Airlines Group.

APEX CEO, Dr. Joe Leader, added: "LATAM has been recognized with a record number of APEX Regional Passenger Choice Awards. Having personally experienced the level of service and quality that LATAM provides, I understand why thousands of verified passengers highly rated the airline, helping them to earn these respected and prestigious industry award." ■



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New Helicopter Service Links LaGuardia and Newark Airports to Manhattan

Helicopter company Blade Urban Air Mobility announced plans to offer service linking both LaGuardia and Newark Liberty International airports to Manhattan.

The company said it was doing so after seeing “faster than expected adoption” for its route between Manhattan and John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The new routes will connect LaGuardia with Manhattan’s Downtown/Wall Street Heliport and Newark with the Blade Lounge East at the East 34th Street Heliport.

In March, the company began to operate what it called “continuous” service between JFK and the West 30th Street Heliport in Manhattan from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ■



Blade Helicopter traversing Hudson River.

Terminal One Redevelopment Outreach Opens In Elizabeth N.J.

As part of the Port Authority’s ongoing effort to engage the local community during the modernization of its facilities, the agency established a second community outreach office in Elizabeth as part of the \$2.7 billion Terminal One Redevelopment Program at Newark Liberty International Airport.

On May 14, 2019, Port Authority leadership, as well as local and state officials announced the opening of the Newark Terminal One Outreach Office, which will serve as the central resource for job and contracting opportunities for local businesses and residents. The office is located in The James Building, 79 West Jersey Street, Ground Level, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

The Terminal One Redevelopment Newark Community Outreach Office will focus on communication and outreach activities, as well as community engagement throughout the work of the Program. Additionally, the office will connect local firms and residents with job and career opportunities, as well as assist in the process to become certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE). Outreach staff will also provide access to resources and events, including certification workshops and job fairs.

The new \$2.7-billion Terminal One, which is replacing outmoded Terminal A as part of the agency’s ongoing commitment to a world-class Newark Liberty International Airport, will feature cutting-edge digital technology, superior dining and retail options in approximately one million square feet of space and be able to accommodate 13.6 million passengers on three levels. The new terminal will have 33 common-use gates to handle larger aircraft and modernized check-in, security and baggage claim areas.

The Terminal One Redevelopment Program overall is expected to generate more than \$4.6 billion in regional economic activity, create more than 23,000 job years and provide more than \$1.9 billion in wages. The project goal is to award certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises a significant portion of sub-contract, vendor and consulting work within the project. Terminal One is scheduled to be fully operational by 2022.

For information, job and contracting opportunities for the Terminal One Redevelopment Program at Newark Liberty, www.ewrredevelopment.com ■



Is Hank The Robot Ready To Replace Phil The Warehouse Guy?

From the Loadstar Cargo blog comes a story about Hank the Robot; especially designed to work on “delicate” warehousing applications.

A new robot with delicate human-like fingers, designed for warehouse applications, was unveiled in the UK by Cambridge Consultants.

“Hank” was developed to “emulate human dexterity at the point of picking diverse individual items from larger containers”, a supply chain activity in which so far robots had not been able to replace humans.

Bruce Ackman, logistics commercial lead at Cambridge Consultants, explained: “The logistics industry relies heavily on human labor to perform warehouse picking and packing, and has to deal with issues of staff retention and shortages. Automation of this part of the logistics chain lags behind the large-scale automation seen elsewhere.

“Hank’s world-leading sensory system is a game-changer for the logistics industry, making actions such as robotic bin picking and end-to-end automated order fulfilment possible. Adding a sense of touch and slip, generated by a single, low-cost sensor, means Hank’s fingers could bring new efficiencies to giant distribution centers” he continued.

Hank uses soft robotic fingers molded from silicone and hollow, with embedded sensors that have an air chamber running up the centers controlled by airflows that can flex the finger and apply force. The company said the fingers could be controlled “individually in response to the touch sensors”.

“This means that the end effector does not require precise positioning to grasp an object; like human fingers, they close until they ‘feel’ the object.

“With the ability to locate an object, adjust overall system position and then to grasp that object, Hank can apply increased force if a slip is detected and generate instant awareness of a mishandled pick if the object is dropped,” added Cambridge Consultants.

Traditional robot “hands” tend to rely on pinchers and suction appendages to grasp items, limiting the number and type of objects they can realistically pick and pack. **GAVIN VAN MARLE**

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New Dining, Retail Experiences At Newark Liberty's Terminal B

Port Authority, Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield Airports are introducing 22 Jersey-centric shopping and dining destinations, totaling more than 25,000 square feet

Get ready for a variety of new restaurants in Terminal B. The new dining and retail outlets will have a decidedly New Jersey feel and flavor, the terminal's concessions manager Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW) Airports announced.

Other enhancements include unlimited free Wi-Fi, upgraded restrooms, family-friendly amenities and real-time information on wait times at security and taxi lines.

The rollout of new restaurants and shops is part of the Port Authority's extensive effort to enhance and expand customer services and options across of its facilities, including Newark Liberty, John F. Kennedy International Airport and LaGuardia Airport.

"From major airport redevelopment programs to amenity enhancements, the Port Authority and its partners are committed to improving the customer experience at all of our airports," said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole. "Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield Airports is transforming Terminal B concessions into a unique dining and retail experience for travelers, with distinctive New Jersey concepts and menus to match."

In addition to the new retail and food options at Newark Liberty's Terminal B, there are a number of other features that have been added across the regional airports to enhance the travel experience, including an interactive New Jersey Hall of Fame exhibit at Newark Liberty. New state-of-the-art nursing pods are available at all of the Port Authority's commercial airports, and improvements have been made to ensure better taxi access and ease and improved taxi time management, among other upgrades.



Coming Soon at Newark Airport, the Jersey Shore

At the heart of the new Newark Liberty Terminal B dining and retail experience is the Jersey by the Shore food hall, where travelers can find favorite boardwalk-inspired offerings at Malone's Fish Market, Little Tony's Pizzeria and Firehouse Subs. Travelers looking for a libation will enjoy the beer garden setting at Budweiser Brewhouse, just blocks from Newark's flagship Anheuser-Busch brewery.

Construction of the new dining and retail destinations is already underway. Two locations – the travel essentials store All You Need and Starbucks – are currently open and operating. The other brands will continue to open throughout 2019, introducing travelers to three branded sections of the terminal that emphasize design elements inspired by New Jersey settings: Jersey Shore boardwalks, Newark's Ironbound section and a Garden State theme.

The Boardwalk district of Newark's Terminal B will bring the Jersey Shore to life, with Newark and northern New Jersey represented by the Ironbound district's culinary, cultural and artistic features. The Garden State will offer a broad panorama of New Jersey's best, with fresh, artisanal foods and scenic views of the state's natural beauty.

"New Jersey has so much to offer – bustling cities, rural country sides, incredible diversity and a gorgeous coastline," said Brad Tollefson, Vice President and Asset Lead at URW Airports. "We partnered with the Port Authority to capture and celebrate that energy and New Jersey attitude."

Retail and concessions operators such as Areas, Canonica, HMS Host, InMotion, Pacific Gateway Concessions and Villa will operate the 22 locations coming to the terminal.

Among the other food and dining outlets opening in Terminal B are Carlo's Bake Shop – the Hoboken-based inspiration of TLC television show Cake Boss – Smashburger, Panda Express, Italian eatery Piattino, Mexican favorite Salsarita's, The New Stand coffee and amenities shop, Cacao Bar, Tony + Benny's Pizza Parlor and Canonica restaurant.

The new retail options also include two new shops featuring the latest in technology and electronics: InMotion and Wired.

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Tariffs Raised On Chinese Imports

U.S. Trade Representative Says
China Tariff Increase to Take Effect

The United States Trade Representative (USTR) agency officially announced that tariffs across \$200 billion worth of goods have increased 25 percent as of Friday, May 10th.

USTR also will establish a process by which interested parties can request particular products within a Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) subheading be excluded from the \$200 billion tranche, the agency said.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer told major national news outlets during a press briefing that the tariff increase was brought about by China's recent renegeing on promises it made earlier during trade talks with the U.S.

USTR imposed the 10 percent duties in September in connection with its completed Section 301 investigation that detailed unfair commercial practices by China.

People with questions about customs classification or implementation of additional duties on products covered in the tranche should contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov, USTR said.



Tariffs have now gone up from 10% to 25% on a wide range of goods, set to impact the perishables, chemicals, construction, industrial, electronics, transport and FMCG industries and, for the first time, a wide range of textiles, among other things. ■

Stewart Airport Increasing Cargo Volumes

Stewart Airport Increasing Cargo Volumes It's a badly kept secret; Stewart Airport has the area to grow, has a long runway and may also have room to build a parallel one, is at the junction of several key highways, has trucking parks around it's periphery, and even has a U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinary facility right on airport property. Stewart Airport is a natural for a future in cargo. Cargo volume at New York Stewart International Airport has been steadily increasing and it is expected to have a significant boost in the near future.

A new service will be setting up shop at the Newburgh-area facility, said Airport Manager Ed Harrison. Harrison said. "That will add about 10 to 20 percent to our overall cargo capacity at the airport and probably create about 67 jobs." That service will be the U.S.-based ACMI and charter operator Kalitta Air. They launched a new scheduled freighter service connecting Los Angeles (LAX) to Stewart Airport (SWF), in support of the United States Postal Service (USPS).

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Lithium Battery Problem To Be Addressed By DOT

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announced that it is soliciting nominees for a new Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee, in accordance with Section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

"The Department is seeking experts from diverse technical and transportation backgrounds to evaluate safety improvements for the transportation of lithium batteries," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao.

The Committee will provide a forum for the Department to solicit stakeholder input to continually strengthen the safety of multimodal lithium battery transportation. PHMSA is seeking nominations from across the transportation and manufacturing industries to participate.

Further, the Committee will advise the Department on developing policy positions for international forums and on how to increase awareness of the importance of lithium battery safety requirements. The Committee will submit their findings to both the Secretary and Congress. ■



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JFK Airport's Terminal 4 Donates 42 Computers to Local School

JFKIAT, the operator of Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport, recently donated 42 computers to the students of M.S. 226 – Virgil I. Grissom. JFKIAT President and CEO Roel Huinink and members of JFKIAT's executive team joined M.S. 226 Principal Rushell White and more than 200 students for a special assembly to celebrate the school's longstanding relationship with JFKIAT.

The donation is a part of JFKIAT's broader corporate philanthropy program for Terminal 4, 4GOOD, which aims to promote educational and professional success in the community. In the past, JFKIAT has donated cameras to the school's photography program and has displayed the students' artwork in the arrivals hall at Terminal 4. JFKIAT also recently participated in a Young Women's Leadership panel to discuss career paths with M.S. 226 students.

"At Terminal 4, we are not only proud to operate the gateway to New York City – we are also proud to be a part of this community, and to serve as a neighborhood partner through our 4GOOD program," said Roel Huinink, President and CEO of JFKIAT. "We are thrilled to donate 42 computers to the wonderful students and provide an opportunity for them to continue to grow, learn and excel at M.S. 226."

JFK Terminal 4's executive team recently donated 42 computers to M.S. 226 as part of its signature philanthropy program, 4GOOD. ■



JFK T4 advances its 4GOOD philanthropy program through a special partnership with M.S. 226.

UPS Completes Expansion of Louisville Facility

Express services giant UPS has completed a multi-phase expansion of its Louisville Centennial ground package sortation and distribution facility.

“Tripling the size of our Centennial hub provides companies with distribution centers and operations in Kentucky and the surrounding areas with more opportunities to better serve their customers,” stated Joe Boyle, president of UPS’s Ohio Valley District.

The Louisville Centennial facility’s proximity to UPS’s Worldport air hub at Louisville

International Airport, supports end-of-runway express services like the UPS Next Day Air and UPS eFulfillment products that the integrator says many e-commerce companies demand.

The Centennial hub can introduce packages into UPS’s air operations as late as 1:30 in the morning for delivery across the country the same day. “UPS is building innovative solutions to serve small, medium and large businesses in Louisville, throughout the Ohio Valley, across the United States and around the world,” Boyle



Overview of Louisville expansion

added. “This expansion is part of how UPS is enabling companies of all sizes to deliver products when, where and how their customers want.”

The expanded Centennial facility can process approximately 85,000 packages per hour, making use of nearly 25 miles of conveyors and highly automated processing equipment.

Six-sided laser label decode tunnels rapidly capture package information from address labels. High-speed label applicators place UPS ‘smart labels’ on packages at a rate of three per second, providing UPS personnel with instructions as to appropriate routing and loading into waiting trailers or smaller package delivery vehicles.

According to UPS, ‘super hubs’ like Centennial, “increase the speed and flexibility of packages moving through UPS’s smart global logistics network”. They also have a

significantly higher package processing capacity than most other package operations facilities, it points out.

“The commonwealth of Kentucky congratulates UPS on completing their transformative \$310m Centennial Ground hub expansion at Louisville International Airport,” Kentucky’s governor, Matt Bevin, said. “The sky is truly the limit as UPS continues to expand its extensive operations here in Kentucky, America’s premier transportation and logistics hub.”

UPS employs more than 29,000 people across Kentucky in package delivery operations, air operations, ground freight, health-care logistics and contract logistics.

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The Airport Community Watch Rewards Employee at LGA

The Airport Community Watch program presented a check to American Airlines LaGuardia airport employee, Lorenzo Davis.

Mr. Davis took action during a safety and security incident. He observed a customer riding the baggage carousel and gaining access to the secured AA baggage area. Mr. Davis approached the customer, who said he was only looking for his bag. Mr. Davis contacted PAPD and kept the customer there until officers arrived to arrest the individual. Good work Mr. Davis!

Visit www.aviationdevelopmentcouncil.org/airport-community-watch-program for additional information about the Airport Watch program. ■



LAAMCO Convention 2019

LAAMCO, LaGuardia Airport Airline Management Council, held their annual convention in Bannf, Alberta, Canada May 16-20. LAAMCO always goes to the most beautiful places, and this year was no exception. The stunning views and recreational experiences will not be forgotten for all who attended. For more information about LAAMCO, go to www.laamco.com

After Military Clashes, FAA Restricts Flights In Venezuela

Due to growing instability in Venezuela, the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued an order banning U.S. airlines from flying under 26,000 feet (7.9 km) in the country's airspace.

The emergency NOTAM KICZ A0013/19 was issued on May 1, 2019, with no expiration date. U.S. pilots and aircraft, including private planes, have 48 hours to leave the country if conditions allow it.

The FAA reacted to "increasing political instability and tensions in Venezuela" as the situation took a violent turn on April 30, 2019. Troops that defected to Juan Guaidó clashed with armed forces supporting Nicolás Maduro in Caracas. With regular armed forces involved in the protests, the FAA may fear the use of anti-aircraft weapons that could compromise the security of commercial flights.

Due to the unrest, Air France flight AF368 between Paris-Charles De Gaulle airport (CDG) and Caracas-Simon Bolivar international airport (CCS) turned back in the middle of the Atlantic on April 30, 2019. A spokesperson of the company said to AFP that it regrets "the inconvenience of the situation", stressing that all passengers would "be taken care of by the commercial staff of the company upon their arrival" at Paris-Charles-de-Gaulle. ■



Turkish Cargo Scoops Cargo Airline of The Year Award

Turkish Cargo was voted Cargo Airline of the Year 2019 as the airfreight industry gathered in the U.K. for a night of celebration at *Air Cargo News*' industry Oscars, now in their 35th year.

The Istanbul-hubbed airline secured the highest total number of votes cast by *Air Cargo News* readers to win the prestigious award for the first time in its history. The award was collected by Fatih Cigal, Turkish Cargo's senior

vice president, marketing, from award sponsor dnata's senior vice president international airport operations, Ross Marino.

In 2018, the airline saw its volumes increase by more than 20% as it added a host of new destinations. The airline's passenger arm moved to a new Istanbul hub earlier this year and it has been investing its freighter aircraft fleet, with a series of Boeing 777F on order.



Turkish Cargo's Fatih Cigal collects the award from Ross Marino of sponsor dnata and event host Simon Calder.

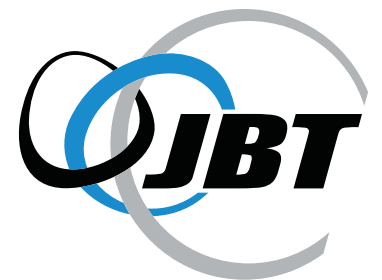
Turkish Cargo has announced its strategy to be a top five carrier for high value and temperature-sensitive pharmaceutical products by 2022. The awards were held at the Runnymede on Thames hotel on the banks of the river Thames and were presented by travel writer Simon Calder.

A total of 14 categories featured in the 2019 Cargo Airline of the Year awards, based on a mix of direct voting by supply chain professionals, company submissions, and two awards within the gift of the editorial team at *Air Cargo News*.

Shippers, freight forwarders and other industry sectors were asked to vote on the *Air Cargo News* website, over a two-month period, for the airline that provides the best overall customer experience and service in each region.

In the judged categories, Hong Kong International Airport won the Freight Hub of the Year award, dnata took the Ground Handler of the Year prize, Air Charter Service was declared Charter Broker of the Year, the hotly contested innovation award went to Nallian, AIA Cargo won the GSSA of the Year and Cargolux was declared Best Freight Operator.

The editorial team declared AirBridgeCargo as Newsmaker of the Year for its investment in technology and rapid fleet expansion and DSV was gifted the Freight Forwarder of the Year award for its rapid and profitable growth over recent years. ■



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Bessie Coleman – Pioneer Aviator

BY JULIA LAURIA-BLUM
Cradle of Aviation Museum

Elizabeth “Bessie” Coleman was born on January 26, 1892 in Atlanta, Texas. As one of 13 children born to sharecroppers, George and Susan Coleman, who were of Native American and African-American descent, Bessie worked as a child in the cotton fields, vowing to one day “amount to something”.

At the age of six, Coleman began attending school in Waxahachie, Texas in a one-room, segregated school house where she completed all eight grades. At age 12, Bessie was accepted into the Missionary Baptist Church School on a scholarship. Yearning to further her education she worked and saved her money and enrolled at Langston University in Oklahoma where she completed one term before running out of funds and returning home to Texas.

In 1915 at age 23, Bessie moved to Chicago to live with her older brother. She became a beautician and worked as a manicurist at a barber shop on the south side of the city. There, she met Robert Abbott, the publisher of the Chicago Defender. Bessie would listen to the flying stories of pilots returning home to the United States after the end of World War I and decided that she would like to fly. She took a second job in order to save money quicker so that she could pursue her dream to be a pilot, but at that time American flight schools did not admit either blacks or women. Robert Abbott, encouraged Bessie to study flying abroad and later she received financial backing from banker, Jesse Binga and the Chicago Defender.

One day Bessie’s brother John, who had served in France during the war said, “I know something that French women do that you’ll

never do...fly!” That remark prompted Coleman to travel to France, after teaching herself the language, and on June 15, 1921 she graduated the Federation Aeronautique Internationale becoming the first African American woman to achieve a pilot’s license.

In September of 1922, upon returning to the United States with the ultimate goal of establishing a flying school for African Americans, Bessie made her first appearance at an American airshow honoring veterans of the all-black 369th Infantry Regiment of the First World War. Held at Curtiss Field on Long Island and sponsored by Robert Abbott and The Defender, the airshow billed Coleman as “the world’s greatest woman flier.”

Weeks later, Bessie returned to Chicago and worked for the next several years as a “barnstorming” pilot, performing riveting demonstrations of aerobatics including loops, figure eights, and near-ground dips. Popularly known for her daring maneuvers Coleman was called “Queen Bess” and “Brave Bessie”. Throughout her career, she would only perform at air exhibitions if the crowd was desegregated and permitted to enter through the same gates.

Upon saving her money and nearing her goal of opening a flight school for blacks in the United States, Bessie Coleman was tragically killed on April 30, 1926 during a rehearsal for an aerial show when the airplane she was in unexpectedly went into a dive and then a spin, subsequently throwing Coleman from the airplane at 2,000 feet. Upon examination of the aircraft, it was later discovered that a wrench used to maintain the engine had jammed the controls of the airplane. Bessie was 34 years old.

Despite this tragic fate, Coleman’s legacy of flight endures and she is credited with inspiring generations of African-American aviators, male and female, including the Tuskegee



Elizabeth “Bessie” Coleman

Airmen and NASA astronaut, Dr. Mae Jemison, who carried Bessie Coleman’s picture with her on her first mission in the Space Shuttle when she became the first African American woman in space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor in September, 1992. ■



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Bezos Builds An Airport

Jeff Bezos founded Amazon in late 1994 on a cross-country road trip from New York City to Seattle. The company began as an online bookstore and has expanded to a variety of products and services, including video and audio streaming. It is currently the world's largest online sales company, as well as the world's largest provider of cloud infrastructure services via its Amazon Web Services arm.

To push Amazon forward, Bezos developed the business strategy, "Get Big Fast", which spoke to the company's need to scale its operations and establish market dominance. He favored diverting Amazon profits back into the company in lieu of allocating it amongst shareholders in the form of dividends.

The "Get big fast" mantra may also explain Amazon's new venture, an airport in the middle of America. While painfully explaining to reporters and industry watchers that his recent moves in leasing aircraft does not affect the business of FedEx or UPS, his statement does not hold water. The services that Bezos is assembling is all encompassing, with Prime Air, and warehousing (which he calls Fulfillment Centers) and now developing a cargo air center,

one wonders, if this is not incursion into the logistics industry, then what is it?

The cleverly written headline in the May edition of *Techcrunch.com* explains it all; "Jeff Bezos personally dumps a truckload of dirt on FedEx's future"; the headline is both literally true since Bezos drove a front loader to begin the construction but is also symbolically accurate since this new move is a red flag to any freight carrier or logistics company. Imagine any logistics company that wants to develop a relationship with a manufacturer to be the primary go to guy to get his goods through the supply chain and into the user's hands; and now Amazon stands in the way offering all these services in a broad horizontal service offering. Call them and your requirements are addressed by the Fulfillment Center, loaded on an aircraft, and driven to your home all via one phone call.

Another industry sector directly affected by this development are airports currently servicing global air cargo traffic. One only needs to see how several large eastern seaboard airports are steadily dropping in their rate of cargo tonnage handled over the past decade,



Amazon will create 2,000 new jobs in Kentucky with new, state-of-the-art Air Hub at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

and the reduction in this traffic is balanced with the growth of tonnage in the Midwest, amongst others, Cincinnati Airport which sits alongside the proposed Amazon Cargo Center.

By breaking ground on a three-million-square-foot Prime Air airport outside Cincinnati (in Kentucky), Amazon is now not just a fulfillment giant, but is entering into a new arena. In case the optics of three million square feet is lost on you, it's essentially a parking garage for a 100 cargo jets. Amazon doesn't even have that many jets yet, but the hub is housing

for the company's grand logistics ambitions.

Last month, Boone County officials referred to the new air hub as a "mega project for the region." Airport officials estimate the facility will add 2,700 jobs to CVG's already-existing 10,000 jobs.

Amazon agreed to a 50-year lease for more than 900 acres of property from Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in 2017. This space is close to the size of the global hubs of top cargo airlines, according to the *Associated Press*. **JOSEPH ALBA**



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Atlas Air and Pilots Union Not Reaching Accord

Pilots not happy with hours and pressure

Amazon has found itself in the middle of growing tension between its supplier, Atlas Air, and its pilots after a protest outside the internet giant’s annual shareholder meeting in Seattle.

Pilots represented by the Airline Professionals Association (APA) have been locked in bitter, long-running contract negotiations with ABX, Atlas Air and Southern Air – all of which fly for Amazon. Spokesperson for the group Robert Kirchner, himself a pilot for Atlas, said that while the pilots were “proud” to fly for the likes of Amazon, carriers were ignoring serious safety concerns.

“Carrier executives are ignoring reality if they think we can meet the needs of expanding business partnerships while hundreds of pilots leave for better opportunities,” he said. “Atlas Pilots are overworked, underpaid and disrespected; our planes are not adequately staffed or maintained... the future’s shaky and we’re misleading customers like Amazon.

“Atlas Air executives need to sit down and negotiate an industry standard contract with the pilots, so we can follow through on our

promises to customers.” The APA said the failure of Atlas to reach a sensible collective bargaining agreement (CBA) was “worsening the situation”, amid increasing dissatisfaction at working conditions.

According to a survey conducted by the pilots’ union, 65% of respondents across ABX, Atlas and Southern Air had been asked to fly on their days off in the past 12 months.

It also found more than 60% of pilots were seeking work at competitors like FedEx and UPS as faith deteriorated in the carriers’ ability to meet Amazon’s long-term needs.

Atlas Argues That Union Charges Are “Myths”

A spokesperson for the carrier said: “We are proud of our strong and growing workforce of more than 2,000 pilots, and we are eager to pay them more and reach a new contract. These protest efforts are common tactics often used by unions to spread misinformation and gain leverage in contract negotiations.

“Atlas is committed to its pilots, we have an uncompromised commitment to the safety and



well-being of our pilots ... it’s time to put pilots first, ahead of protests, and get to a new contract.”

Among “the myths its site reportedly busted” are claims from the APA that “pilots are burning out because they are being forced to fly unruly schedules”.

This, it said, was untrue, with its schedules

governed by rules established in the Atlas and Southern CBA, adding that this was “well within” Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs).

“Atlas pilots fly on average 42 hours a month, compared with industry averages of 53 hours a month,” it added. “Atlas has also invested heavily in a fatigue risk management program and related best practices.” ■

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Salmon Arrives In Seattle Via Alaska Airlines

About 18,000 pounds of fresh Copper River salmon arrived on a fish-filled Alaska Airlines plane touching down at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport shortly after 6:30 a.m. May 17th officially marked the start of the salmon season that is anticipated by seafood lovers throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond. By noon, Alaska Air Cargo is expected to deliver a total of 50,000 pounds of Copper River salmon to the Lower 48 with more scheduled on later flights.



“This year, we are flying in the first catch of coveted Copper River salmon on the largest flying salmon in the world – the Alaska Airlines Salmon-Thirty-Salmon,” said Jason Berry, managing director at Alaska Air Cargo. “Supporting the Alaska seafood industry has been a core part of the airline’s history. We applaud the state of Alaska and our seafood partners for setting the standard for sustainable fishing practices, which allows salmon lovers to enjoy some of the best fish in the world.”

Copper River salmon shipped on Alaska Air Cargo arrives fresh to grocery stores and restaurants across the nation, thanks in part to a cold chain process, an annual training program required of all airline employees who handle perishables. The program ensures fresh seafood is handled with the utmost care and quality standards.

Seafood processors and Alaska Airlines follow these cold-chain standards to provide a temperature-controlled environment for proper food handling. The goal is to keep seafood moving rapidly throughout its journey on Alaska Airlines and maintain a consistent temperature range from the time it leaves the water to when it arrives at stores and restaurants.



“This is a really exciting season in Cordova, Alaska. There is always a sense of optimism as fishermen launch their boats and put on their freshly hung nets. Everyone has a smile on their face and an extra bit of a bounce in their step,” said Christa Hoover, executive director of Copper River Marketing Association.

Hoover reports the forecast for Copper River king salmon this year is up from the past seasons, while the sockeye forecast is about average. “We hope to see 55,000 king salmon and close to 1.5 million sockeye return to the Copper River this season,” said Hoover.

Every year Alaska Air Cargo partners with the state of Alaska’s three largest seafood

processors, Trident Seafoods, Ocean Beauty Seafoods and Copper River Seafoods to bring the coveted fish to Seattle and Anchorage, Alaska, where it will then be delivered to restaurants and grocery stores throughout the Pacific Northwest, and across the country. The carrier flew nearly 14 million pounds of fresh Alaska seafood to the Lower 48 states and beyond last year, including more than 85,000 pounds of Copper River salmon.

Alaska Air Cargo transports more than 170 million pounds of cargo annually—including seafood, mail and freight —and operates the most extensive air cargo operation on the U.S. West Coast of any passenger airline. ■

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UPS Simulators Provide Big Assist In Training Pilots



UPS Capt. Patrick Sutton in the Boeing 747 flight simulator.

The novice co-pilot steered the UPS plane through a cloudless sky towards the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, then banked left and approached the Palm Islands in the Persian Gulf.

It was the co-pilot’s first attempt at steering a Boeing 747 — but thankfully, for the handful of folks in the cockpit, he was merely manipulating the controls in a sophisticated simulator in a new training center near UPS Worldport in Louisville.

The logistics giant recently added the simulator to its sleek 28,000-square-foot training facility in Louisville to increase its capacity to prepare new pilots in response to growing package deliveries and retiring baby boomers.

“All the airlines are hiring right now,” said Capt. Patrick Sutton, a veteran pilot and UPS instructor.

Newly hired pilots receive about six weeks of training, while active UPS pilots get training twice a year, once for three days, and about six months later for another day. If a plane undergoes significant changes, pilots train for another six weeks. If the plane is a new model of an existing aircraft, it’s another three days.

Sutton said training consists of routine tasks and unexpected events. On a typical flight, pilots may deal with a challenge or two, such as unexpected weather or a last-minute runway change for a landing, which may affect how the pilots land the plane, for reasons including wind direction.

“We try to give them real situations,” Sutton said.

UPS changes the training every year to familiarize pilots with new procedures, new technology and new situations, to keep training relevant. “Changes come fast,” Sutton said. “It’s just an ongoing battle.”

Instructors pay close attention to “crew resource management,” or CRM, referring to how well the flight staff works together. Sutton said the captain used to be the king, but airlines now want the pilot to work and communicate well with the co-pilot and the rest of the flight crew.

Pilots can fail the training for poor CRM, Sutton said. Pilots have to keep an eye on the sizable instrument panel, which may



convey that the four engines are running at 25.6% of max capacity or that the exhaust gas temperature is 288 degrees. Sutton said that an unusual temperature reading could indicate a problem. With four engines, it’s easy to see when one is out of sync with the rest.

Crashes don’t generally happen in the sim, but if they did, Sutton said, the screen would freeze and flash red.

UPS has more than 2,800 pilots, has hired 110 so far this year and plans to hire another 150 before the end of the year. The company needs more pilots in part because it is adding six 747 “Jumbo Jets” to its fleet this year to increase how many packages it can fly around the world. The new models have a 19% higher payload while delivering slightly better fuel economy, according to UPS. ■

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UAV Club president, Chamathke Perera '18 details drone capabilities with attendees.



Vaughn College Celebrates International Drone Day

Vaughn College celebrated the fourth annual International Drone Day on May 4 with a variety of activities for local drone enthusiasts. Attendees flew drones in the Queens based hangar; attended workshops on how to utilize Computer-Aided Design (CAD) to model parts and experiment designing their own quadcopter, an introduction to the programming language Python by the Vaughn Robotics Team, and watched the Tiny Whoop Race of miniature quadcopters through First Person View.

Loretta Alkalay, Esq. Legal Advisor for FAA (ret): lead a very informative and well attended discussion on drone certification. The guest panel featured drone experts from various fields, including aviation, construction, criminal justice, and transportation. ■

Terminal 1 at JFK Receives Gift From Artist Miljan Suknovic

Terminal 1 at JFK received a gift from an internationally recognized artist, a piece called 'An Immigrant Story'. The artist was from Yugoslavia and then Montenegro before becoming an American citizen. His artwork is displayed around the world in galleries, public places and private collections. His journey on the path to citizenship brought him right through the terminals at JFK.

Steve Rowland, The Executive Director of Terminal One Group Association, introduced the artist, expressing gratitude for such an impactful gift. T1 is a special place for this painting to reside because they service 100% International flights.

People coming in and out of the terminal are coming from all over the world, maybe for a visit or maybe to start their American Dream. When they are met with the image of the American Flag as created by Mr. Suknovic, he hopes they will be inspired by all this great country has to offer.

When asked why did he create this piece, he said "The country has been so nice to me, so I wanted to do something nice back". It is more than 'nice', it is an iconic image for all contemplate the glory of this great land as they enter through the gateway of America, JFK International Airport. ■



Remembering Apollo 11

On May 23, the Cradle of Aviation Museum celebrated Apollo 11 moon landing with an insightful lecture with space historian and bestselling author Andrew Chaikin, followed by a screening of *Apollo 11: First Steps* in IMAX. To see the story unfold on film, and learn what inspired Andy Chaikin to record and preserve Apollo history, and then to stand next to a real Lunar Module, 1 of only 3 still in existence, was an unbelievable experience.

This event was part of the Cradle of Aviation's *Apollo at 50 Countdown*, celebrating Long Island's historic role in the success of the Apollo Program. On July 20th the museum will be hosting a day long celebration of the anniversary of the moon walk.

For additional information about the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Apollo Moon Fest, and Apollo at 50 Countdown, visit them online at www.cradleofaviation.org ■



(L.-R.) Cradle of Aviation Museum's President Andrew Parton with Space Historian and Author, Andrew Chaikin.

The Legacy of Our Veterans

By the time readers pick up our newspaper, Memorial Day would have passed and D-Day would be upon us. Those holidays are not only close chronologically, they have something else in common, and that is the enormous sacrifice made by our military to guarantee our freedom. The Normandy landings and parachute drop were conducted in two phases: an airborne assault landing of 24,000 British, American, and Canadian airborne troops after midnight, and an amphibious landing of Allied infantry and armored divisions on the coast of France starting at 6:30 am. – The Editor



1944 Paratroopers On Way To Normandy

JUNE 6, 1944

The year was 1944, Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces was General Dwight Eisenhower. The operation was the biggest amphibious invasion in world history and was executed by land, sea, and air elements with over 160,000 troops; 73,000 American troops, 61,715 British and 21,400 Canadian.

On that June evening, the thousands of young airmen who boarded their C-47s in the dark for the historic mission quickly



A French boy dressed as a U.S. Paratrooper smiles for a photo during D-Day celebration at Ste. Mere Eglise, in last year's reenactment. Task Force 68, which is made up of paratroopers from U.S., and United Kingdom, re-enacted the D-Day airborne operation on the La Fiere fields near Ste. Mere Eglise, France to commemorate the heroic acts of the WWII paratroopers who made the jump decades ago.

discovered that the Germans were waiting. Russell Chandler was in the cockpit of a C-47 on D-Day, his transport filled with 37 paratroopers whom he was to release at one a.m. over Sainte-Mere-Église in German-occupied France. What weighed heavily on Chandler was knowing that his C-47 was unarmed and defenseless.

In an interview published in the May 2019 issue of *American Legion Magazine*, Keith Nightingale vividly recalled his D-Day mission: “Once we crossed the coast [into France], the Germans started throwing everything they could at us. Flak was often heavy, and it was sickening to watch our wingman’s C-47 take a hit, nose over, and head down. There was no skill in avoiding being hit. You stayed in formation and prayed it wouldn’t be you. Of my group of 27 C-47’s, I think we lost seven that first day, which had 40 men in each. Those of us who survived knew it was the hand of God that had delivered us home.”

JUNE 6, 1984

**A Reenactment of D-Day 40 Years Later By Veterans
As Well As Current Troopers of The 82nd Airborne**

BY KEITH NIGHTINGALE

July 1985 issue of *American Legion Magazine*

The engines revved up to takeoff and, with a sudden release, we were rolling down the runway. Though the noise and blurred images through the open doors were momentarily disconcerting, they brought a strange peacefulness and isolation to each of us. It was clear this was not an ordinary trip. If anything, we were in a time machine. I looked back on the men seated on benches in front of me. each looking out the doors, immersed in his own thoughts, distilled by all that had led up to this moment.

The original invasion aircraft, like our C-130s, took off in almost broad daylight at around 2300 British Double Daylight-Saving Time and blended into huge circles until all were airborne, flying in a V of Vs south and east. We followed in their wake.

The veterans stood by the runway and waved at us as we

passed. What a flood of memories they must have had, for the first time seeing the true size and magnitude of it all. As our aircraft ran down the runway with each soldier in his personal world, I closed my eyes and replayed the memories in my mind.

Brilliant English green pastures passed below, then the chalky beach and the blue-black channel with high patches of white Monet-like clouds stretching to the horizon. A golden rising sun burned off the dew from the farm fields. D-Day, for us, was no longer in black and white.

The 250-knot wind coursed easily by the fuselage, enveloping each of us in a sensory canopy of personal reflections. Like me, each was in his own world, taking a trip that we were well-versed, but had never replicated.

The red light came on just before the channel coast. The other jumpmasters and I stood up, hooked up and looked at the sticks. My right foot was hooked in the open frame, and the wind blew briskly by my uniform and equipment. Each soldier in line – in-board and outboard stick, general through private – looked up, anxious and alert, awaiting instructions as they had done 40 years earlier.

At the 2-minute warning, I placed both feet flush on the fuselage frame, reached out with my left hand, grasped the wind deflector and leaned out into the rush to confirm the drop zone. I was momentarily transfixed by the warm, humid air and wind-blurred vision.

To the north, Omaha Beach and the receding coast toward the British beaches could be seen. Then, suddenly, the patchwork quilt of Norman fields and small villages and bisecting roads appeared. Dead ahead: Ste. Mère-Église, with its dramatic church square. Just in front of it was a small curling stream of yellow smoke marking the drop zone. Clear spot! Thumbs up. Stand in the door!

The loadmaster stood to my rear with his fingers in front of my face, counting the last five seconds. Green light. Go!

We were jumping into a time warp. The first two jumpers were away, and I inserted myself in the column. I watched my chute deploy, straightened out the lines and looked down.

The drop zone was a sea of humanity. Women, children, men, police, soldiers running across the narrow fields. I couldn’t see an open spot to steer to and tried to move closest to the smoke. The drop zone was a series of small hedgerow fields designated La Londe that had been theoretically isolated hours earlier by the police. Within a couple of hours of the jump, however, tens of thousands of French citizens converged on the area in a shared, intense desire to see this dramatic return and to touch the successors of those who came before and delivered them from tyranny. Troops who actually participated in the Normandy invasion are treated as gods on earth here, never to be forgotten, by the people they liberated. As surrogates, this first return, en masse, was a moment to be treasured.

In the air, I had this vision I always carried, of the Ste. Mère-Église church with its stained-glass window depicting the Airborne soldier suspended, knees raised, as the town burned. I assumed that pose for a moment of homage and then went about my business of looking for a safe spot to land.

Fearing to hurt someone and with no clear spot of ground to see, I tried to twist away from the closest mass but simply slammed into the ground, my parachute collapsing over several families. Still on my back, I was grabbed by several small boys, a man and a woman. The man shook my hand, and the woman, with tears in her eyes, quietly applauded. The boys grabbed my chute and helped me roll it up. I couldn’t see any other soldier. They were all surrounded, too. We accepted the heartfelt thanks of those whose parents and grandparents could not perform the same act of gratitude 40 years before.



Eisenhower addresses 82nd Airborne troops prior to D-Day

The men of the 82nd Airborne had returned to France, but in truth, it never left, nor never will. The cemetery at Omaha Beach attests to that, as do those Airborne soldiers who now return annually to Normandy to jump in honor of the originals.

MAY/JUNE 2019

The Planned Re-enactment for This Year

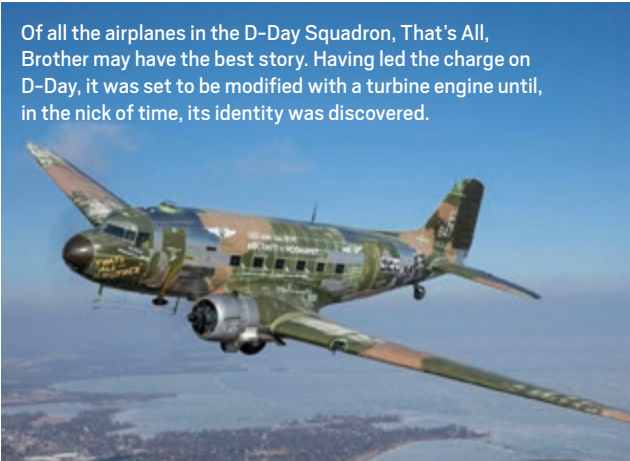
STEPHEN JOINER

Air and Space Magazine May 2019

“I call it flying with ghosts,” says Barry Fait. “Every time I climb in this thing, I can’t help thinking about who’s been in this airplane, what they did, and what they accomplished.”

We’re standing beside his Douglas C-47, Virginia Ann, one of three World War II transports parked on the grass strip at Flabob Airport in southern California’s Riverside County. Against a backdrop of palm trees swaying in warm desert wind, the scene is about as far as you can get from the wrenching, dark hours of Operation Overlord, during which more than 1,000 Allied transports flew low across the English Channel around midnight on the leading edge of D-Day: June 6, 1944.

At an event this June 6, 75 years after C-47s like Virginia Ann spearheaded the Allied invasion of northern France, dozens of C-47s and their civilian counterpart DC-3s will reenact the airborne assault that marked the beginning of the end of World War II. Virginia Ann and two other SoCal locals—Flabob Express, owned by a group headed by Jon Goldenbaum, and D-Day Doll, flown by the Commemorative Air Force’s Inland Empire Wing—are among a delegation of U.S.-based airplanes preparing to cross the Atlantic to join in the reenactment. ■



JIM KOEPNICK

The Bethpage Air Show

Long Islanders should be proud; an industrial complex that built and still builds much of our military hardware; and a place where military volunteerism is not just a term, it is a commitment, and they also run a great air show; along with Stewart Airport of course.

Metropolitan Airport News staffer, Ed Garcia spent a day at Republic Airport watching practice runs and getting a feel for the participants before the actual air-show. As only Ed can do, he entered a room where the Geico Skytypers were meeting and he was invited in, and participated and learned of their techniques and practice methodology. For example, before going into the air, the pilots actually re-enact their maneuvers by walking through a choreographic exercise right on the tarmac.

The Geico Skytypers are a group that flies WWII era SNJ Trainers powered by a 600HP Pratt and Whitney engine, and are based at Farmingdale’s Republic Airport. Primarily composed of commercial airline pilots, they are experts not only on jet powered aircraft, but on single engine prop planes as well.

The weather cooperated for both days of the show, especially in the AM and early afternoon until a few clouds scudded by in the later parts of the program. The crowd seemed massive to me from TV accounts I viewed later that evening as well as media photos, but official attendance figures have not come in yet.

The Thunderbirds made their usual sensational performance with jet powered F-16 Fighter Jets doing intricate patterns in groups at what seemed like almost sea-top levels. One of my favorites, the Boeing B-17 Yankee Lady made a few passes, along with the annual appearances by Sean D. Tucker – Aviation Specialties: Oracle Challenger III Misty Blues All Women Skydiving Team Matt Chapman Airshows: Embry-Riddle Eagle 580 David Windmiller: Bethpage Waterfiller Zivko Edge 540, Carl Skinner T-28 Trojan John Klatt Airshows Screamin’ Sasquatch Jet Waco Aerobatic Team B-17 Yankee Lady American Airpower Museum Warbirds Red Bull Air Force

The West Points golden knights performed precision parachute drops right over the park area, and a U.S. Marine Osprey demonstrated how you can insert troops from the air without parachutes but by using ropes to rappel to troops to the ground while the chopper is still in the air.

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Swissport Wins IATA “Innovator Award”

Swissport was recognized with the “Innovator Award 2019” at the IATA Ground Handling Conference in Madrid for its role in developing the “LiftSuit”. The LiftSuit, a wearable exoskeleton, can help to prevent musculoskeletal injuries amongst baggage handlers.

Airport baggage handlers lift an average of five tons of baggage per day, often performing lifts in awkward positions inside an aircraft’s underfloor baggage compartment. With its commitment to



set the industry benchmark in workers’ health and safety, Swissport continuously explores new ways to further improve the work conditions of its some 30,000 ramp and baggage handlers worldwide. With a group of ground handling staff and Auxivo, a specialist in the development of wearable exoskeletons, Swissport has been developing the LiftSuit over the past year. Several prototypes have been tested in realistic conditions at multiple Swissport locations to maximize the effectiveness and comfort of the LiftSuit.

Elastic elements allow the LiftSuit to store energy when a worker bends down. The energy is then released to support the workers when they pull the load back up. Laboratory results have shown that different muscle groups of a worker will experience a reduced activity of 10-30%, while wearing the LiftSuit. This leads to decreased muscle fatigue, which again decreases the risk of injury.

The initiative is part of a global innovation program which was launched two years ago. Beyond the LiftSuit, Swissport is exploring other ways to improve manual handling safety. A team in Melbourne, Australia, is currently testing a wearable device, which measures body movements and quantifies the risk based on measuring displacement frequencies and force. The device is fitted with an alarm which can be set to immediately alert the wearer once they make a high-risk movement. ■



Job Fair Success At EWR

The Council for Airport Opportunity held a job fair on May 2nd at Newark airport Terminal B.

CAO welcomed hundreds of applicants ready to impress the many businesses on hand. The hope was to land a job at Newark Airport or within the surrounding community that serves airport operations. There were Human Resource representatives from airlines, hotels, food service vendors, delivery services, security companies, ground handlers, and many more.

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JetBlue Hosts Plane Pull At JFK for Worthy Cause

JetBlue Airlines hosted a Plane Pull competition for charity with a match-up of Brits vs. Yanks at JFK Airport on Tuesday, May 21st. The event is put on in part to help raise funds for JACK, (Joining Against Cancer in Kids) Foundation.

The annual Pilgrimage Across the Pond of UK Police Officers arrived via British Airways with 80 + officers from London’s Metropolitan Police, Essex Police, Surrey Police, Sussex Police, Merseyside Police, British Transport Police, and Ministry of Defence Police. Pitted against the “Bobbies” were NY Area law enforcement teams including the NY Police Department, Local Police Departments on Long Island and the “boys in blue” from JetBlue Operation.

JACK was founded by two British Metropolitan Police detectives whose son Jack was diagnosed with neuroblastoma in 2005. After exhausting their medical options in the United Kingdom, the Brown family came to New York City for clinical trials and treatments.

Jack’s father, Richard Brown, spoke about the support they received from NYPD members through online forums long before they first arrived in the United States. Once the Browns moved to New York City for treatment, the outpouring of love from local law enforcement officers continued.

After a three-year battle, Jack succumbed to his illness. In the wake of this tragedy, Jack’s parents chose to honor his legacy by creating a foundation to help other families battling this disease. As their charity continues to expand, so does their extended NYPD family.

The event was held at Hangar 81 at Kennedy Airport where the teams from Britain and New York and the goal was to pull the “Blue Finest” Airbus 100 feet in the shortest amount of time. Named “Blue Finest”, the aircraft sports the NYPD flag and shield in honor of the men and women who keep New York City safe. The proceeds from the competition were donated to the JACK organization.

The Brits vs. Yanks competition always heats the event, not only creating a healthy rivalry but also bringing together strength from both sides of the Atlantic to raise money and create awareness for JACK.

The Yanks have won the competition for eight consecutive years. And this year was no exception. That Tuesday, they clinched the ninth win, as the US team from the Nassau County Corrections pulled the plane in 27.66. ■

Debunking Pet Travel Myths

BY ELIZABETH A. SCHUETTE, Ark at JFK, Managing Director

MYTH: You should sedate your pet to calm them down before traveling.

FACT: Never sedate your pet unless advised by your veterinarian for medical reasons. As noted by Dr. Patricia Olson, a director of the American Humane Association (AHA), “an animal’s natural ability to balance and maintain equilibrium is altered under sedation. When the kennel is moved, a sedated animal may not be able to brace and prevent injury.” *JAVMA*, Vol 207, No. 6, September 15, 1995. Sedation or tranquilization can also increase respiratory or cardiovascular risks while flying, especially for Brachycephalic breeds (i.e. English or French bulldogs, pugs, Boston terriers, and others.) Acclimating your dog or cat to their travel crate is our first recommendation to help plan for transportation with nervous companions.

MYTH: It’s dangerous for pets to travel as live cargo because of the extreme temperatures.

FACT: Dogs that travel as excess baggage or as cargo are placed in the cargo hold of the plane which is temperature controlled and pressurized. Many pet owners think that the weather and temperature restrictions are in place because the cargo hold is not controlled. The temperature restrictions are in place for during loading and transportation to and from the aircraft.

MYTH: There are so many adverse incidents involving pet transportation – look at the news!

FACT: All domestic U.S. Carriers are required to report the number of incidents involving the loss, injury or death of animals during air transport to the Department of Transportation. These events are published by month and by year in the *Air Travel Consumer Report*. In 2017, Carriers reported 40 incidents out of 506,994 total animals transported – less than .08%. In 2018, the number dropped to 17 incidents for 424,621 animals transported – less than .04%. The sensational stories grab headlines, but the facts speak for themselves. Sadly, the adverse publicity associated with the loss, death or injury to a pet has caused airlines to enact greater restrictions on travel as evidenced by the 16.2% drop in the number of animals transported between 2017 and 2018.

MYTH: DIY Pet Transportation, I can do it!

FACT: It’s best to work with professionals when it comes to animal travel, especially when pets are not allowed to fly in-cabin. Information is not easily obtainable regarding drop-off, pick-up, or general how-to questions. While pet transportation within the United States can be completed without an agent, reaching out to a Professional Pet Shipper for guidance is highly recommended and especially for certain breeds and sizes. International Transportation is also a complicated and lengthy process depending on the destination, the country’s own customs regulations and individual airline restrictions. Planning and contracting with a Professional Pet Shipper is highly recommended and oftentimes required by most airlines.

MYTH: Place treats, toys, and chews in the crate to fight boredom.

FACT: Toys, treats, chews, and even collars or harnesses can be a choking hazard. If your pet accidentally swallows anything that gets lodged or makes them choke while maneuvering between cargo facility and airplane, this can be fatal. Collars and harnesses can also get caught and cause lacerations or choking. Do not place beds, towels, or blankets in your pets’ crate if they like to chew on them or if you feel they can be mischievous. In addition, sweaters and other clothing is NOT a good idea since pets have a natural ability to regulate their temperature and since the cargo hold of an airplane is temperature controlled. Any extra clothing may cause overheating even in the winter.

MYTH: The safest way to transport my pet is by ground. I can drive my pet myself or hire a pet transporter who will drive my animal across country.

FACT: Depending on the breed or size of the pet, ground transport may be the only option. Consulting a professional is highly recommended. However, ground transport can take days whereas a flight can bring your furry companion to their destination within hours. Depending on the transporter, several companies will car pool with other pets that are traveling along the same or similar route and this may make the drive for your companion more stressed. In addition, the weather while driving through different states may also not be ideal since it can change from hot to cold, or raining to snowing. Also, if you have a cat, s/he may not have the opportunity to come out of their travel crates to relieve themselves like dogs can. If your dog is aggressive or nervous, s/he may also not be able to come out of their crates to relieve themselves for the safety of the driver. ■



Norwegian Number One Airline Serving Passengers In New York Region

Norwegian, the World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul airline, has overtaken established competitors to become the number one foreign airline to serve the New York City region, achieving this milestone in less than six years of operation. In the most recent traffic report by Port Authority of New York & New Jersey traffic, Norwegian carried more passengers than any other foreign carrier for the first time ever, reinforcing its growing foothold in the region as a low-cost airline and a disruptor of transatlantic travel.



“If New York City is the barometer for success in the airline industry, our rapidly growing passenger numbers are proof positive that Norwegian is here to stay, with further efforts to deepen our roots in this market in the forthcoming years. Competition is at an all-time high and our business model of low fares and new planes is unmatched and attracting new travelers every day. New York City sets the bar very high for us around the world, and we are ready to forge forward as the innovator in low-cost air travel as we continue soar to the top,” said CEO and Founder Bjørn Kjos.

According to the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, Norwegian surpassed its most fierce competitors including Lufthansa, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, and Emirates carrying 2,078,847 passengers in a rolling twelve months ending in February 2019. Finally, Norwegian exceeded Air Canada, which has firmly held the position as largest foreign airline in New York City by passenger volume in the past. Norwegian overtook Air Canada by 11,800 passengers in February for the first time. ■



Chapter 37 Members Assemble In Washington D.C.

Police Unity Tour Rides For The Fallen

The Port Authority Police joined brothers and sisters from other regional law enforcement agencies for the annual Police Unity Tour – a three-day bicycle trip to Washington, D.C. to honor those officers killed in the line of duty.

Officers ride their bikes from across the country every year for the tour, uniting at the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in D.C. The PAPD chapter – named Chapter 37 – began its journey on the grounds of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center, where they paid tribute to police officers killed on 9/11, including 37 members of the PAPD. ■



LGA Gate Gourmet Awarded ‘Most Improved Caterer of The Year’

There was a great reason to celebrate over at LaGuardia airport! LGA Gate Gourmet was awarded “Most improved Caterer of the year”.

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June 4

ROTARY CLUB DINNER
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June 5

QUEENS ASDO 37TH AVIATION NETWORKING EVENT
Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, NY
www.asdoonline.com

June 5

LAAMCO MONTHLY MEETING
LaGuardia Airport, Terminal B, Flushing, NY
www.laamco.com

June 5

PALS ABOVE & BEYOND 2019 GALA
The Mansion at Oyster Bay, Woodbury, NY
www.palservices.org

June 6

NBAA WHITE PLAINS REGIONAL FORUM
Westchester County Airport (HPN), White Plains, NY
www.nbaa.org

June 7

EVENING WITH APOLLO 7 ASTRONAUT WALTER CUNNINGHAM
Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, NY
www.cradleofaviation.org

June 10 & 24

CIVIL AIR PATROL FALCON SQUADRON MEETING
JFK Airport, Building 14, Jamaica, NY
www.falconsquadron.org

June 12

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY EWR OPEN HOUSE - GLOBAL AFFAIRS
Newark Airport, Building One, Newark, NJ
www.fdu.edu/mpa

June 12

JFK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING
JFK Airport, Building 14, Jamaica, NY
www.jfkairportchamberofcommerce.org

June 12

KAAMCO MONTHLY MEETING
JFK Airport, Jamaica, NY
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June 13

GATEWAYJFK 2019 ANNUAL MEETING
TWA Hotel, JFK Airport, Jamaica, NY
www.gatewayjfk.org

June 15

AVIATION HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM OF NJ "WINGS & WHEELS EXPO 2019"
Essex County Airport, Fairfield, NJ
www.njahof.org

June 13 & 27

LAGUARDIA AIRPORT KIWANIS MONTHLY MEETING
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June 19

ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON
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June 24

QUEENS CHAMBER FOUNDATION ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AND DINNER
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AA CREDIT UNION SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT SEMINAR
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June 25

QUEENS CENTERS FOR PROGRESS ANNUAL GALA
Terrace on the Park, Corona, NY
www.queenscp.org

June 27

KAAMCO GOLF OUTING
Plandome Country Club, Plandome, NY
www.kaamco.org

July 15

JFK ROTARY ANNUAL LADIES GOLF OUTING & SPA DAY
Cold Spring Country Club, Huntington, NY
www.jfkrotaryclub.org

July 17

QUEENS CHAMBER SUMMER BOAT CRUISE 2019
World's Fair Marina, Marina Road 1, NY
www.queenschamber.org

July 18

THE SEARCH FOR CAPTAIN MUSICK & THE SAMOAN CLIPPER
Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, NY
www.thepanammuseum.org

July 20

APOLLO MOON FEST
Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, NY
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August 15

15TH ANNIVERSARY DANNY FERRANTE JFK GOLF OUTING & GALA DINNER
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Sept 16

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United Airlines Expands Commitment to Biofuel

Powering More Flights With More Biofuel Than Any Other U.S. Carrier

United Airlines today further strengthened its emerging reputation as the world's most environmentally conscious airline by renewing its contract with Boston-based World Energy, agreeing to purchase up to 10 million gallons of cost-competitive, commercial-scale, sustainable aviation biofuel over the next two years. The biofuel, which United currently uses to help sustainably power every flight departing its Los Angeles hub, achieves a greater than 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions on a lifecycle basis.

United's contract renewal follows the airline's original purchase agreement in 2013, helping United make history in 2016 when it became the first airline in the world to use sustainable aviation biofuel on a continuous basis. United is currently the only U.S. airline to use biofuel in its regular operations. World Energy's biofuel is made from agricultural waste and has

received sustainability certification from the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials.

World Energy recently announced that it will invest \$350 million to fully convert its Paramount, California, facility to renewable diesel and sustainable aviation jet fuel, bringing its total capacity to more than 300 million gallons of production annually at that location, one of the company's six low-carbon fuel manufacturing plants.

"Investing in sustainable aviation biofuel is one of the most effective measures a commercial airline can take to reduce its impact on the environment," said Scott Kirby, United's president. "As leaders in this space, United and World Energy are setting an example for the industry on how innovators can work together to bring our customers, colleagues and communities toward a more sustainable future."

"Great companies lead," said Gene Gebolys,



World Energy's chief executive officer. "We are honored to renew our commitment to United to advance their efforts to drive change to a lower carbon future."

United's contract renewal with World Energy will further assist the airline in achieving its recently announced commitment to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2050.

United's pledge to reduce emissions by 50% relative to 2005 represents the equivalent of removing 4.5 million vehicles from the road, or the total number of cars in New York City and Los Angeles combined. United's biofuel supply agreements represent more than 50% of the commercial aviation industry's total agreements for sustainable aviation biofuel. ■

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

Airport Shuttle Bus Fleets Go 50% Electric This Summer

As part of the Port Authority's "Clean Dozen" sustainability program and in recognition of Earth Week 2019, the agency has announced that 50 percent of the Airport Shuttle Bus fleet at three of its regional airports will be all electric by this summer.

With six buses already in operation at Newark Liberty, six more at John F. Kennedy International and an additional six coming to LaGuardia Airport by the end of June, these 18 buses will account for half of the full fleet being converted from diesel fuel to electric power.

The electric buses being deployed in the first phase will save approximately 269 tons of Greenhouse Gas emissions and around 40,000 gallons of fuel at each airport each year. And these vehicles will not only improve local air quality by removing 2,000 pounds of nitrous oxide and 150 pounds of particulate matter from the air annually – but the battery-operated 40-foot-long buses will have an estimated range of 250 miles per charge, with each electric charge taking under four hours to complete.

New charging stations to power the electric buses have already been installed at each airport and the Port Authority is targeting the end of 2020 to have a fully electric shuttle bus fleet in

operation, thereby exceeding the date of the agency's original goal and in full accordance with its "Clean Dozen" environmental program which is dedicated to reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions at its facilities by 35 percent by 2025, with the long-term outlook of reaching an 80 percent reduction by the year 2050.

These sustainability initiatives were rolled out in October 2018, at around the same time the Port Authority's Board of Commissioners embraced the Paris Climate Agreement, making it the first public transportation agency in the United States to do so.

"We're taking action on sustainability, and our conversion to all-electric airport shuttle buses well ahead of schedule is a prime example", said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton.

"In the past six months alone, we've not only reinforced our commitment to policies and strategies that will help the environment, but achieved significant results in our effort to make the spirit of the Paris Climate Agreement a reality for our agency and customers."

The Clean Dozen initiatives cover seven specific areas of sustainability and environmental action including clean electric



vehicles, energy efficiency, solar and renewable energy programs, building "Green" facilities and partnering with other companies to combat climate change.

To this end, the Port Authority has joined forces with the New York Power Authority (NYPA) on the development of on-site solar facilities at JFK including a 5-megawatt community solar project offering low-cost renewable energy to local residents, a lighting upgrade at Jamaica AirTrain station and the construction of a solar carport at New York Stewart International Airport in the Hudson Valley.

For information on these sustainability programs and the Port Authority's commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement go to: www.panynj.gov/about/paris-climate-agreement ■

Seeing-Eye Dogs in Training at EWR

For the 25th year in a row, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, representatives from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and United Airlines teamed up with friends and volunteers to put the next generation of puppies through the paces of becoming future seeing-eye dogs at Newark Liberty International Airport.

As part of 'The Seeing Eye', a New Jersey-based non-profit philanthropic organization dedicated to enhancing the independence, dignity and self-confidence of blind people through the use of seeing-eye dogs, about 80 pups – mainly German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, Poodles and Labradors descended on Newark's Terminal C and then proceeded up and down the escalators, through baggage areas, security checkpoints, and even on AirTrain Newark before finally boarding and disembarking a United plane in a training program that will help them to guide the visually impaired around an airport.

While airport personnel took the puppies on a tour of the terminal, Port Authority Police officers took the time to familiarize them with the sights and sounds of their vehicles and other emergency equipment, and ended the tour with a demonstration of the K-9 unit's bomb-sniffing dogs.

Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole said of the event: "This is a

much-anticipated annual tradition for Newark Liberty, and this year is particularly special, making the program's 25th year here. It's a great source of pride for our agency and our volunteers."

And Tom Carter, the TSA's Federal Security Director for New Jersey calls it a win-win situation. "It's a win for the dogs who have the opportunity to get familiar with the checkpoint experience, so that when they come back with the people they are trained to assist, they'll be comfortable in the checkpoint environment. And it's a win for the TSA officers participating in this event because they have the additional opportunity to review

and practice our procedures for screening service dogs."

Jill Jaynor of The Seeing Eye organization calls this an "exposure outing" for the puppies because it gives them a chance to sense and experience a busy airport environment.

The training period usually takes around four more months to complete after the dogs are socialized with their foster families, many of whom were on hand for this training exercise.

The Seeing Eye places around 260 guide dogs with the visually impaired every year. It is the oldest, and one of the largest guide dog schools in the U.S.

Visit www.seeingeye.org for more information or to volunteer ■



PA Reports First Quarter Volumes at Airports

Good news! The Port Authority is reporting record volumes at all its transportation facilities.

In the first quarter of 2019, the region's major airports handled over 31 million passengers, more than any other first quarter on record.

John F. Kennedy International, Newark Liberty, New York Stewart and LaGuardia airports are all up 5 percent from the same period in 2018, when the previous record was set.

And new all-time first quarter records were recorded at Newark Liberty (10.37 million passengers), JFK (13.92 million passengers), and LaGuardia (6.7 million passengers).

In March 2019, the Port Authority also set a record at its four commercial airports for the volume of passengers it handled – a total of approximately 11.7 million, that's up 6.5 percent, in addition to being the highest passengers total achieved in March, surpassing the previous March record set in 2018. And on April 18th of this year, both LaGuardia (at 59,700 passengers) and Newark Liberty International (at 78,811 passengers) reported all-time records for passenger volumes in a single day! – surpassing the 2018 pre-Thanksgiving holiday levels, which is typically the busiest travel day of the year.

All this coincides with the Port Authority's major construction and rehabilitation projects at its four airports as part of a \$32 billion capital investment to upgrade and maintain its facilities. ■

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