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July is always a special month for us here at the *Metropolitan Airport News*, and for me personally. This year we are celebrating our 5th anniversary providing the airport community with monthly issues of the *Metropolitan Airport News*. We are a team of aviation enthusiasts and we are committed to the industry and the community. I hope our commitment is evident in the content we provide to our readers and the work we do within the community for those in need.

Independence Day is another thing about July that makes this month so special. On July 4th, we celebrate our independence by having time with friends and family, going to parades, firework displays and cookouts. Our independence today is only made possible by those who have chosen to stand up and protect it.

The tradition that we follow in July at the *Metropolitan Airport News* is to give back to those who make our national and personal independence, freedom and safety possible. We choose to support the USO of Metropolitan New York because of the amazing work they do with our active military service members and their families right here in our area. We have donated over \$21,000 dollars to them since we started the July issue *Charitable Giving Campaign*. It is only possible due to the efforts of our committed advertisers and supporters. This year we hope to be able to donate more than \$2,000 dollars to the USO. We thank our readers and advertisers who helped to make that possible.

On the personal side, I love that the kids are out of school and that I can slow down a little and be with my family and enjoy some of our favorite summer activities. I hope that you too are enjoying your friends and family while soaking in all that July has to offer.

I hope you enjoy the issue and thank you for being with us for the past 5 years!

Katie Bliss

Katie Bliss, *Publisher*



ON THE COVER

We often hear from people who say they want to give back to our nation's service members, but they don't know how to get involved. The USO provides a variety of ways to show support and appreciation for our military heroes and to help make a difference in their lives. Visit metrony.uso.org to learn about the ways you can join the USO as a "Force Behind the Forces."

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Joanne King

Director Commercial Operations – LaGuardia Gateway Partners

Joanne King is the Director of Commercial Operations at LaGuardia Gateway Partners, the manager and developer of LaGuardia Airport's Terminal B. Currently undergoing a multi-year redevelopment, valued at \$5.1 billion dollars (including \$4 billion in construction value), the project is the largest public-private partnership in US aviation history. Now over 85% complete, the new Terminal B features over 70,000 square feet of commercial space in which 60+ commercial partners operate. Prior to joining LaGuardia Gateway Partners, Joanne served as General Manager of Westfield's concession program for American Airlines' Terminal 8 at JFK. In her free time, Joanne

uses skills honed over her 15+ year career in property management to benefit charitable causes for organizations such as the Make a Wish Foundation and remains an active member in the JFK Rotary Club.

1 As the New Terminal B at LaGuardia Airport begins to welcome back travelers, what does LaGuardia Gateway Partners have in place and planned to make the experience memorable?

We are so excited to see more and more passengers travelling through each day. As you know, we opened the new Terminal B Arrivals & Departures Hall in June 2020. Due to the pandemic however, not all of our shops and restaurants could open. The units were built out and ready to go but remained closed. With passenger volumes increasing, we are now opening many of these units. In June, Hill Country Barbecue opened in our food court as well as Mulberry Street, our first sit down dining and bar in the Arrivals & Departures Hall. In early July, The Dean, a men's shopping emporium opened as well. And the beautiful new 10,000 sq feet American Express Centurion Lounge has also opened.

2 How is LaGuardia Gateway Partners handling the latest employee shortage?

Hiring from our community is a key focus for all our partners here at Terminal B. Working with the Council of Airport Opportunity, a nonprofit that addresses the employment needs of the communities surrounding the New York and New Jersey Metropolitan airports, we promote job opportunities and hiring events across their wide-reaching network of local candidates. They are a wonderful resource and partner. Anyone interested in jobs here at Terminal B – or any of the local airports – can see a list of open positions and register for updates at www.caonynj.com.

3 Does LaGuardia Gateway Partner's use local contractors, vendors and suppliers within concessions and maintenance at the terminal?

Supporting local businesses in our community is a priority for us. From a concessions standpoint, Marshall Retail Group, who operates both our District Market and Bowery Bay Shops, partners with the Queens Economic Development Corporation (QEDC) to feature Made in Queens (MIQ) products in their stores.

We also are proud to have just opened a Sweetleaf Coffee in our

western concourse, a Queens favorite brand. Also, we currently have two commercial opportunities open for bid in the Arrivals & Departures Hall for both Desserts & Coffee and a Quick Service Restaurant. Both opportunities are for Airport Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (ACDBE) and submissions are due by July 31st.

To learn more about these opportunities, as well as upcoming construction and operations & maintenance opportunities, visit the supplier diversity page at www.laguardiab.com.

4 What steps has Terminal B taken to ensure that it is making a difference when it comes to sustainability?

Sustainability is always top of mind for us – in the design, construction, and operation of the terminal. The project includes a mix of sustainable strategies for energy efficiency, water conservation, site selection, material selection, and waste reduction. For example, 99% of debris from the old Terminal B parking garage was recycled in materials used elsewhere on the project. Additionally, we have worked with all our concession partners to eliminate single use plastic straws in the terminal.

5 Giving back to the community is an important part of a successful business model. What organizations does LaGuardia Gateway Partner's support and stay involved with?

LaGuardia Gateway Partners will be a long-term neighbor here in Queens and it's important for us to support our community. Here are a few of the ways we've given back since we began operating Terminal B. In addition to providing emergency relief during the COVID-19 pandemic, we've continued our multi-year partnership with Port Authority, Delta, and our construction partner – Skanska Walsh Joint Venture – to sponsor a STEM program for local students with the Queens Public Library and the Cradle of Aviation.

As part of the opening of the new Arrivals & Departures Hall, we tested our baggage handling system by sending thousands of bags through. After the testing, we donated \$15,000 worth of luggage to local non-profits including Forestdale, The Landing Shelter, Hour Children and Care for the Homeless. ■

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LGA AirTrain Construction Delayed

The LaGuardia AirTrain project was supposed to begin construction in June. The project has gone through an exhaustive approval process for over 2 years and was set to go forward. There is some question about whether the alternate options received the same critical screening oversight before ultimately selecting the AirTrain as the solution to the problem of people from Manhattan coming into LaGuardia Airport using Mass Transit.

Critics of the project say its route is illogical — making riders from Manhattan travel past the airport to Willets Point to then backtrack to the airport. They also are concerned about the environmental impact it will have on the nearby Flushing Bay, as well as overcrowding on the 7 train line.

It's unclear how much the setback will affect the project timeline as only early construction, such as utility work, was expected to begin this month. The majority of the construction work is not slated to begin until April 2022.

"We thank and commend the FAA for conducting an exhaustive and independent environmental review that benefited from extensive input and engagement and support from the public and the local community during the two-year long EIS process," a spokesperson for the Port Authority said. "We look forward to the conclusion of the review."



FAA Awards \$845M In Airport Grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) awarded more than \$845 million in grants for projects that will mitigate environmental impacts, increase accessibility, and expand capacity at airports across the United States. The funding from the fourth round of FY 2021 Airport Improvement Program grants will pay for projects at 388 airports in 49 states plus the District of Columbia. Included in the grant is Long Island's **MacArthur Airport in Islip**. They received \$8,435,486 for several projects including runway maintenance.

"We don't want to just build our airports back to the way things were before the pandemic. We want our airports to be better than ever—accessible to all, delivering maximum benefit to their communities, and helping directly and indirectly create jobs for millions of Americans," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

The projects announced today will not have to pay the usual local match thanks to nearly \$100 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding announced in June. ■



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The USO, A Home Away From Home for 80 Years

Strengthening America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country, throughout their service to the nation.

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On December 29, 1940, in a radio broadcast delivered by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the nation, the President promised to help the United Kingdom in the fight against Nazi Germany by producing and furnishing military supplies. During this period, the United States stayed out of the actual fighting. "We must be the great arsenal of democracy. For us, this is an emergency as serious as war itself. We must apply ourselves to our task with the same resolution, the same sense of urgency, the same spirit of patriotism and sacrifice as we would show were we at war." – F.D. R.

By early 1941 the United States was on

the brink of entering the worldwide conflict and with the mounting strain of the country's involvement in the battle against the Axis powers, the U.S. military was growing in leaps and bounds. Since there was no individual agency in place that focused on supporting the troops, Roosevelt grew concerned about the morale and welfare of U.S. military personnel deployed to fight for the defeat of the Axis forces in Europe and the Pacific theaters of operation.

Seeking to connect a number of service associations into one organization, the YMCA, YWCA, the Jewish Welfare Board, Catholic Community Charities, Travelers Aid Society, and the Salvation Army worked in partnership to create the United Service Organizations, more commonly known as

the USO. As a founder and under the direction of social reformer, Mary S. Ingraham, the USO was established and incorporated in New York on February 4, 1941, with the mission to provide social and recreational opportunities and resources for U.S. armed forces on leave at stateside club locations, where service members could socialize and enjoy leisure time while getting a taste of being at a home away from home. As a congressionally chartered, private organization that was not part of the federal government, this partnership, with the support of Americans, set a precedent for volunteerism. After the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and in the first years of its existence, the USO opened about 3,000 clubs and canteens across the country and globe, operating out of

established and newly constructed buildings, including homes, museums, churches, barns, railroad sleeping cars and mobile units. According to USO historical documents, at its peak of operation in March 1944, the USO had an estimated 1.5 million volunteers helping out during the Second World War, becoming an essential part of the war effort by offering entertainment and recreational activities to the troops, including now legendary overseas USO Camp Shows to members of the armed forces overseas and on the front lines.

Keeping in pace with the era's gender roles, USO clubs sought venerated women from the local community to hold the position of senior hostess, and they coordinated junior hostesses and large-scale activities and dances at the clubs. The clubs served coffee, cookies, donuts, and sandwiches, but were alcohol free. Stationary was offered to write letters, cots to take naps. A button-sewing service was available to keeping uniforms neat, as were the latest phonograph records to listen to. Regular religious services took place and servicemen danced with the many USO hostess volunteers who brought the clubs to life. Mobile USO units with generators were equipped with screens and projectors to show films and many were furnished with a public address system, books, board games, sporting gear and snacks. With thousands of women entering the work force in support of the war effort and their husbands deployed, select USOs began their own daycare operations.

Between 1941 and 1947, the USO hosted over 400,000 Camp Shows with some 7,000 volunteer entertainers that included Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, Humphrey Bogart, Fred Astaire, Marlene Dietrich, The Andrews Sisters and many more. The most notable celebrity to entertain troops was Bob Hope who devoted 48 Christmases overseas with American troops. His contribution created a legacy that started in 1941 and ended in 1991 during Operation Desert Shield.

The USO was disbanded at the end of WWII, largely due to the lack of funding, but in 1950 when the United States entered the Korean War, Secretary of Defense George Marshall and Secretary of the Navy, Francis Matthews requested that the USO



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be restored "to provide support for the men and women of the armed forces with help of the American people." By the end of the Korean War in 1953, over 113,000 USO volunteers worked at 294 centers in the United States and abroad. In the 1960s during the Vietnam War, 23 USO clubs operated in Vietnam and Thailand serving as many as one million troops per month with home away from home support. In the 1970s when the draft ended, the USO commenced a new era of service that included new programs to assist military personnel with an effective transition into civilian life. Outreach programs were initiated worldwide, and additional centers were set up at airports to assist military travelers with layovers, connections, missing luggage, language translation and dignified transports. A Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Defense was signed in 1987 stating, "The USO is the principal



channel representing civilian concern for the United States armed forces worldwide'. Since then, USOs have provided support internationally to active-duty U.S. military personnel in the Gulf War Operation Desert Shield, Afghanistan and Iraq in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Jessica McAndrews, Vice President, Programs, Services & Operations for USO Metropolitan New York recently spoke to Metropolitan Airport News and discussed how in the 80 years of its existence the USO has changed, while a lot has stayed the same, saying, "Men and women are deployed both overseas and now in our own backyard with everything going on over the past year. Our world has always been to be there for those in uniform and we have come to recognize that families are equally as important."

McAndrews continued that the feedback that is most continuously received in talking to service members is, "You do so much for us with USO centers, entertainment tours, care packages, phone cards.... but, sometimes when deployed the thing we most worry about is our family back home."

As such, programming has changed over the years to focus on family and make sure they are taken care of by providing more services for family members... spouses and kids.

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In addressing how the USO handled operations in light of the pandemic, McAndrews emphasized that with 30,000 volunteers worldwide, the USO has always been heavily dependent on them, and as a volunteer run organization with few staff members, volunteers are relied on for everything. With the alarming spread of the coronavirus in March 2020, the USO had to pivot and suspend operations at volunteer run centers in order to maintain safe environments and avoid the risks of exposure to both service members, military families and USO volunteers. "Since the onset of the pandemic, thousands of service members have been deployed on urgent public health missions throughout our area and play an essential role in keeping our communities healthy and safe. During these unprecedented times, it is crucial that we continue to adapt to the needs of our military community, delivering morale boosting programs at a time when it is needed most so they can remain focused on their missions", asserted McAndrews.

With the crisis of the pandemic and the sudden closure of USO centers, more military personnel and National Guard were deployed to the New York metropolitan vicinity to assist with covid relief than had been seen in the area in a long time. Military and National Guard were assigned to mortuary duty, to help by checking on people, and to staff vaccination sites. Unmanned centers were opened to National Guard and military personnel. At John F.



In the summer of 1944, Bob Hope and his troupe took their USO show to the Pacific arena, hopping from island to island. Hope logged more than 30,000 miles and gave more than 150 performances during this trip. Here, during one of these 1944 shows, Hope performs for troops somewhere in the Pacific.

Kennedy Airport, the usually manned center for travelers coming through was closed down for a while since so few were traveling. A center was available at JFK for the National Guard to use as a break room and for those deployed with the Empire Shield team to help travelers with travel forms. Other downtown New York transit hubs using USO centers operated in the same way at locations where the military has been. With no opportunity to set up brick and mortar type tents under the conditions of the Covid 19 pandemic, the USO provided drop off supplies such as snacks, beverages, exercise equipment and morale boosting materials to different locations, including the Javits Center and the U.S.S. Comfort.

Even though the global pandemic suspended face to face in-person social

activities, concerts and shows, that did not stop the USO from providing entertainment to service members and their families as the USO shifted live performances from aircraft carrier decks and bases around the world to virtual experiences. These experiences connected USO entertainers to military service personnel through Virtual USO tours, where musicians, actors, comedians, and others livestreamed video Q&A's and performances directly to bases and service member's cell phones. Other morale boosting parts of the USO's live celebrity tours for deployed troops provided the opportunity for celebrities to meet service personnel individually, to allow them the chance to shake the hand of a man and woman in uniform and thank them for their service.

Programming also shifted to drive-through distributions of craft and snack bags for children, virtual programming for families with events such as online 'Frozen' parties. In partnership with the Bob Hope Legacy, the Bob Hope Legacy Reading Program enabled a service member to read his or her child a bed-time story from halfway around the world in a makeshift mobile 'reading room'. The book reading is video recorded with the service member reading their kid's favorite story and then the video is shipped home to their child.

With covid vaccinations becoming more accessible, the majority of USO volunteers and staff have received them and currently many suspended activities are just starting to get back and running. In New York City,



The author's mother (standing center) who worked for Western Union, NYC and volunteered as a junior hostess with the USO. c.1944

despite the absence of ships during Fleet Week on Memorial Day weekend, the USO delivered morale-boosting 'Feed the Crew' meals, making pit stops at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut. Other programs included a bike build for military kids, and 'Operation That's My Dress', where 400 prom dresses were given out for prom season in a socially distanced manner for military families only. At LaGuardia and Newark Airports, large troop movements of West Point cadets move back and forth for medical checks. The USO also provides homecoming activities with food and entertainment for families awaiting returning veterans. Career transition and mentor support are available, offering training that ranges from employment opportunities, financial readiness to educational resources and veteran's benefits. Additionally, support is offered for veterans who may need assistance with psychological issues such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Speaking of its volunteers as the heart of the USO, especially during the pandemic, Jessica McAndrews told of their dedication



in going above and beyond in their support of service members and their camaraderie both inside and outside their work with the USO, "Without our volunteers, we could not do what we do. They have been amazing...driving around, dropping off food, beverages, and supplies. Offering their time in a limited capacity has been difficult for them as they want to do more."

And as operations gradually return to a pre-pandemic level, she added, "Volunteers, come back...we need you!"

Today, with some 250 centers worldwide and an 80-year history of exemplary service, the USO's mission endures in providing those who serve the nation a warm, family home away from home. McAndrews, a Navy veteran of 11 years and now with the USO for ten years said, "No matter where you are, look for that USO logo. From the moment you leave New York at your airport, to the moment you deploy, or at your duty station in the middle of nowhere, and upon your return home, we'll take care of you." ■



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A large commercial airplane is parked on a tarmac at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The sky transitions from orange near the horizon to a clear blue at the top. The airplane's wing and tail are visible in the foreground, and its engines are prominent. In the background, other airport structures and a smaller plane can be seen.

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“Reclaiming the Sky” Showcases the Courage of 9/11’s Aviation Workers

The Reclaiming the Sky Essay Competition provides airport and airline workers an opportunity to discuss how they can apply the lessons of 9/11’s aviation heroes profiled in “Reclaiming the Sky” to meet the challenges in their lives today.

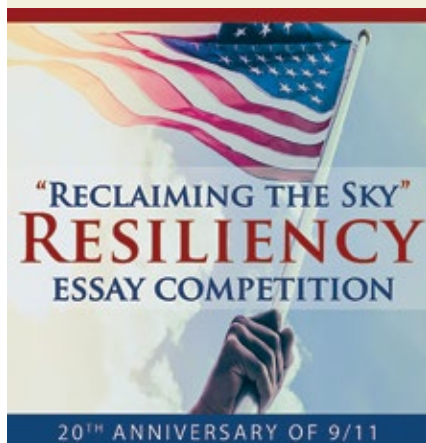
The essay competition is being conducted by the Human Resiliency Institute at Fordham University and will offer \$3,300 in awards in three categories: Airport workers, Airline employees, and Students.

Full details, including a tab to submit an essay, are on the program’s website at reclaimingthesky.com.

The book tells the story of how airport and airline workers “rose up” on 9/11, and for months after, to get America moving again.

The stories of the aviation heroes are highlighted in “Reclaiming the Sky” by Tom Murphy, founder of the Human Resiliency Institute at Fordham. Anyone who purchases a book on Amazon and submits an essay should know that all profits from the book go to aviation charities.

Essays will be accepted up to August 10, 2021 – enter online at www.reclaimingthesky.com. Newark Airport will host an award event and the announcement of winners on September 1, 2021. ■



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Aviation High School Education Foundation Decides On Resource Distribution Formula

And Looks to Broaden Base of Contributors

The Aviation High School Education Foundation donated \$20,000 to Aviation High School to be distributed to graduates in the forms of scholarships and (the highly coveted) Aviation Tool Box Awards. We want to thank all those who helped make this possible, including the Ray Foundation, JFK Airport Rotary Club, and Metropolitan Airport News.

The Aviation High School Education Foundation (AHSEF) Board of Directors worked with Aviation High School's leadership - Steven Jackson, Principal and Dr. Michael Koumoullous, Assistant Principal of Pupil Personnel, to determine how to distribute the money from contributions to maximize the benefit to the school.

There is an increased need to produce qualified and certified maintenance people, and Aviation High School wants to be responsive in producing work ready maintenance and repair aviation graduates. The latest Boeing Pilot and Technician Outlook projects that 769,000 new maintenance technicians will be needed to fly and maintain the world's fleets over the next 20 years. The forecast is inclusive of the commercial aviation, business aviation and civil helicopter industries, and is up from last year's forecast of 754,000.

There is a huge need for resources at the school, so a great deal of thought and discussion went into the distribution formula. Ultimately, it was agreed that the funds should be allocated equally between college scholarships and Tool Box Awards. The foundation felt that this would help those students who are going directly on to college, as well as those who are entering the fifth-year program in order to earn both of their licenses.

The school hopes that donations from our current sources will act as a facilitator to broaden their base of contributors. The objective is to grow the student population to meet industry demand, as well as growing the course and program offerings.

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It is always a shot in the arm for the aviation industry as a whole to read about the birth of a new air carrier, new innovations, new technologies, even developing a brand-new marketing and route planning as David Neeleman demonstrated with his founding of JetBlue Airways. Flyr is a true start-up, with a new staff, at the moment about 100

full and part time employees headquartered in Oslo, Norway.

The question remains; is this the right time to launch a new airline? Thanks to Norway's geography and standard of living, many Norwegians are frequent flyers. Yet the global health crisis has seen many residents of Norway stop flying altogether for

more than a year. With this recent history, it seems strange time to launch a new airline, but there is a school of thinking that believes downturns are the perfect time to start a new company.

From the brains of some of Norway's most prominent aviation executives, Flyr aims to take a bite out of the domestic air travel market. Norwegian, SAS, and Wizz Air, are the biggest competition. While not a cross ocean carrier at the moment, Flyr will provide nonstop service to cities within Norway and popular European destinations.

To some, the airline sounds like a smart-phone app. There's a reason for that! An app is a core part of the airline's strategy. All customer bookings and subsequent changes will be made using it. It's not yet clear how customer service will operate for people who have trouble with the app. Founder Erik G. Braathen said the name "reflects the simplicity of the business and model and the product we will be offering the market." According to Braathen, the company aims to make air travel as simple as possible: "Flying is what we do best, and that is the only thing we plan to be doing." ■

LOT Polish Airlines Returns to JFK Airport With Krakow Route

Although currently, it is not common to launch new long-haul routes among airlines, LOT Polish Airlines has been an exception. It restarted the route from Kraków to New York JFK after a long absence

After an absence of 13 years, LOT Polish Airlines has again been flying to JFK Airport. The first flight to JFK began on June 26th using a Boeing 787-8. The route operates once-weekly until the end of September:

The airline had previously announced the resumption of Rzeszów to Newark. These flights, which last operated regularly until the end of the summer 2019 season. Service was suspended in 2020 because of the COVID-19 crisis but returned on March 29, operating once a week. .

The planned expansion comes despite ongoing travel restrictions between the U.S. and Europe, designed to curb the spread of coronavirus. Citizens from

non-EU countries are currently only allowed to enter Poland for essential reasons, while the U.S. ban on arrivals from 26 countries of the Schengen area remains in place.

The new route from Krakow, a city

located in southern Poland close to the country's border with the Czech Republic, will become LOT's third route to JFK alongside flights from Warsaw and Budapest, the latter of which began in early April.

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New York Metropolitan Airports Show Passenger Volumes Increasing

What Travelers Need to Know About the “New Normal” at TSA Checkpoints



TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA)

Travelers will need to remove their masks for a few seconds to allow the TSA officer to match the photo on the ID with the person in front of them.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has seen travel volume increase this summer and the agency is prepared to handle the bump in travelers. The agency remains committed to supporting a healthy and secure environment for airline passengers, TSA employees and airport personnel. However, the checkpoint experience will look different to passengers who have not flown since the start of the pandemic and individuals flying out of LaGuardia Airport, John F. Kennedy International Airport or Newark Liberty International Airport should be prepared for a “new normal.”

Nationwide TSA officers are screening between 1.8 and 2.1 million people daily, which is a large increase from last year, but still down significantly from 2019, when closer to 2.5 million people were screened daily during the summer. At LaGuardia Airport, TSA was screening about 50,000

travelers on a busy summer day in 2019, prior to the pandemic, and is screening closer to 26,000 travelers per day currently. At JFK International Airport, TSA was screening close to 100,000 individuals per day pre-pandemic and is currently screening closer to 57,000 people today. At Newark Liberty International Airport, TSA was screening 70,000 people or more during the summer months prior to the pandemic and is currently screening approximately 48,000 passengers daily.

TSA has observed that there are notably fewer business travelers at the same time that there is an increase in the number of leisure travelers. This is most notable on Sundays, which now tends to be the busiest travel day of the week.

“Leisure travelers are not as familiar with security checkpoint protocols, especially when it comes to knowing what is permitted to be carried through a security

checkpoint,” said Robert Duffy, TSA’s Federal Security Director for LaGuardia Airport. “We strongly recommend that travelers arrive at the terminal two hours prior to their scheduled flight. We also ask travelers to come prepared to the airport for security screening. That means knowing what should and should not be packed in a carry-on bag or checked bag. The TSA web site has a lot of helpful information on preparing for a flight.”

Travelers whose items trigger an alarm at the checkpoint and have their carry-on bags flagged for a search typically state that they did not realize that they had the item with them. “We are experiencing a pandemic and so we want to reduce touchpoints,” Duffy said. “When someone has a prohibited item that is in their carry-on bag that triggers an alarm, that results in additional touchpoints, which is what we want to avoid.” To help reduce the likelihood that a carry-on bag will require a search, travelers should start with an empty bag before they begin to pack so that there are no prohibited items inside, he said.

Everyone in the airport is required to continue to wear a mask as prescribed by the federal mask mandate when they are in airports, bus and rail stations, as well as while on passenger aircraft, public transportation, passenger railroads, and over-the-road buses operating on scheduled fixed-routes. This means that all travelers must be wearing a mask at TSA airport screening checkpoints and throughout the airport and during their flights. If a traveler does not have a mask, a TSA officer will offer a mask to that individual at the checkpoint. “Individuals who have not traveled recently will notice some changes in the checkpoint screening process that are our new normal,” Duffy said. “When approaching the travel document checking podium, passengers will see TSA officers wearing masks and gloves. Most will be positioned behind acrylic barriers to reduce cross contamination with passengers. Our TSA officers will change their gloves between each pat down and they will use a fresh swab if they need to swab your hands or your carry-on items.”

When travelers approach the travel document checking podium, they will be asked

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to scan their own boarding pass—electronic or paper—to reduce a touchpoint. They also will be asked to remove their masks for a few seconds so that the officer can match the individual's face to the photo on their ID.

Care Will Continue to Be Exercised As Passengers Work Their Way Through Security

TSA employees will be conducting routine cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces and security screening equipment at the checkpoints.

TSA is now allowing travelers to bring one liquid hand sanitizer container up to 12 ounces per passenger in carry-on bags until further notice. Passengers can expect that these containers larger than the standard allowance of 3.4 ounces of liquids permitted through a checkpoint will need to be screened separately, which will add some time to their checkpoint experience. Travelers also are permitted to bring individually packaged alcohol or anti-bacterial

wipes in carry-on or checked luggage.

To reduce touchpoints, it is recommended that travelers place items from their pockets such as wallets, keys, lip balm, tissues and cell phones into their carry-on bags to be screened instead of putting items from their pockets directly into bins. This minimizes the placing of personal items in a bin that you might hold to your face such as lip balm, tissues and cell phones. It also reduces the chance that travelers will leave something behind in a bin.

Individuals who are planning to travel this summer should consider enrolling in TSA PreCheck®. The popular expedited screening program allows travelers to leave on their shoes, jackets, belts and enables them to keep their electronics and 3-1-1 bags in their carry-on bags.

TSA PreCheck membership is more valuable now than ever before because it reduces touchpoints during the pandemic and puts travelers in security lines that have fewer travelers and move quicker, which encourages social distancing. ■

NOTE: Travelers also need to know what can and cannot go in their carry-on bag from firearms to oversize liquids. It is important to know what items should not be packed in a carry-on bag because if a carry-on bag triggers an alarm, it will require a TSA officer to open the bag to resolve the alarm. This means that a TSA officer will have to open your baggage and go inside to identify what item may have caused the alarm.

Remember, it's vital to reduce touchpoints during a pandemic, so be sure not to pack any prohibited items. Unsure if an item should be packed in a carry-on bag, checked bag, either or neither? Download the free myTSA app, which has a handy "What can I bring?" feature that allows you to type in the item to find out if it can fly.

TSA Resuming Flight Crew Self-Defense Training

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has announced the beginning of Crew Member Self-Defense (CMSD) training in early July. The program was previously paused due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Flight crew members keep passengers safe while onboard an aircraft. Assaulting or threatening a member of the flight crew is a federal crime and perpetrators may face civil penalties, criminal fines, or imprisonment. With unruly passenger incidents on the rise, TSA remains committed to equip flight crews with another tool to keep our skies safe.

"Through this training program, TSA's Federal Air Marshals are able to impart their specialized expertise in defending against and deescalating an attack while in an aircraft environment," said Darby LaJoye, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the TSA Administrator. "While it is our hope that flight crew members never have

need for these tactics, it is critical to everyone's safety that they be well-prepared to handle situations as they arise."

The TSA CMSD Training Program furnishes certified instructors to provide flight crew members with effective defensive measure techniques for responding

against an attacker in a commercial passenger or cargo aircraft. During the training, flight crew members learn to identify and deter potential threats, and if needed, apply the self-defense techniques against attackers.

The voluntary four-hour training is offered to flight crew members free of charge and is held at 24 locations around the United States. All active flight crew members for domestic carriers are eligible to register for the training. ■



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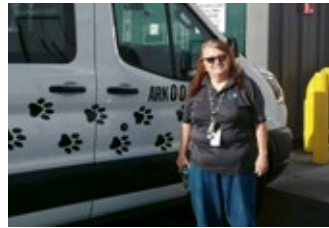
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Port Authority Signs Long-Term Ground Lease to Create New World-Class Cargo Facility at JFK Airport

Modern Facility to be Developed by Aeroterm to Improve Handling of Millions of Tons of Cargo Passing Through the Airport



Overhead rendition of new facility with plenty of parking area and easy access to runways

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey announced on June 22nd, the signing of a long-term ground lease agreement with Aeroterm for the development of a state-of-the-art \$145 million, 350,000-sqft. cargo facility on more than 26 acres at John F. Kennedy International Airport. The Aeroterm project will demolish two obsolete facilities at JFK and build an expanded, best-in-class cargo facility that will incorporate advanced technology systems designed for maximum efficiency in the handling and storage of cargo, as well as a dedicated temperature-controlled area for handling pharmaceutical products.

The new facility, with its cutting-edge systems, will include greater ramp capacity to handle three of today's large modern air cargo freighters (Group VI aircraft) simultaneously. It will also have more than 50 dock doors for the efficient transfer and tracking of goods through the facility.

The planned start date for the demolition and construction is scheduled to begin in September 2021, with project completion expected by the end of 2023.

"This cargo modernization program is a

critical step forward in the overall redevelopment of JFK airport, at a time air cargo is vital to our regional economic vitality," said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole. "We look forward to working with Aeroterm to raise our cargo capabilities to state-of-the-art standards."

The Port Authority has selected World Flight Service (WFS) to provide ground support once the facility is operational. They are working closely with WFS, the main cargo handler at JFK which is scheduled to operate exclusively out of the 350,000-square-foot facility once it is completed. Working with more than 270 major airlines and airports globally in the cargo and ground-handling business, WFS will bring international expertise and efficiency to the first-class facility Aeroterm is building. In 2020, 1.2 million tons of cargo were processed at JFK, putting it among the top seven airports nationwide.

"Throughout the pandemic, JFK has shown its importance and resilience as one of the nation's most in-demand cargo centers," said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton. "Governor Cuomo's Vision

Plan for JFK included strong support for cargo as a key piece of the redevelopment, and this project will create jobs, boost the local economy and produce a world-class cargo operation."

Expanding opportunities for minority- and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs) is a critical component of the Port Authority's inclusionary contracting practices, which includes a participation goal for MWBE contractors of 30 percent. The lease requires Aeroterm to make a good faith effort to achieve a 20-percent participation goal with certified minority-owned business enterprises (MBEs) and a 10-percent goal of contracts with certified woman-owned business enterprises (WBEs). Local MWBEs will be given priority in this process and Aeroterm and its partners are committed to working with the local community to meet these objectives.

The project anticipates the creation of 350 union construction jobs, and subcontracting opportunities for workers providing professional services including; construction, plumbing, mechanical and electrical work. More broadly, the cargo industry at JFK supports 73,000 total jobs, \$12.5 billion in sales and nearly \$4.4 billion in wages.

"This project is a key step in revitalizing JFK's air cargo sector, and we are proud to work alongside the visionary Port Authority executive team," said Aeroterm Vice President for Development Greg Russell. "Additionally, we've been honored by the broad support this project has received from elected officials, government, and community leaders. We look forward to kicking off this exciting project."

"In a business that is all about efficiency, a facility of this magnitude and location will see WFS use its know-how as the

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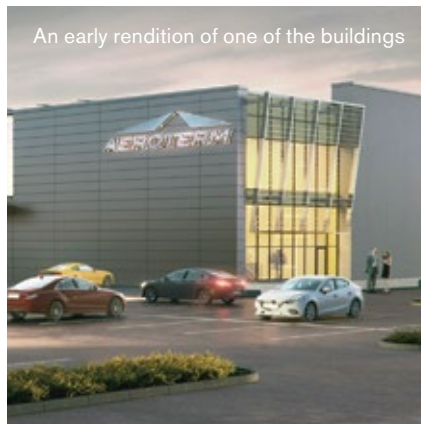
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world's leading cargo handler to bring the best services to all industries that depend on air freight," said WFS Executive Vice President Mike Simpson. "JFK has a major opportunity right now to expand its cargo operations, given its location and direct access to all of the major airport hubs worldwide. This new streamlined facility will be able to handle significant cargo volumes, ease cooperation between airlines operating within carrier alliances and optimize the use of technology, equipment and resource planning."

"As co-chair of the JFK Airport Redevelopment Advisory Council, I've seen firsthand the commitment for community inclusion and consideration of neighborhoods directly impacted by these projects," said Congressman Gregory W. Meeks. "This is one of the many examples of the tremendous work the Port Authority has been doing. This new cargo facility will create new jobs as well as MWBE and local business contracting opportunities. This work is vital to an equitable recovery for Southeast Queens."



"Kennedy Airport is the gateway to our city and a one of the largest economic generators of the entire region. By reimagining how we handle cargo at JFK, we're investing in the long-term economic health of Queens and the city as a whole," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "I look forward to working with the Port Authority and all our partners to ensure local hiring and sufficient MWBE participation is at the forefront of this development. Queens expects and deserves nothing less."

"This was a challenging process from

start to finish, but all of the players came together in a manner and during a time that made this project an imperative to get Queens and JFK Airport back on track," said Thomas J. Grech, President & CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. "This project hit the high notes on all three key pieces of Governor Cuomo's vision for JFK: cargo modernization, expanding opportunities for minority- and women-owned business enterprises, and union labor employed by a world-class leader in facility-related services with Aeroterm. It was an honor to work with Executive Director Rick Cotton and Aeroterm Vice President for Development Greg Russell to get this done."

"We applaud Aeroterm and the Port Authority for this groundbreaking development that will bring needed facilities to the north cargo area," said Scott Grimm-Lyon, Executive Director of GatewayJFK. "We support the efforts to modernize and consolidate freight operations at the airport so local businesses can benefit from the increased volume of belly cargo that is expected when redevelopment of the passenger terminals is completed." ■



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JFKIAT Launches New York's First Branded Digital Marketplace for Duty Free Shopping

JFKIAT, the operator of Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport announced a partnership with Inflyter and DFS Group to launch a branded digital marketplace for Duty Free shopping.

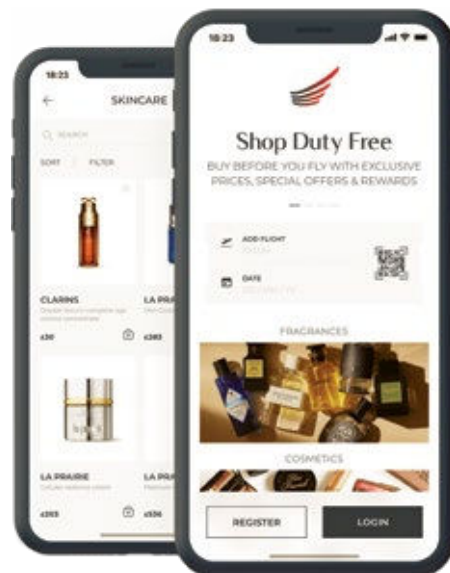
This e-commerce offering enables travelers flying through T4 to purchase Duty Free items online before arriving at T4, or while waiting for departure at their gate, dining at the terminal, or enjoying one of T4's premium lounges. Customers can visit the website, place their orders, and complete payment before arrival or while waiting for their flight to depart. Purchases will be delivered directly to the gate and passengers will receive their items just before they enter the aircraft. The digital marketplace enables a contactless and fully digital purchase process, creating a safer and more seamless journey for customers and employees.

"JFKIAT has continued to innovate T4's offerings to ensure our customers have a seamless experience from curb to gate, and we are proud to partner with Inflyter and DFS Group to launch one of the first digital Duty Free marketplaces in a U.S. airport terminal," said Roel Huinink, President &

CEO of JFKIAT. "In the wake of the pandemic, it is critical for our customers and employees to feel as safe as possible, and ensuring contactless experiences is an important component to rebuilding confidence in air travel. As we begin to see more passenger traffic return, we are pleased to offer a new way for our customers to enjoy a premium shopping experience at T4. We look forward to more of our retail partners joining this new platform as well.

"As consumers intend to continue their online shopping behavior post-pandemic, we are delighted to have partnered with JFKIAT to deliver an ecommerce platform that will offer passengers the convenience of being able to shop duty free online whenever they want, and not just at the airport," said Wassim Saadé, Founder and CEO of Inflyter. "What is of particular significance is that this digital marketplace will showcase multiple retailers enabling JFKIAT to pioneer one of the first fully integrated, online and offline premium shopping experiences in the United States."

This offering is JFKIAT's latest move to enable a contactless environment for its customers and staff. In 2019, JFKIAT



welcomed AtYourGate at T4, giving customers the ability to order food and beverages on the AtYourGate app and have items delivered to their gate.

With the launch of the digital marketplace, JFKIAT also plans to expand the offering to include other retailers within T4 to provide customers with a wider range of products to shop.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, JFKIAT took immediate action to ensure high levels of safety within the terminal, staying in close contact with the CDC and government agencies, increasing and enhancing cleaning routines throughout the building, and implementing safe practices for processing flights and passengers arriving from affected areas. ■

Queens Borough President Asks JetBlue to Reconsider Move Out of Queens

In a bulletin posted on social media, Donovan Richards, Borough President of Queens outlined why JetBlue should take a fresh look at its tentative decision to leave Queens.

On June 14th, Richards sent a letter to Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) Executive Director Rick Cotton, asking PANYNJ to extend JetBlue's lease at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

After visiting JetBlue's current headquarters in Long Island City, Borough

President Richards learned a lease extension at JFK Airport would discourage JetBlue from abandoning its plans to move its corporate headquarters to Florida.

The Borough President wrote, "In discussions, I understand that JetBlue and their development partners, JFK Millennial Partners, has not been extended the same 10-year lease extension



Donovan Richards, Queens Borough President

agreement and concessions for their project. JetBlue Airways wants to maintain their company profile as a low-cost airline,

something that might prove difficult if they are forced to compete with market rate airlines.

JetBlue Airways is a good corporate citizen, and we want them to remain an anchor company in Long Island City. Their Long Island City employees support the neighborhood businesses, and their presence has been an advantage for the Borough and the City in every conceivable way." ■



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Public Art Fund Beautifies LaGuardia's Terminal B

While we all agree that airports are a place that facilitates air travel, there is absolutely nothing wrong in making the experience more enjoyable and relaxing for everyone, including the airport personnel.

As part of The Port Authority and LaGuardia Gateway Partners' initiative to bring a world-class airport experience to passengers, Terminal B will feature new permanent artworks by Jeppe Hein, Sabine Hornig, Laura Owens, and Sarah Sze. The Public Art Fund announced the new partnership with LaGuardia Gateway Partners, the private entity operating and redeveloping the Airport's Terminal B.

The site-specific, large-scale installations by four of the world's leading artists—Jeppe Hein, Sabine Hornig, Laura Owens,

and Sarah Sze—will be unveiled with the opening of the new Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall later this year. "New Yorkers will soon have a major terminal at LaGuardia Airport that reflects the energy, vitality, and innovation of New York City," said Nicholas Baume, Director & Chief Curator of Public Art Fund. "Great art and artists are fundamental to New York's DNA, and we are excited to collaborate with several of the world's most visionary artists, LaGuardia Gateway Partners and The Port Authority to create a unique new terminal that brilliantly expresses the creative spirit of New York."

"We are thrilled to partner with Public Art Fund on this innovative project to continue to transform Terminal B into a

modern, top-class airport terminal for travelers," said Stewart Steeves, CEO of LaGuardia Gateway Partners. "Our goal in building a new Terminal B is to not only implement state-of-the-art advancements, but to also create a space that represents the soul of New York."

We are confident that through this partnership, we have selected artists and unique pieces for the new terminal that reflect this vision." Working closely with the leadership of LaGuardia Gateway Partners, Public Art Fund invited a select group of artists to develop proposals for original and iconic permanent commissions, expressing the vital essence of New York City and conceived specifically for the new LaGuardia Terminal B.

After a thorough evaluation of all proposals, four of these artists were awarded permanent commissions for the Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall." ■



Jeppe Hein, *All Your Wishes*, 2020, Installation of 70 Mirror Balloons (PVD coated stainless steel) and 3 Modified Social Benches.



Sarah Sze, *Shorter than the Day*, 2020. Powder coated aluminum and steel



Sabine Hornig, *LaGuardia Vistas*, 2020, Latex ink and vinyl mounted on glass.



Laura Owens, *I NY*, 2020 Handmade glazed ceramic tiles and grout.



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Right On Time for Summer

The Oculus at The World Trade Center Campus Turns Up the Heat With Fun-Filled Festivities

In her June issue article in *Metropolitan Airport News*, our publisher **Kathryn Bliss** touched on the endless list of things to do in our marvelous town, New York City. By any chance, did we forget one?

In a press release dated June 16th, the Port Authority announced the beginning of a new season of events at the World Trade Center's Oculus facility.

In a move to welcome back visitors and workers to Lower Manhattan, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey teamed up with Westfield and other community partners to bring a series of summer festivities to the World Trade Center Campus.

As COVID-19 restrictions have loosened and vaccination rates increase throughout the region, the campus will feature a wide range of in-person activities including musical performances, food bazaars, art installations and colorful lighting displays.

"This summer will be one of the best times to visit the World Trade Center

because of an array of new activities for families, including musical performances and excellent dining wherever you turn," said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole. "We've had over a year of challenges, but the programs offered this summer are a way to celebrate our comeback."

"The Port Authority wants to welcome back our visitors, tenants, employees and community members with robust programming that delivers a world-class experience," said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton. "The diversity of events and activities is designed to reflect the variety and creativity that has made our region one of the most popular destinations in the world."

"The Westfield World Trade Center Campus is thrilled to introduce a series of experiences and community-driven events for Lower Manhattan to enjoy. Guests are invited to indulge in making fun and memorable moments, just in time for the



The Oculus is home to many events including last years Art Show.

warmer summer months ahead. From live entertainment to colorful "Instagrammable" moments, there will be new touch points for visitors to rediscover," said Marco Maldonado, General Manager at Westfield World Trade Center.

The summer programs and events at the World Trade Center campus provide exciting dining options and celebrate art and the culture of our region. Additional events and family-friendly activities will be added throughout the summer.

For more information, visit the World Trade Center website. www.wtc.com ■

LATAM Implements a Pilot Health Passport On International Routes

The mobile application allows greater autonomy in the management of international trips, permitting passengers to validate all the documentation required by the authorities.

LATAM is conducting a pilot test prior to installing a Travel Pass system throughout their network. This effort in conjunction with IATA could be a benchmark for other airlines in securing safety and security within their own networks.

The LATAM Group, through its subsidiaries in Chile and Peru, together with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have come together to carry out the pilot of the IATA Travel Pass digital application, allowing passengers to organize and manage travel requirements complying with what is required by the authorities on international flights more efficiently and expeditiously.

IATA Travel Pass works based on the biometric information of the passenger's



passport, the results of laboratories in agreement and the joint information of the governments.

"This is great news for our passengers who voluntarily want to join. Having more automated and contactless processes is a new reality for everyone, and this pilot with IATA Travel Pass supports this transformation for LATAM and for the entire industry," declared the Vice President of Clients of LATAM Airlines Group, Paulo Miranda.

For his part, Peter Cerdá, IATA Regional Vice President for the Americas, adds: "We are pleased that LATAM trusts the IATA Travel Pass. Tools of this type are essential to restart the airline industry and reconnect the world, which allows to reopen borders safely and smoothly, giving governments the guarantee that travelers have complied with health requirements, speeding up migration processes and simplifying the experience for passengers."

The pilot phase, which is voluntary for the passenger, is expected to take place on the following routes: Lima-Miami, Lima-Santiago de Chile, Santiago de Chile-Lima, Santiago de Chile-Miami. ■

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The Newest Amex Centurion Lounge at LaGuardia Airport Has Opened Its Doors

American Express first opened a Centurion Lounge at New York's LaGuardia Airport (LGA) back in 2014. At around 5,000 square feet, it was one of the smaller lounges in the network, and was consistently crowded. For a while American Express has been working on opening a new Centurion Lounge at LaGuardia, and that lounge has opened on June 21st. This is the second Centurion Lounge in the New York metropolitan area along with the JFK Airport Lounge.

The lounge will take up roughly 10,000 square feet which is twice the size of the current lounge and is located at LaGuardia's brand-new Terminal B. Another plus is the lounge is past security, no constant checking for time, one level up from the main concourse. To enter the lounge, you will need the Amex Personal Platinum or Amex

Business Platinum, as well as those with the Centurion Card. Currently you can take two guests into the lounge for free, but that will change as of February 2023.

To add ambiance, Amex partnered with New York City independent bookstore McNally Jackson to design a study space, which is supposed to deliver a library-esque atmosphere. The new lounge features custom design elements reminiscent of the Big Apple, including arched shapes in the dining area referencing downtown architecture and local bridges, and phone rooms with artistic murals.

As far as food service, New York City chef Cédric Vongerichten runs the kitchen with menu items including signature favorites and several vegetarian and vegan options. There are signature cocktails developed by mixologist Jim Meehan; there are New



With its library-esque look, the lounge looks to create an atmosphere of relaxation.

York City themed cocktails, like the Lower East Cider and Grand Central Express. In addition, The Centurion Lounge has locally sourced beverage options, including coffee from Brooklyn Roasting, and beer from Coney Island Brewery and Captain Lawrence Brewing Co. ■

Biden Administration Offers TSA Employees Full Collective Bargaining Rights, Better Pay

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas ordered Transportation Security Administrator David Pekoske to align employees' rights with those enjoyed by the vast majority of federal workers, including access to the General Schedule pay system.

The change reflects the more labor-friendly approach of President Joe Biden, granting a long-standing goal of workers at an agency created to improve airport security after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The pay raise alone would not appear to cause any objections and that will easily earn passage, but the full endowment into Title 5 would guarantee collective bargaining and this may be a sticking point to grant Title 5 rights to TSA staff since it was specifically rejected by Congress when the TSA was originally established.

"I believe wholeheartedly they are underpaid," Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R-Fla.), the subcommittee's ranking member, said.



"We as Congress should be appropriating more money for TSO workers so we can bump them up in pay and bring them up to the level that most federal employees are getting, because I do think that that's part of the problem."

When Congress first created TSA nearly 20 years ago, it specifically excluded TSOs from the General Schedule pay scale and Title 5 personnel system, which many — but not all — other federal employees are classified under today.

Jeff Neal, former chairman of the TSA blue-ribbon panel, said his team also found no evidence that moving TSOs to the General Schedule would resolve their frustrations and improve workforce morale.

"When we looked at employee survey data at TSA, what we found is that there were some airports where the workforce had good things to say about TSA and about the work," he said. "And there were airports where people were doing the same work and were incredibly unhappy. Obviously pay is a factor in that, but the quality of supervisors is a bigger factor."

Under Mayorkas' directive, Pekoske must permit TSA employees to collectively bargain "to the same extent as permitted" by most other federal workers, allow employees to file appeals with the Merit Systems Protections Board, and ensure that screeners "are paid at a level that is no less than that of their counterparts on the General Schedule pay scale." ■

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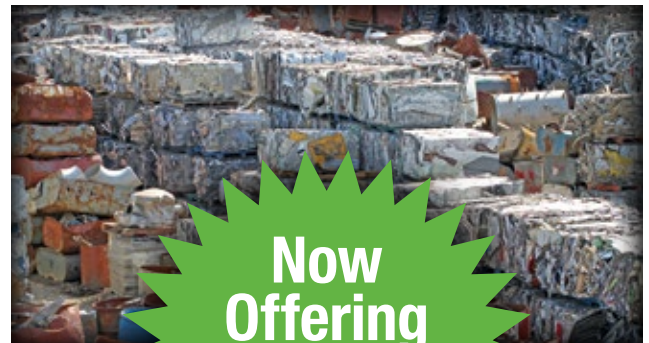
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Cradle of Aviation Museum Holds Its Annual Air & Space Hall of Fame Luncheon

Three local individuals representing a remarkable range of achievements were inducted into the Long Island Air & Space Hall of Fame, at its annual Luncheon on June 29, 2021.

Each year the Long Island Air & Space Hall of Fame honors those who have played a major role in advancing aeronautical and technological achievement. The event, presented by Curtiss-Wright Corporation was held at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. Proceeds generated from the luncheon will support the museum's education and preservation programs.

Cradle President Andrew Parton welcomed the sizable group, smiling while remarking "You don't know how happy we are to be here today," a sentiment met with thunderous applause from all present! And promised a new experience "Lunch!" -referring to the first of in person events held.

Class of 2021 Inductees:

■ **David Windmiller** began flying at 14. Intensely interested in aerobatics, he earned a spot on the US Aerobatics team in 1999 and became a finalist at the World Championships in 2000. Now retired from professional competition, David still performs at the annual Jones Beach Airshow and is a FAA designated pilot examiner for both airplanes and helicopter. He spoke of being

fortunate to watch and be involved in the evolution of aviation, from wartime to the present day technology.

■ **Daniel J. Shybunko** worked as a structural engineer with Grumman for 25 years and while still working there founded his own firm, GSE Dynamics to produce better quality parts for aerospace companies. Daniel steadily developed GSE into a major aerospace and defense firm on Long Island and then nationally, working with his daughter Anne, who has taken over the business after his death in October 2019.

■ **Robert Smyth** was a naval fighter pilot who then graduated in 1952 as a Navy test pilot. His wife Sally Smyth remarked "he flew everything the Navy ever created."

Joining Grumman as a test pilot in 1955, he became their Chief Test Pilot by 1967, and in 1990 he performed the first flight of Long Island built F-14A tomcat! After leaving Grumman in the early 1980's Robert became the director of flight operations for Gulfstream Aerospace and served as the pilot on most of the world-circling record-setting flights of the Gulfstream III and IV in the late 1980's. Mrs. Smyth accepted his award posthumously and spoke of his long and successful career, and how he modestly attributed it to being in the right place at the right time. **ROBERTA DUNN**



Sally Smyth, widow of test pilot Robert Smyth, accepts her husband's induction into the LI Air & Space Hall of Fame. Andrew Parton, the museum's president, said the 11th Hall of Fame class represents "some of the best that we've ever had."

Jersey Is Jammin' This Summer at Newark Liberty

As the air travel industry continues its road to recovery this summer, the Port Authority is doing its part to ensure customers are getting the best possible airport experience. At Newark Liberty International Airport, that means music.



Jersey Jams has come to Terminal B, part of the Port Authority's long-standing commitment to supporting local entertainers and artists throughout its facilities. The free series is scheduled to run through August 27. It's sponsored by Fraport Newark, which manages concessions operations for Terminal B and is working in partnership with Brick City Jam to feature a full lineup of various local musicians to perform pre-security. Terminal B has permanent and temporary art collections on display in both public and post-security areas.

Jersey Jams is part of the Port Authority Aviation Department's We Value You program, a customer-centric initiative designed to improve the quality of concessions and overall customer experience. The We Value You program serves as a guide and indicator of special prices, deals, family friendly, events, and technological conveniences for passengers.

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There is even talk of this ferry being extended to include JFK Airport, which is similar to the ferry service from years ago that existed from Manhattan to the Marine Air Terminal.

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- **East River** – Long Island City, 34th St., North Williamsburg, Brooklyn (Pier 11)
- **Far Rockaway** – Rockaway and Brooklyn Army Terminal (Pier 11)
- **South Brooklyn** – Bay Ridge, Red Hook, Brooklyn Bridge (Pier 11)
- **Astoria** – 90th St., Roosevelt Island, Long Island City, 34th St. (Pier 11)
- **Soundview** – Clason Point, 90th and 34th St., Stuyvesant Cove (Pier 11)
- **St. George** – (2021) Staten Island to the West Side of Manhattan, Battery Park City
- **Coney Island** – (2021) Coney Island, Bay Ridge (Pier 11)
- **Governors Island** – (2021) from Wall Street Pier 11 to Governors Island

Just to add to the excitement of the New York City ferry service, there are many additional ferry routes from both East Side and West Side ferry piers, that have routes to New Jersey.

These include routes to and from Wall Street Pier 11, Battery Park City, the World Financial Center, and the 35th & 39th Street Piers to Jersey City, Hoboken, Weehawken, Atlantic Highlands and other ferry ports.

All in all this is an excellent extension of mass transportation in New York City, that should be taken advantage by visitors and residents of New York.

Visit www.ferry.nyc for additional information on the New York City ferry routes and schedules. **JONATHAN KATZ**



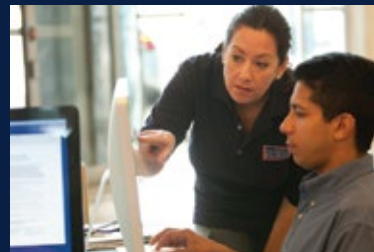
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**JFK Aviation Warehouse
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JFK Airport, Bldg. 151, Room 330B

July 8 – 9am-2pm

**JFK Aviation Warehouse
Staff Hiring Event**

JFK Airport, Bldg. 151, Room 330B

July 16 – 10am-2pm

**JFK Food Service
Staff Hiring Event**

JFK Terminal 4

July 26 – 10am-11:00am

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July 9 – 10am-2pm

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July 20 – 10am-11:00am

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July 29 – 9am-2pm

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July 13 – 10am-11:00am

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**Virtual Employment Fair w/ CAO &
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Virtual Event

July 29 – 12pm-1:15pm
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Virtual Event

July 14 – 9am-3pm

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