

# Chatting about...

NON REIVING  
FINI FLIGHT  
MEET UPS  
WINGMAN



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DIRECTORS MEETING  
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IN THE WORKS:  
CLT AND DFW MEETUPS!!



# Happy Passover



## HAPPY EASTER

# Non-Revving with the fam...get ready for an adventure!

SPRING BREAK AND SUMMER TRAVEL RAMPING UP, NON-REVVING IS ABOUT TO GET EVEN MORE UNPREDICTABLE. AS FLIGHT LOADS FILL UP AND AIRPORTS BECOME MORE CROWDED, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR FAMILIES TO PLAN AHEAD, STAY FLEXIBLE, AND REMEMBER THESE KEY TRAVEL TIPS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE STANDBY EXPERIENCE.

## Have minimal expectations to have maximum fun!





### 1. HAVE A BACKUP PLAN

PEAK TRAVEL SEASONS MEAN FULLER FLIGHTS, SO IF YOU MUST BE SOMEWHERE—LIKE A WEDDING, A CRUISE, OR A BIG FAMILY VACATION—CONSIDER PURCHASING A TICKET USING THE AMERICAN AIRLINES (AA) DISCOUNT. STANDBY IS A GAMBLE, AND SOMETIMES PEACE OF MIND IS WORTH THE EXTRA COST.

### 2. BE FLEXIBLE WITH FLIGHTS AND SEATING

DURING BUSY TRAVEL SEASONS, GETTING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY ON THE SAME FLIGHT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE. BE PREPARED TO SPLIT UP OR TAKE MULTIPLE CONNECTIONS TO REACH YOUR DESTINATION. CHECKING ALTERNATE AIRPORTS CAN ALSO OPEN UP MORE OPTIONS—SOMETIMES A SHORT DRIVE FROM A DIFFERENT CITY CAN SAVE THE DAY! I HAVE QUITE LITERALLY TAKEN AN UBER FROM ORLANDO TO TAMPA TO MAKE A FLIGHT WORK. SO STAY ON YOUR TOES, AND BE READY FOR ANYTHING.

### 3. ID90 TRAVEL AND INTERLINE DISCOUNTS

IF AA FLIGHTS ARE PACKED, ID90 TRAVEL CAN BE A GREAT BACKUP PLAN, OFFERING DISCOUNTED TICKETS ON OTHER AIRLINES. ALSO, WEBSITES LIKE PERX.COM AND VACATIONSTOGO.COM PROVIDE INTERLINE DISCOUNTS THAT MAY HELP SECURE LAST-MINUTE VACATION DEALS. ATE DESTINATIONS IF NECESSARY.

#### 4. USE THE 'BEST BETS' TOOL

THE NON-REV TRAVEL PAGE FOR PILOTS HAS A 'BEST BETS' FEATURE, WHICH IS A LIFESAVER DURING PEAK TRAVEL TIMES. IT HELPS FILTER OUT FULLER FLIGHTS AND SUGGESTS ALTERNATE ROUTES WITH BETTER AVAILABILITY. IF YOU'RE STUCK, THIS TOOL CAN GIVE YOU NEW OPTIONS TO CONSIDER.

#### 5. DESTINATION ROULETTE

SPRING AND SUMMER BREAK ARE PERFECT TIMES TO EMBRACE THE ADVENTURE OF NON-REV TRAVEL. BUT BE MINDFUL OF YOUR RETURN FLIGHT OPTIONS—JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN EASILY GET IN DOESN'T MEAN YOU'LL EASILY GET OUT! POPULAR DESTINATIONS LIKE HAWAII CAN BE A NON-REV NIGHTMARE, WHERE FLIGHTS FILL UP FAST AND YOU COULD (AS I HAVE) END UP WAITING DAYS FOR AN OPEN SEAT OUT. ALWAYS CHECK RETURN LOADS BEFORE COMMITTING TO A TRIP AND HAVE A BACKUP PLAN JUST IN CASE.

#### 6. PACK LIGHT—DO NOT CHECK BAGS

ONE OF THE GOLDEN RULES OF NON-REV TRAVEL: ALWAYS CARRY ON YOUR LUGGAGE. CHECKING BAGS CAN LIMIT YOUR FLEXIBILITY, MAKING IT HARDER TO CHANGE FLIGHTS LAST MINUTE OR REROUTE WHEN NEEDED. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE STANDBY WORK IN YOUR FAVOR, KEEP YOUR BAGS WITH YOU SO YOU CAN PIVOT QUICKLY TO NEW FLIGHT OPTIONS OR EVEN ALTERNATE DESTINATIONS IF NECESSARY.







CHECK-IN TIME MATTERS! STANDBY CHECK-INS CAN COME FROM THE DAY BEFORE, SO DON'T ASSUME YOUR PLACE ON THE LIST IS FINAL UNTIL CLOSER TO DEPARTURE.



UNDERSTANDING STANDBY PRIORITY: SEATS ARE GIVEN OUT IN ORDER—D1, D2, D2P (PARENTS OF THE EMPLOYEE), AND THEN D3. RETIREES AND PILOTS/FLIGHT ATTENDANTS FROM OTHER AIRLINES ARE ALSO LISTED ON THE STANDBY LIST, WHICH CAN IMPACT AVAILABILITY.



BE AWARE OF LAST-MINUTE CHANGES: FLIGHT LOADS CAN SHIFT UNEXPECTEDLY, SO ALWAYS HAVE A BACKUP PLAN, AND BE READY TO ADJUST ON THE FLY!



D1 TRAVEL: EVERY EMPLOYEE GETS SIX D1 TICKETS PER YEAR. BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT HOW YOUR FAMILY IS USING AND SAVING THEM. COME DECEMBER YOU'LL SEE EVERYONE WHIPPING OUT LAST MINUTE, UNUSED D1S AS THEY DO NOT CARRY OVER INTO THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR. IT DOES MAKE THE D1 A BIT LESS IMPACTFUL WHEN THE WHOLE STANDBY LIST IS D1.



JS LISTINGS: COCKPIT AND FA JUMPSEATERS CAN OPT IN OR OUT OF TAKING THE JUMPSEAT. THIS CAN IMPACT WHETHER OR NOT YOU MAKE A FLIGHT. KEEP IN MIND THAT THEY ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO TAKE A JUMPSEAT TO HELP A FELLOW STANDBY PASSENGER GET ON THE FLIGHT.

# PROJECT WINGMAN



IF YOU HAVE A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, DEATH IN THE FAMILY REQUIRING YOUR PILOT TO RETURN HOME IMMEDIATELY, YOUR PILOT NEEDS EMERGENCY HELP



YOUR FAMILY IS IN CRISIS AND YOU NEEDS HELP



YOU HAVE SEEN A REPORTED OCCURANCE AND NEED TO GET A HOLD OF SOMEONE IMMEDIATELY

PROJECT WINGMAN VOLUNTEERS STAND READY TO SUPPORT YOU WITH ANY LIFE ISSUE YOU MAY BE FACING. PROJECT WINGMAN VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS NOR ARE THEY COUNSELORS, THEY ARE FELLOW APA PILOTS WHO ARE TRAINED TO HELP YOU MANAGE STRESS IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE. ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL EXCEPT WHERE THERE IS INTENT OF HARM TO SELF OR OTHERS. IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911 FIRST.

**HELP!**



**PROJECT  
WINGMAN**

**817-823-7965**  
*it's confidential.*

**Who's Your Wingman?**  
*A joint effort by the  
AA Flight Department and APA.*

THE PURPOSE OF PROJECT WINGMAN IS TO PROVIDE PEER SUPPORT AND, WHEN NECESSARY, CRISIS TRIAGE FOR THE PILOTS OF AMERICAN AIRLINES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. PILOTS ARE MORE WILLING TO TRUST AND DISCUSS CHALLENGES WITH A FELLOW AVIATOR BECAUSE THEY TRULY SPEAK A COMMON LANGUAGE AND SHARE A MUTUAL OCCUPATIONAL UNDERSTANDING. AS PILOTS AND MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED PILOT ASSOCIATION, WINGMAN COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS ARE SPECIFICALLY TRAINED TO ASSIST WITH THE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES ENCOUNTERED BY PILOTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY WORK TO HELP OTHERS REDUCE STRESS BY LISTENING, ENCOURAGING, AND SHARING ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES. ALTHOUGH THOUGHT BY SOME TO BE SIMPLY A "SUICIDE HOTLINE," PROJECT WINGMAN IS MUCH MORE. IT IS IN PRACTICE A WELL-BEING PROGRAM THAT SUPPORTS PILOTS AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING TIMES OF EXCESSIVE PERSONAL STRESS OR CRISES IN THEIR LIVES.

**DEPRESSION AND GRIEF**

**STRESS AND ANXIETY**

**MARITAL/RELATIONSHIP ISSUES OR DIVORCE**

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN ISSUES**

**AGING/ELDER CARE ISSUES**

**CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY**

**SUICIDE OR THOUGHTS OR SUICIDE**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES**

**ANY CHALLENGES ADVERSELY AFFECTING HEALTH, SAFETY, OR PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE**







# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FINI FLIGHT IS THE FAMILY AWARENESS PROGRAM THAT HOSTS INFORMAL CEREMONIES FOR RETIRING PILOTS AS THEY RETURN ON THEIR LAST FLIGHT.

FINI VOLUNTEERS SET UP THE APA RETIREMENT DISPLAY, SERVE CAKE, AND TAKE KEEPSAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CREW, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS IN ATTENDANCE. PILOTS RETIRING WHILE ON LTD, PLEASE ALLOW YOUR FAMILY AWARENESS AND AEROMEDICAL DPASC COMMITTEES TO HOST A FINI FLIGHT CELEBRATION FOR YOU!

SMALL GROUP CEREMONIES ARE BEING ARRANGED AT CREW BASE CITIES. WHERE POSSIBLE, ONBOARD AIRCRAFT PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WILL COINCIDE WITH LTD FINI EVENTS. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. APA WILL INVITE YOUR COLLEAGUES VIA BASE BLAST. APA DOMICILE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS WILL ATTEND WHEN ABLE, AS WILL CHIEF PILOTS. DON'T MISS YOUR OWN RETIREMENT CEREMONY! YOU AND YOUR FAMILY EARNED IT! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT [FINIFLIGHT@ALLIEDPILOTS.ORG](mailto:FINIFLIGHT@ALLIEDPILOTS.ORG), OR CALL TIM JACKSON, 847-809-8888.



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