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Ebola Virus: Flight Crew Guidance

The outbreak of Ebola, a viral hemorrhagic fever that has claimed approximately 1,000 lives in West Africa since March, is of great concern to Flight Attendants as safety professionals. Given the potential for the spread of Ebola to other continents through air travel, health authorities such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are providing ongoing updates and issuing guidance to various stakeholders. Links to up-to-date information for our profession are posted on the [AFA Air Safety, Health & Security website](#).

A WHO Emergency Committee has determined that the outbreak constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), and that “a coordinated international response is deemed essential to stop and reverse the international spread of Ebola.”

Efforts to contain the Ebola virus include a declaration by WHO urging affected states to screen all passengers departing from international airports and to prevent persons suspected of having the virus from departing. No travel ban has been issued at this time.

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Spirit Flight Attendants Reach Tentative Agreement on Improved Contract Terms

Spirit Airlines Flight Attendants announced a tentative agreement with management on a new contract that includes immediate economic improvements, as well as protection of industry-leading healthcare and key quality of life provisions. The agreement, reached with the assistance of the National Mediation Board (NMB), would cover the nearly 1,400 Flight Attendants and more as the airline continues to grow.

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Are You Ready for 2014 Midterm Elections?

The choices you make in the 2014 midterm elections matter. If we lose the balance of power in Congress, we can expect the forces behind the National Right to Work agenda to set its sights on abolishing Flight Attendant rights and our unions -- our ability to protect our contracts and our rights on the job. We must defend our rights, at the polls and by standing up and being counted, or we may see those rights abolished.



The midterm election will determine the outcome of many of the issues that matter most to Flight Attendants. We are counting on every AFA-CWA member to make sure you are registered to vote ([verify](#) that your voter registration is up to date), to learn which candidates support our issues and, most importantly, to vote!

More than 30 states passed voter suppression legislation in the past three years that have led many states to begin purging voter registration lists. Women and minorities make up the demographic groups most likely to be removed from voter lists. It is more important than ever that you verify your [voter registration status](#). If you have moved or changed your name in the past two years, you may need to re-register to vote.

Register to vote, find your polling place and more at www.vote411.org
Find upcoming [Voter Registration Deadlines](#) in your state >
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Your vote on November 4 may be the one that makes the difference for working families and to help maintain a pro-Flight Attendant majority in the U.S. Senate and to elect a pro-Flight Attendant majority in the House.

In Memoriam: Bill McGlashen

It is with heavy hearts and deep regret that we inform you of the passing of William (Bill) McGlashen on August 5, 2014. Bill served as America West AFA Council 66 President prior to the airline's merger with US Airways. He was a prominent force in helping to negotiate the first Flight Attendant contract with America West. Our hearts especially go out to the AFA members of Council 66 and all of the Flight Attendants and leaders at US Airways who worked with Bill directly on issues that affect Flight Attendants in their daily work lives.



William McGlashen

It was no doubt a testament to his hard work and dedication to Flight Attendants that Bill later served as AFA Executive Assistant to the International President during the tenure of International President Pat Friend. Bill put his love of politics into the service of our union, internally as a senior advisor within our leadership and as a dynamic force on Capitol Hill.

A memorial service will take place Saturday, August 9, 2014 at 1 PM at Unity of Houston, 2929 Unity Drive in Houston, TX. Bill's family welcomes his friends, work colleagues, and fellow crewmembers to attend. Crewmembers are welcome to wear their uniforms in honor of Bill. A reception will follow the service to celebrate Bill's life.

AFA Council 66 & American/US Airways will co-sponsor the Celebration of Bill McGlashen which will take place on Saturday, August 23, 6:30 - 7:30 PM at Tempe Town Lake. A light reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that, in honor of Bill's wishes, donations be made to help Flight Attendants in need. Donations should be made to [The Pegasus Project](#).



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