

NEWSLETTER

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MEETING NOTICE

ELECTION NOMINATIONS/ISSUES

IMPORTANT MTG - 04/02/18, 1130.

Meeting to complete nominations and for issue discussion. Lunch will be served.

GOVT SHUTDOWN

INCONSISTENT FAA DIRECTIONS

The Union has little advance information on FAA shutdown procedures. We have notified the Agency of the need to negotiate better preparations even if such preparations are limited by the nature of a shutdown. Stay tuned!

It is incumbent upon every chain of command starting with 1st line managers, to keep employees informed of all duty and communication expectations before, during and after shutdowns. AFGE will push for Agency compliance on this.

Employees are encouraged to bring shutdown concerns to AFGE.

Action Needed: The Current Govt budget authorization is only effective through 02/08/2018. Call your Congressperson & Senators to urge a budget prior to CR expiration.

As A Reminder - We have improved our Social Media presence. Please follow, like, and promote our messages.

Web – General Info, Organization, Links
<http://afgelocal200.org/>

Facebook – Posts, Pictures, Interaction
<https://www.facebook.com/AfgeLocal200/>

Twitter – tweets of general interest.
<https://twitter.com/AFGELocal200>

Whenever possible, we strive to reach all dues paying members thru **private email addresses** for important matters.

FAA PRIVATIZATION

**DECISION DEADLINE STILL 03/2018
COMPLACENCY IS RISKY**

Amid the government shutdown noise, we must remember that the FAA is only authorized to operate through March.

Our efforts to combat Privatization:
Our last Newsletter Highlighted AFGE Legislative Outreach and Publications. Those activities are still active! **BUT:**

[Link: Lobbying \\$\\$\\$s in favor are up 30%](#)

The Union & our employees must follow daily FAA reauthorization updates.

It's easy! Just GOOGLE: "FAA Privatization" under the "NEWS" tab. You'll find PRO/CON stories like:

- [NBAA Chief: ATC Privatization Battle Far from Over](#)
- [Your Turn: 14,417 flight delays in Arizona prove the FAA is broken](#)
- [Your Turn: We need private air traffic control like a hole in the head](#)
- [US air traffic control should not be privatized](#)

We need help! If you haven't, please:

- Volunteer for research and outreach
- Call Congress and Senate Reps
- Urge family and friends to do so

** VETERAN INFO **

2017 NJ INCOME TAX EXEMPTION

Veterans have a \$3,000 exemption on NJ Income Tax. If you were honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from Armed Forces active duty on or before the last day of the tax year, follow the instructions at:
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/military/vetexemption.shtml>

p.s. AFGE Union Dues are tax deductible (if you meet the threshold)

CORE COMP UPDATE

2018 PAY BAND MAXIMUMS ROSE

On the FAA Employee home page at: <https://my.faa.gov/> this screen shot shows how employees can find Pay Band Min/Max. Below the "Calculator" are links to full Pay Table information.

Info Center

Calendar

Pay Calculator

Are you on the Core Compensation (FV) Plan?

You can look up the salary range for your pay band and locality.

Salary:

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Locality:

Philadelphia, PA

Salary Range

Minimum: \$95,339

Maximum: \$147,802

[Complete FV Pay Tables \(MS Excel\)](#)
[Pay Tables for All Pay Plans](#)

We advise that all employees review their SF-50 for the January pay increase and other pay information including our Contract Article 50 (sections 4/5/7/8). AFGE can provide pay clarity as needed.

CONTRACT HIGHLIGHT

**ARTICLE 55: HAZARDOUS
GEOLOGICAL/ WEATHER
CONDITIONS**

FAA communications on the recent WJHTC closure were inconsistent. We **highly recommend** employees review this article & seek clarification as needed.

AFGE is pushing for timely, consistent WJHTC operating status and other improvements as a minimum.

President – Gary Baca

Chief Shop Steward – Mike Torrence

Steward – Consuela Green-McCutcheon

Steward - William Pomaes

Steward – Dave Madara

Steward - Joe Iovanisci

AFGE Local 200 Union officers are:

Treasurer – Lori Connell / Secretary – Daphne Atwood

Steward / Womens Issues Coordinator – Kim Astillero

Steward / Fair Practices Coordinator - Tess Gilliam

Vacancies exist for Union Reps – Contact Us!

Vice President – Mike Torrence

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