

NEWSLETTER

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MEETING NOTICE

January Meeting Expected

♥ Leave Donor Program ♥

Sheila Mathis, Computer Specialist, AJM-2550, has been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Many of you have donated relieving the stress of facing LWOP.

Please consider further donations of either Sick or Annual leave or ask coworkers to help. Donations are very much appreciated!

Employees interested in donating leave may submit their donations through the Online VLTP Intranet site located at:

<https://ahrweb.faa.gov/ovltp/>

In order to donate, you click on the "Online Leave Donor Application"

NOTE: Donors must use an FAA computer with Intranet access to donate leave through this process! The donation process is not available through the Internet.

Federal Employee Pay Raise / Shutdown

12-12-18 – NO NEW NEWS !!!

<https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/no-decisions-yet-on-raise-day-off-shutdown-threat-increases/>

AFGE can provide pay clarity as needed.

AFGE Local 200 on the Web:

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>

If provided, we reach out to dues paying members thru **private email** for updates.

New FAA Emergency Notification System (ENS)

You may have noticed non-receipt of the old emergency and/or facility status text messages.

The FAA has adopted a new system. For employees to receive messages on personal devices, they must install the APP. Instructions are being emailed with this newsletter.

Employees should know:

- This is voluntary
- No personal info will be at risk
- No tracking of employees will occur

VETERAN BENEFIT CHANGES

Educational Benefit Transfer to Children

Transferring Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits to your dependents? Are you still in the National Guard or Reserves & plan on transferring your benefits? **Big changes** to the Post 9/11 GI Bill were signed into law August 17, 2017 that have big effects on the benefits and when/if you can now transfer those benefits to your dependents. Most are positive changes, but there is a huge negative change: If you are still in the military, beginning 7/20/2019 if you have more than 16 years time in service, you will no longer be able to transfer benefits to your dependents! Please check out his Fact Sheet for all of the details:

https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/factsheets/Transferability_Factsheet.pdf?_ga=2.144228405.1225932435.1542303026-2130219915.1542303026

Veterans Coordinator **Joe Iovanisci** has clarification as needed

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Remember to contact any Union officer with your concerns on your classification.

WORKMAN'S COMP & INCIDENT REPORTING

Employees Compensation Operation and Management Portal (ECOMP)

This is the system that all modes of the Department of Transportation (DOT) have been using for filing workers' compensation claims. The FAA started using ECOMP two years ago for the filing of workers' compensation claims (CA-1, CA-2 and CA-7.) Since ECOMP has the additional capability for employees to file the OSHA 301 forms for injury and illness incident reporting, the DOT is mandating that the FAA transition to this new system by the new OSHA reporting year, **starting on January 1, 2019** (see attachment). The change will require employees to submit the form, OSHA 301, Injury and Illness Incident Report, via ECOMP.

ECOMP Home Page:

<https://www.ecomp.dol.gov/>

NOTES:

- We are emailing a memorandum Local 200 received with overall policy and process info with this newsletter.
- Employees are sometimes hampered by no access to the system or other limitations in applying for Workman's' Comp. **The Union can help!**

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Contact any Union officer to review your Employee/Representation Rights.



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Steward – Dave Madara

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