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# Hawaiian Airlines

FLIGHT ATTENDANT LEC 43 COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## A Message From Your LEC Officers

Dear Fellow Flight Attendants:

From time to time, we dedicate an entire newsletter to a specific topic because we feel that it is important to emphasize issues that affect you. In the past, we featured an all-EAP newsletter. This month, we'd like to focus on Air Safety, Health and Security (ASHS).

Both the MEC and LEC ASHS Teams have been integral in helping us learn more about what we do and how to do things better. This newsletter is the product of their work.

As Safety Professionals, it is important that we take care of not only our passengers, but also ourselves and one another. By being alert, paying attention to detail, and communicating with our fellow crewmembers and the cockpit, we help to

ensure a safe flight for everybody.

Please continue to be observant and communicative whether it be on or off the aircraft. Security incidents can happen anywhere: the hotel, on a layover, at the airport, in the jetway and even as the aircraft is parked on the ground.

Despite the incidents that have occurred in the past year, it is particularly noteworthy that the crew always takes care of one another. You have been great at helping and supporting each other and it is truly a Hawaiian trait as you epitomize the AFA motto, "Better Together, Stronger Together."

Thank You,  
Jaci-Ann and Kahea

## Important Upcoming Dates

### May 2

Council 43 Pre-Board of Directors Meeting

- This is a combined meeting with UAL Council 14 and HAL Council 43
- HNL Inter-Island Conference Room IIT #2, from 1130 - 1330

### May 8

Mother's Day (Second Sunday)

### May 9 - 13

NGP, AFA Supplemental Visit

- This is an additional visit!

### May 23 - 25

44th Annual AFA Board of Directors Meeting

### May 30

Memorial Day

## RED/WHITE SLIPS

Management has launched their new red slip replacement this past February. As a reminder, you are afforded the opportunity to have AFA representation or a company employee as a witness to any meeting or discussion that could lead to discipline.

Although this new program replaces the red slip process, your representation will not change. We encourage you to follow the instructions in the e-mail or on the white slip/paper that you receive. Please ensure that you contact your manager within the allotted time.

Also, if you choose to have an AFA representative accompany you in a meeting, please contact us so we can meet with you and your manager. We are here to support you so please do not hesitate to call on us.

## WBAT FORMS

Just about 3 years ago, the company introduced the WBAT electronic reporting system that will eventually replace the pink/white In-Flight Incident Reports. Through the years, the company has tweaked the forms to help you in reporting anything outside of the ordinary.

We would like to ask that you use these electronic forms as they can be a more efficient and immediate means when communicating with the company. Once

you fill out the pertinent fields and send the form, various departments receive the information. They then begin to work amongst each other using the information as a learning tool on how to improve processes and policies within the company especially when it comes to safety.

More recently, you can choose to include the AFA so we are informed about your incident and can follow-up with you and the company. There are also impactful results

from these reports. One update is that the company will provide EEMK cards in different languages to assist when there are medical emergencies. This is the result of you reporting difficulty when using the kit to/from foreign destinations.

You can find the electronic form on the ifs website. The halafa app also has a hyperlink to make it easier for you to locate the WBAT form in wi-fi areas.

## TSA CREWMEMBER SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING



Our very first training session with: Glenn Fujiki (UAL), Jaci-Ann Chung, MEC ASHS Vice Chair Elfi Stoddard, TSA Program Manager Scott Armstrong, Governor David Ige, Diana Huihui, Cherish Kama, MEC ASHS Chair Kerri Chow, Edie Bouc, MEC EAP Chair Kawehi Apo, Noori Lee and Min Jeong Nappi.

We just completed our first TSA training where FAM and FFDO instructors came to HNL for all carriers based here. The training was a 4-hour hands-on training where we learned practical and tactical defense moves that could be used both on and off the airplane.

Although the training was during Spring Break, we were pleased with the passionate and motivated attendees who got a good workout striking pads and the Body Opponent Bags (BOBs).

Our first session was next to Governor Ige's meeting so he was able to overhear and observe what our training entailed.

Thank you to those of you who expressed interest and also participated in this special session. If you are interested in this training, the TSA has field offices in LAX, LAS, SFO and other major cities where you can attend the sessions as often as you like, free of charge!

## FUMES IN THE CABIN

One of our responsibilities on the aircraft is to be aware of our surroundings. A part of this is to monitor air quality and the presence of unusual fumes. Smells or odors that are out of the ordinary may be seemingly innocuous such as nail polish or it could be much more serious such as a fire. It is always important to communicate anything that may be unusual especially if you are unable to identify the source. Communication with your crew, FFA and the flight deck are crucial as you observe and monitor the situation.

There have been recent incidents reported of unusual fumes in the cabin. At times these odors can be the result of engine burn-off but since there is never one simple answer take note of when you notice these occurrences, where in the cabin it may be stronger and what it may smell like. Be aware of how you feel physically and your mental acuties. Should you have symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, nausea or other ailments ensure you document and report the incident using WBAT. Documentation will benefit you especially if you experience symptoms that qualify for an occupational injury (OCC).

We have posted additional information about fumes in the cabin on our halafa website ASHS page. If you think that you have been exposed to fumes that may have affected you, please refer to the information and also see a doctor.

## PEK AIR QUALITY

The air quality in Beijing can vary depending on their burning and use of coal as well as other industrial pollutants. In order to help protect you, management has offered to supply crews with face masks.

Both the U.S. Embassy and Greenpeace recommend a minimum N-95 face mask to reduce the particulate matter that you inhale. Although they come in a variety of styles, you should opt for a mask that creates a seal completely around your nose,

cheeks and chin. It is important to know that not all masks have a "universal fit," so you may want to consider investing in your own mask especially if you travel frequently to PEK.

Any face mask takes some time to get used to especially since it may get hot when wearing it. If you find that this is the case, please do not get deterred. The mask may also be used multiple times and should be discarded once it appears dirty and/or

becomes more difficult to breathe.

Some FAs use an Air Quality Index (AQI) app to monitor the day's pollution. This can be a useful tool especially when the AQI value is above 100 that is considered to be unhealthy.

We will post additional information on the website so please check it periodically by going to Local Councils -> Council 43 -> Teams -> ASHS.