

# TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO.19

Airline, Aerospace and Allied Employees – Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas

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## Presidents Message MAY 2024

Dear Brother and Sister Members:

As we confront extreme weather challenges in the Houston and Dallas areas of Texas, as well as in Louisiana, it's crucial for our members to keep accurate records. This includes documenting insurance claims, taking photos, and gathering any necessary supporting documents for property damage claims. Should you require assistance meeting these criteria, Local 19 stands ready to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at (713) 672-8155 for support.

### SP Plus

On May 17, 2024, Metropolis Technologies, Inc. successfully concluded its acquisition of SP Plus Corporation. The SP Plus name will continue in use until further notice. Currently, Business Agent Frank Rico is collaborating with the committee in anticipation of upcoming negotiations scheduled for some time in June and July 2024.

### Fort Johnson

Despite reaching a tentative agreement on Thursday, May 9, 2024, between Valiant and the Union, the agreement was ultimately rejected by members on Friday, May 17, 2024. Business Agent Frank Rico is also working on future dates to get back to the table and address the needs of our members to ratify a successful contract. Furthermore, we are gearing up for contract negotiations with Amentum and Dystech.

### Southwest Flight Simulator Technicians

I would like to express my gratitude to Arnold, Villarreal, and the committee for their relentless dedication during contract negotiations with Southwest. As we navigate the collective bargaining process to resolve ongoing disputes, I am optimistic that we will soon reach a tentative agreement.

### Good of the Order

In this challenging time, let's keep Brother Rome Malone, who has suffered a loss in the family, Brother Gary Freitas, who is ill, Brother Doug Ratermann, facing ongoing medical issues, Brother Todd Peace, currently recovering from surgery, and Brother Jerry Davis, mourning a family loss, in our thoughts and prayers. Additionally, let's remember Retired Brother Rafael Villapondo (Raffy) who has passed away, and all those affected by the severe weather in Texas and Louisiana.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jesse M. Ruiz".

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