



June 29, 2023



Hello, SWAPAfamilies! During this busy summer season, I want to thank you for your continued support of our Pilots every day out on the line. Without each of your sacrifices, our Pilots wouldn't be able to support our guests or SWA. And SWAPA is here to support its Pilots and you, their loved ones. We're still working hard negotiating for our next contract and for the future of our Pilots and their families, but first we must stop and take a moment to remember two SWA Pilots we recently lost.

A few weeks ago, we learned of the loss of retired Captain Jeff Hefner in an aircraft accident in Virginia. Jeff was a SWAPA committee and board member, a staunch Pilot advocate, and a friend. Our prayers are with Jeff's family and friends during this difficult time.

Just days later, Captain Richard Jenkins, another former SWAPA committee member and MDW Assistant Chief, passed away suddenly. Richard was serving on the Company's negotiating team during SWAPA's mediated sessions that week and without question, the remainder of negotiations were canceled for the week. Richard also leaves behind a wife and family, and our thoughts are with them as they cope with this horrible loss.

There is a time for business and a time for grieving. As such, SWAPA's Board of Directors decided to cancel the 24-hour picket in Dallas that was previously scheduled for June 15 to enable our coworkers, friends, and families time to grieve and process these losses.

SWAPA has always maintained that we will make strategic decisions to drive our negotiations to a successful conclusion using all means at our disposal. Our goal to increase negotiating sessions, the purpose of our 24-hour picket, was satisfied by the mediators. Our dedicated Pilots who planned the trip to Dallas to do what has never been done before make me infinitely proud. All of us at SWAPA are grateful that they are the front line in defending our profession.

Rest assured, plans for future events to secure Contract 2020 will continue later this summer, with details to be announced soon. While our fellow Pilots' families and friends are grieving their loss, we need to keep them front of mind.

Please remember to stay engaged, join us at a SWAPAFamily Unity Celebration event around

our system, listen to the [SWAPA Number Podcasts](#), and follow SWAPA's social media channels. All are informative resources to help keep you and your family connected and in the know. Thank you again for all that you do.

Captain Casey Murray
SWAPA President

SWAPAFamily Unity Celebration Salt Lake City

The next SWAPAFamily event takes place on **July 13 in Salt Lake City** and is sure to be a fun night for the whole family! Come by for some free food and beverages, non-stop entertainment for the kids, and as always, SWAPA execs and key committee members will be on hand to provide the latest update on negotiations and to answer your questions. These events are a great way to see old connections and make new ones. Even if your Pilot is out flying, please join us — everyone is invited. We will be there to welcome you and your family at the front door!

[Register Here](#)



THURSDAY JULY 13 | 2023

SALT LAKE CITY
SWAPAFamily Unity Celebration

DAVE & BUSTER'S SALT LAKE CITY

FOOD & DRINKS SWAG & PRIZES ACTIVITIES + FUN FOR EVERYONE

The poster features a red background with a white airplane silhouette in the center. Above the airplane, the word "EVERYONE" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below the airplane, the words "INDIVIDUALLY TOGETHER" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. To the right of the airplane, the event details are listed in white and red text.

SWAPAFamily San Diego Recap

We had a great time last week hosting Pilots and family members for the June 22 SWAPAFamily Celebration in San Diego! [See a few pictures of the evening here.](#)





SWAPA Pilots Ready to Strike

With the results of the Strike Authorization Vote in the past and Pilots preparing for the next steps, SWAPA recently created this [Ready to Strike page](#) on the external home page of swapa.org for our passengers, our families, and anyone else who wants to know the reasons for the SAV and potential future work stoppages.

Read about what is needed to release the parties from mediation prior to a strike, why Southwest Pilots are unhappy, and what it all means for our families, our profession, and our customers.



SWAPA Number: 8/31

The latest SWAPA Number podcast is titled 8/31, representing the date of the upcoming nationwide Informational Picket. On this episode, President Casey Murray and Strike Committee Chair John Murphy discuss the 8/31 picket and additional events, as well as SWAPA's strategic plans moving forward.

Listen through any of the links below or search for the SWAPA Number from wherever you get your podcasts!

- [Listen on Apple podcasts here.](#)
- [Listen on Spotify here.](#)
- [Listen on iHeart Radio here.](#)

SWAPAFamily welcomes all of our new families! Join our [SWAPAFamily Facebook group here](#), where you can stay updated with need-to-know information and connect with families in your area. Click the links below to access SWAPA's official social media accounts:

- [Twitter](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)



2023 SWAPAFamily Events

SLC
July 13



ATL
August 24



MCO
Sept 28



PHX
Nov 9

Save the dates and visit swapa.org for more information.
We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

SWAPA Numbers

SWAPA Main Line:
800-969-7972

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855-737-5438

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301-535-9871

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