



DP3 Joining the NRLN at FLY-IN to Washington September 15-17, 2009

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Our Mission Statement

To work to preserve the earned pensions, health insurance and other benefits paid by Delta Air Lines to retired Delta pilots, their dependents and survivors.

Dear Roger,

We invite you to join your DP3 Trustees in Washington, D.C. on September 15-17 for a fly-in meeting with key congressional leaders and staff members regarding bankruptcy reform and PBGC proposed reforms. The [NRLN](#) will be assisting us with briefings to effectively lobby members of congress to prevent the loss of pension benefits during bankruptcy and improve the way the PBGC calculates our benefits. Note that the NRLN will provide \$50 if you attend the briefing on the 15th or 16th and dinner for the member and spouse on September 15th.

We will be joined by many members from all areas of the NRLN in a concentrated effort to get proposed legislation introduced by this congress. After the briefing by the NRLN we will be going to key congressional offices to talk to representatives. Many members of congress are much more receptive to their own constituents so you should also request to meet with your representative.

You do not have to be an expert on pension reform or PBGC procedures to attend. We will assist you in your efforts and will be attending many of the meetings with you. If you can attend please contact us through the website or at contactus@dp3.org, a trustee will respond and provide you with all the necessary information. We may be able to assist you in securing rooms at a better rate. Priceline seems to be booking rooms in the \$80-90 range. We look forward to you joining us in this effort to restore our earned benefits.

If you cannot attend the fly-in please review the information below and contact your representative during the August recess and voice your concerns. We will provide you with information about our PBGC initiatives.

Following is detailed information from the NRLN:

To: NRLN Washington, DC Meeting Attendees

From: NRLN President Bill Kadereit

Subject: NRLN Washington, DC Meeting Preliminary Agenda

It is time for you to begin making concrete plans for your trip to the NRLN meeting in Washington, DC to lobby one or more of your elected representatives on issues important to retirees. Below is a preliminary agenda for our activities in our nation's capital.

Please note that you are being asked to contact your U.S. Representative and Senators as soon as possible to request a meeting with him or her on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, Sept. 16th. If you are going to stay over into Thursday, Sept. 17th you may also request meetings on that date. When you have scheduled the date and time for your meeting that will usually last 15 to 30 minutes, please send an email to nrlnmessage@msn.com to provide the specifics on who you will meet with and date and time. As a constituent, it is more effective if you schedule the meeting. If you encounter difficulty in scheduling a meeting on Capitol Hill, let us know and we will help with the arrangements.

The deadline to make your hotel reservations is August 15. Many airlines have special low rates if you book now on-line. Hotels where the NRLN has booked a block of rooms at a discount rate are listed below. You'll need to make your flight and hotel reservations with your personal credit card. To assist you with your travel expenses, the NRLN will provide \$50 to each person who attends the September 15th or September 16th briefing sessions. The NRLN will also provide dinner on September 15th. You may want to discuss with your Retiree Association whether it will assist you with travel expenses. As soon as you have firmed up your travel plans, let us know when you will arrive and depart and which hotel you have chosen. Send the information to nrlnmessage@msn.com.

There is still time for you to persuade other members of your Retiree Association to join you in Washington.

I will continue to provide you with updates as we get closer to the meeting date. I'm looking forward to seeing you in mid-September in Washington.

Bill Kadereit, President
National Retiree Legislative Network

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

NRLN Washington, DC Fly-In/Drive-In, Sept. 15 -17, 2009

PREPARATION FOR YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON:

Do you know your Congressional delegation? If not, go to www.NRLN.org and enter your zip code in the "Write to Congress" box to find out who are your Senators and Representatives. Click on the "info" option under your Senators and Representative. To get information on how to contact them, click on the "Contact" tab. Go to their websites and learn about them and their local state office locations. Now that you know--or if you already know--who your members of Congress are:

1. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: Call the local/state office of your Representative and Senators for an appointment to meet the staff. Or request to meet your member of Congress if they will be "home" during the August recess.

§ If you do not want to make a face-to-face appointment, you can consider just dropping by the office and leaving NRLN information. (See the Grassroots brochure in

the attachment).

§ Review the NRLN Grassroots brochure to become familiar with the NRLN legislative agenda. Print and take the NRLN brochure with you to the local offices to introduce the NRLN and explain your Grassroots role as a retiree.

2. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: Explain that you are attending the NRLN September 15-17 fly-in to Washington DC. Ask the local office staff to assist you with an appointment to meet with your members of Congress in Washington on the morning or afternoon of September 16-or the morning of September 17 if you can stay over. Send an email to Ed Beltram, NRLN VP Communications at nrlnmessage@msn.com telling him the date and time of your appointments. If you encounter difficulty scheduling an appointment for a meeting in Washington, inform Ed and he will ask Marta Bascom, NRLN Executive Director in Washington, to contact you to provide assistance in arranging a meeting.

Travel to Washington DC to arrive by Tuesday, Sept. 15th before 2:00 PM.

Room reservations are available at: (Reservation deadline for NRLN discount rate is Aug. 15th)

Comfort Inn Convention Center / Downtown - \$149 + Tax - Website:

www.comfortinn.com

1201 13th Street, NW - Washington, DC 20005 - Phone: 202-682-5300 or

Holiday Inn Central / White House - \$179 + Tax - Website: www.holidayinn.com

1501 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20005-5504 - Phone: 202-483-2000

Those who wish to arrive on 9/12, 9/13 or 9/14 for personal reasons may book at either hotel under the group rate following these instructions: Those staying at the **Comfort Inn** may book early dates by simply requesting them at the NRLN group rate at the time you book for 9/15, 9/16. Those staying at the **Holiday Inn** should first book 9/15, 9/16 by calling hotel reservations. If you want to add 9/12, 9/13 or 9/14, you must call the sales agent, April Daniels, on her direct line 202-349-3027. Call early because these days are on a space available basis only!

Tuesday, Sept. 15th

2:00 PM Meet at the Holiday Inn for orientation and resource materials

2:30 PM Bill Kadereit: Opening Remarks; Introductions of NRLN leaders

3:00 PM Marta Bascom/Michael Calabrese: Updates: ___ Health Care Reform, ___ Pension Asset Protection, ___ Bankruptcy Reform, ___ PBGC rules; Prioritizing talking points based on Current bills pending

4:00 PM Joe Dombrowski/Kitty Kennedy: Workshop on meeting with members of Congress; Handout resource packages & folders

5:00 PM Guest speaker

6:00 PM NRLN Hosted Dinner (all participants/spouses) (Location to be announced)

Wednesday, September 16th

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Meetings with Representative and Senators--pre-arranged

meeting times required; Scheduling assistance can be provided. Return home or stay over for more meetings on The Hill--Per your schedule
1:00 PM - For those arriving on Wednesday--Meet at the Comfort Inn breakfast area for orientation and resource materials

Thursday, September 17th

Meetings on The Hill --Optional for those who schedule meetings with their members of Congress.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Will Buergey
Chairman, DP3

Wendell Lewis
Vice Chairman, DP3