

Press Release: AMFA and Southwest Airlines Reach Tentative Agreement for Aircraft Maintenance Technicians

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AMFA AND SOUTHWEST AIRLINES REACH TENTATIVE AGREEMENT FOR AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS

CENTENNIAL, CO – June 27, 2018 – After almost six years of negotiations, the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA) and Southwest Airlines (SWA) announced a tentative agreement (TA) on a proposed contract for the airline’s Aircraft Maintenance Technicians.

The TA includes retention of all existing Scope language, intermediate and heavy aircraft maintenance checks, and ETOPS for the 48 contiguous states. Additionally, it includes a 14.8% snap up in wages, a ratification bonus of \$91M in retroactive compensation, and 3% increase in wages each year of the contract. If ratified, the amendable date of the Agreement would be April 1, 2023, and includes a 12-month early opener for our members.

“I extend my admiration and respect for the patience and professionalism of our members during this extensive negotiation process. Our Negotiating Committee worked undauntedly to achieve this TA with Southwest Airlines,” said Bret Oestreich, AMFA National Director. “Many feel they are entitled to a better compensation package, but the Company has made it abundantly clear they were not willing to move any further. Therefore, it is time for the members to vote to collectively voice their opinion on the contents of this TA.”

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