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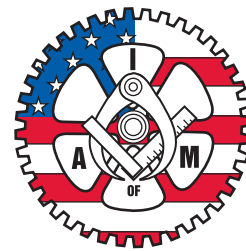


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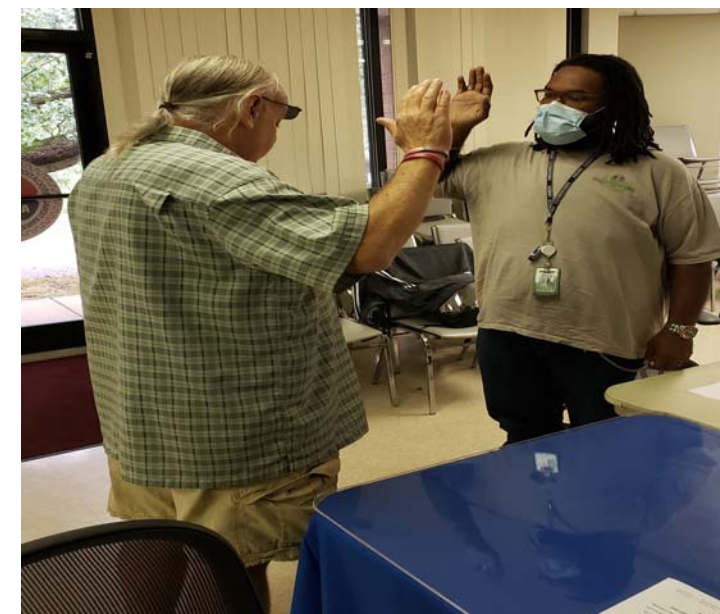
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**NEW OFFICERS AT THE TOP!**



President Joseph Behan swearing in newly elected Vice President Louis Gilmore during the recent Executive Board Meeting.

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**Union Meetings**

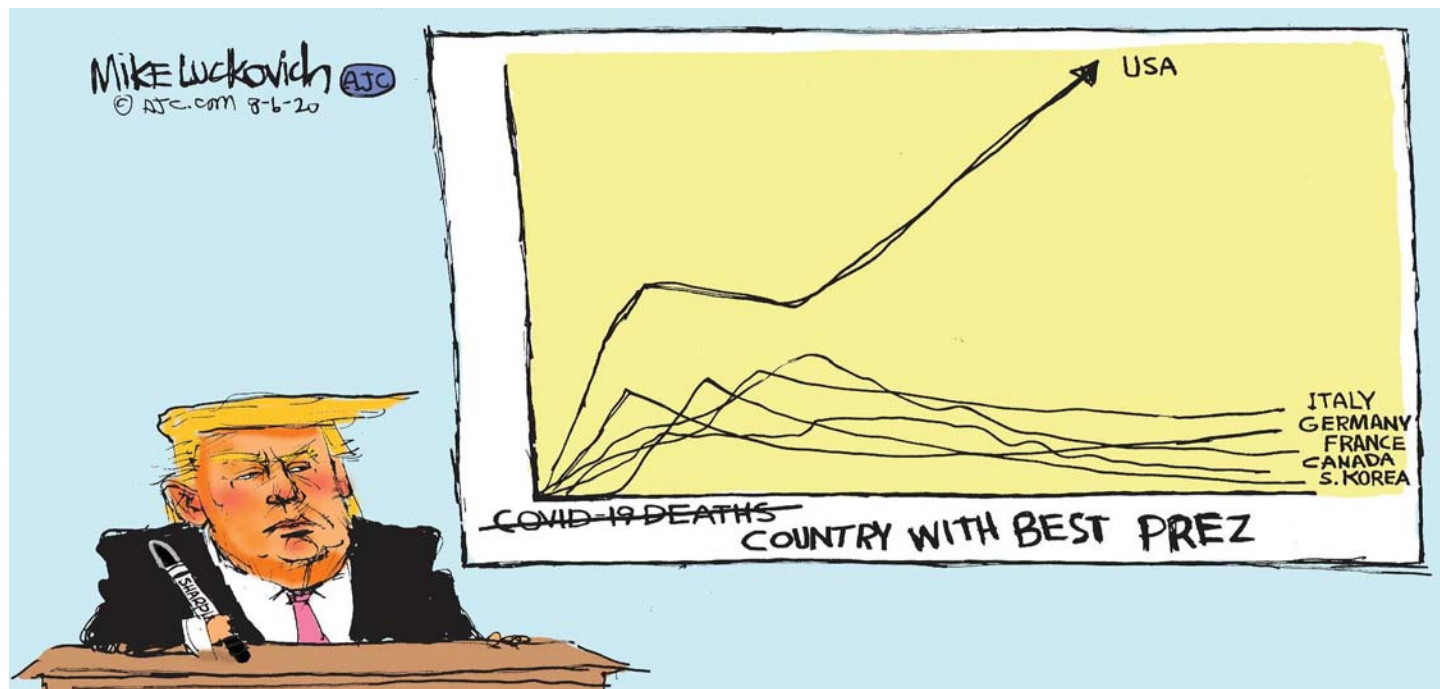
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Thursday: December 10th, 2020 @ 4:00 PM  
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3727 Rose Lake Drive Suite 103  
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This year has been quite a roller coaster ride with the pandemic creating havoc on everyone's lives. Creating new leadership at the top two positions in our local.

Taking over this past summer as President is Joseph Behan, Retired American Airlines Mechanic. Newly elected Vice President, Louis Gilmore, American Airlines Fleet Service Agent.

These gentlemen have great passion for this union and its membership representing American Airlines, PSA, Southwest Airlines and Alaska Airlines.

Our members work in Charlotte - NC, Norfolk - VA, Greenville-Spartanburg - SC, Charleston - SC, Savannah - GA, Pensacola - FL



# PENSION FUND INFORMATION

## IAM NATIONAL PENSION FUND

1-800-424-9608 ext. 222

Website: [www.iamnpf.org](http://www.iamnpf.org)

## PBGC

1-800-400-7242

Plan sponsor: US Airways

Case number: 20357000 (Machinists)

Plan termination date: 1-10-2005

## AMERICAN AIRLINES BENEFITS

1-888-860-6178

EMAIL: <http://myaa.com>

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## DO YOU WANT TO "STOP MAILINGS"?

**Our computer system has been updated and now members may request they not get any more mailings (IAM Journal, Victory Newsletter, non contractual information). This new procedure is intended to reduce mailings not pertinent to your contract.**

**If you would like to request this please send an email to [manager@vl1725.org](mailto:manager@vl1725.org) with your name and address. This is needed as we have several 'like' names among our more than 8,000 active and inactive members.**

### Editorial Policy Of Victory News

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Members of Local Lodge 1725 are invited to contribute letters, articles, photographs, or cartoons to Victory News. All materials must be signed.

Submitted materials will not be returned unless specifically requested.

Views expressed herein are strictly those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor or the officers of the Lodge: nor should they be construed as bargaining policy of the organization. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject any materials.

**The deadline for submissions for the next issue of Victory News is November 18th 2020**

## DUES RATES

For those who have taken the **Paid Vol Leaves** (3,6,9, or 12 mos), you are responsible for your full dues while receiving partial pay, accruing seniority, vacation, and benefits.

**Vol Early Out on Payroll** will pay dues for the 12 mos while out, then either apply for a retirement card (age restriction) or withdrawal card. If you take the **Vol Early Out with Lump Sum** you will complete a retirement card or withdrawal card at time of separation.

If you are out on **Medical** and are **off payroll** your dues are **reduced to \$2 a month and needs to be paid directly to the local. Any questions please** contact the local for assistance at **704-357-0027 or email [manager@vl1725.org](mailto:manager@vl1725.org).**

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Biden's promise to penalize companies that outsource jobs is a well-received one, but MaryBe McMillan, president of the North Carolina AFL-CIO, said in a recent interview that following through on such an idea is essential.

"I think it's critical that that promise is kept," she said, "especially now when we see record unemployment during this pandemic."

She continued: "I think that top-of-mind during this election season is jobs and the economy, and I think that people want to cast a vote for a candidate who has a plan to create those jobs, has a plan to take control of this pandemic and protect worker safety during this public health crisis."

Folks are looking at their paycheck and their futures. Who's going to promise to raise wages and ensure that the next generation has a better standard of living than this one?"

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought attention to a lot of things that might never have seen the light of day.

For example, while more than 50 million people have filed for unemployment nationally, the stock market continues to reach massive highs, suggesting that the economy is not directly linked to the strength of that sector.

Additionally, it brought attention to the need for American-made products, which will once again be a big topic during election season, according to Russo.

"People didn't realize how important things that are made in America are until the pandemic started," Russo said. "Until we needed face shields and face masks, and gloves and gowns that were made in China, nobody really cared until it was a pandemic and we were afraid the whole United States was going to end up with COVID-19."

But more than anything, Russo wants to see the residents of his community and county be healthy and succeed. "I love working for and serving the community. I love working and serving for people," he said.

"I'm trying to do a good job and look out for what's best for people — that's what it's all about. If you're not in it for the people, then I don't think you should get involved in politics."

He believes Biden feels the same way. "Biden and Harris will fight for working families," he said. "They believe they should make a decent wage, at least \$15 an hour, and that will help Cabarrus County because there's a lot of people making \$8, \$9 an hour and the other side doesn't really care about that."

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## SICK AND DISABLED

### AUGUST

### ILLNESSES

Randal Jarvis  
Blanche Laws  
Donna Hendershot

### SEPTEMBER

### CONDOLENCES

Curtis Miller and Family for the passing of his Mother  
Curtis Miller and Family for the passing of his Brother  
To the Family of James "Chris" Hendershot

# RUSSO NOT AFRAID TO STAY IN POLITICS WHILE IN

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HARRISBURG — Councilman Rick Russo wants to work for and serve his community. That is why he is hopeful more jobs will come to his town as well as this nation in the coming years.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Russo has worked as a local labor advocate for years and is optimistic that a government under Joe Biden would bring jobs back to the American people after so many have been outsourced over the last several decades.

Former Vice President Biden sent out a news release last week focusing on his plans for eliminating the outsourcing of jobs as part of his "Build Back Better" plan.

Russo sounded encouraged by Biden's plan in a phone interview last week.

"It would give everybody some stability," he said.

He continued: "Joe Biden is a Made-In-America guy, and so many things are made overseas that I would think he would really take the approach to bring jobs back home."

Biden is also a Pennsylvania native and has repeatedly spoken about the importance of helping American workers during his campaign.

As part of his "Build Back Better" plan, if Biden is elected president, he says he will sign a series of executive actions on Day 1 of his term that will Russo sees this idea as a good one.

"It would reward companies who want to revitalize closed factories, re-tool existing ones and ensure that we are supporting jobs that we already have," he said.

President Donald Trump ran in the 2016 election on the importance of bringing jobs back to the American economy, but during the first year of his term, about 93,000 jobs were outsourced again.

This isn't an issue Biden is immune to, though.

While running for president in 2008, Barack Obama called the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) "devastating" and "a big mistake." He and Biden said repeatedly they wanted to renegotiate the deal, but never did.

Trump has claimed millions of jobs were outsourced due to NAFTA. More conservative experts place the job losses closer to the hundreds of thousands, but either way, it was a damaging agreement for American workers that was never renegotiated.

Additionally, the Obama administration was key in agreeing to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) which carried with it some outsourcing issues as well.

According to TPP's critics, an estimated 448,000 American jobs would be lost due to outsourcing if that agreement were to have been put into place. It was all but scuttled in the first year of Trump's term. Penalize companies for using offshoring.



Victory Lodge 1725 retiree Richard Russo - Harrisburg City Councilman

# ARE YOU RETIRING OR TAKING AN EARLY OUT?

When you retire from the airlines, the paperwork you process with the company to get your pensions and/or 401K does NOT cover your retirement from the Machinists.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers union has our own form to process. The below single form is simple to fill out. Your current address, last day paid, and signature are all that is required. I can enter your book number once I receive your application.

You can either mail or email the form to IAMAW Victory Lodge 1725, PO Box 19286, Charlotte, NC 28219 or [manager@vl1725.org](mailto:manager@vl1725.org). Please leave a phone contact so I can verify with you. If you need assistance with the form you can call me at 704-357-0027, Mon-Fri 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, excluding holidays.



## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of MACHINISTS and AEROSPACE WORKERS APPLICATION for RETIREMENT or EXEMPTION CARD

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

(Mailing) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear General Secretary-Treasurer,

I hereby make application for the following as provided for by the Constitution. (check one)

Retirement Card

Date last paid wages, vacation, sick leave, or severance pay \_\_\_\_\_

Exemption Card

I am a member who has been in continuous good standing for 30 years or more  yes  no

Date last paid wages, vacation, sick leave, or severance pay \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

For Official Use Only

Lodge Seal

Secretary Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: This application is to be retained by the Local Lodge and the Retirement or Exempt Status should be reported on the lodge's monthly Per Capita Tax Report. See reverse side for rules on eligibility.

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# Labor Voter Guide for Election Day, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vote Early, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>



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Nate Walker April Lott

### Endorsed Candidates Election 2020

#### Presidential Race

Joe Biden

#### Federal Races

US Senate Jamie Harrison

US House District 2 Adair Boroughs

US House District 7 Melissa Watson

#### Statehouse Seats

#### Senate

District 37 Kathryn Whitaker

District 42 Marlon Kimpson

District 43 Richard Hricik

District 15 Vicki Holt

District 41 Sam Skardon

District 43 Richard Hricik

District 46 Michael Nathan Campbell

#### House

District 25 Leola Robinson Simpson

District 112 Daniel Brownstein

District 114 Ed Sutton

District 123 Christine DeVries

District 117 Krystal Matthews

District 15 JA Moore

District 113 Marvin Pendarvis

District 124 Barb Nash

District 99 Jen Gibson

District 64 Kimberly O. Johnson

District 7 Andrea Robinson

District 45 Keith Grey, Sr.

District 41 Annie McDaniel

District 66 Gilda Cobb-Hunter

District 70 Wendy Brawley

District 121 Michael Rivers

District 23 Chandra Dillard

District 115 Elizabeth Wetmore

How you vote is a personal decision, but unions of working people like yours did the research, conducted interviews, and recommend these candidates. Learn more at AFLCIONC.org.

STATEWIDE		NC SENATE (CONT.)		NC HOUSE (CONT.)		NC DISTRICT COURT	
Office	Candidate	District	Candidate	District	Candidate	District	Candidate
President	Joe Biden	18	Sarah Crawford	39	Darren Jackson	26, Seat 2	Aretha Blake
US Senate	Cal Cunningham	19	Kirk DeViere	40	Joe John	6, Seat 3	Vershena Moody
Governor	Roy Cooper	20	Natalie Murdock	42	Marvin W. Lucas	18, Seat 7	Angela Foster
Attorney General	Josh Stein	22	Mike Woodard	43	Kimberly Hardy		
Auditor	Beth A. Wood	23	Valerie Foushee	44	Billy Richardson		
Lt. Governor	Yvonne Lewis Holley	24	J.D. Wooten	45	Frances Vinell Jackson		
Agriculture	Jenna Wadsworth	27	Michael Garrett	47	Charles Graham		
Insurance	Wayne Goodwin	28	Gladys Robinson	48	Garland Pierce		
Labor	Jessica Holmes	31	Terri LeGrand	49	Cynthia Ball	City Council	Kim Roney
Secretary of State	Elaine Marshall	37	Jeff Jackson	50	Graig Meyer	City Council	Rich Lee
Superintendent	Jen Mangrum	38	Mujtaba A. Mohammed	51	Jason Cain	City Council	Nicole Townsend
Treasurer	Ronnie Chatterji	39	DeAndrea Salvador	52	Lowell Simon		
		40	Joyce Waddell	54	Robert Reives II		
<b>Supreme Court</b>		41	Natasha Marcus	55	Gloria Overcash	Commission Chair	Brownie Newman
Chief Justice	Cheri Beasley	47	David Wheeler	56	Verla Insko		
Assoc. Justice 2	Lucy Inman	48	Brian Caskey	57	Ashton Clemmons	Commission Dist. 02	Jasmine Beach-Ferrara
Assoc. Justice 4	Mark Davis	49	Julie Mayfield	59	Nicole Quick	Commission Dist. 03	Parker Sloan
		50	Victoria Fox	61	Mary Pricey Harrison		
				63	Ricky Hurtado		
				64	Eric Henry		
<b>Court of Appeals</b>				66	Scott Brewer	Board of Edu. Dist. 07	Bettye Jenkins
Seat 04	Tricia Shields			71	Evelyn Terry		
Seat 05	Lora Cabbage	District		74	Dan Besse	Commission Dist. 05	Carly Cooke
Seat 06	Gray Styers	1	Emily Bunch Nicholson	76	Al Heggins	Commission Dist. 08	Melvin (Skip) Alston
Seat 07	Reuben Young	2	Cindy Deporter	82	Aimy Steele		
Seat 13	Chris Brook	5	Howard J. Hunter III	83	Gail Young		
		8	Kandie D. Smith	88	Mary Belk		
		9	Brian Farkas	89	Greg Cranford	Commission At-Large	Patricia (Pat) Cotham
<b>US HOUSE</b>				98	Christy Clark		
District	Candidate			99	Nasif Majeed		
1	GK Butterfield			100	John Autry		
2	Deborah Ross	District		101	Carolyn Logan	Commission	Jonathan Barfield Jr.
4	David Price	1	Virginia Cox-Daugherty	102	Becky Carney	Commission	Leslie Cohen
6	Kathy Manning	18	Deb Butler	104	Brandon Lofton	Commission	Kyle Horton
8	Patricia Timmons-Goodson	19	Marcia Morgan	105	Wesley Harris		
9	Cynthia L. Wallace	20	Adam Ericson	106	Carla Cunningham		
11	Moe Davis	21	Raymond E. Smith, Jr.	113	Sam Edney	Commission Dist. 01	Charles Tyner
12	Alma Adams	22	Albert D. Kirby, Jr.	114	Susan Fisher		
		24	Jean Farmer-Butterfield	115	John Ager	Commission Dist. 02	Geneva Riddick-Faulkner
		27	Michael H. Wray	116	Brian Turner		
<b>NC SENATE</b>				117	Josh Remillard		
District	Candidate			<b>118</b>	<b>Alan Jones*</b>		
7	Donna Lake	30	Vernetta Alston	119	Joe Sam Queen	City Council East Ward	Annette Scippio
8	David Sink	31	Marcia Morey			Mayor	Allen Joines
9	Harper Peterson	32	Zack Hawkins				
11	Allen Wellons	33	Terry Garrison				
13	Barbara Yates-Lockamy	34	Rosa Gill				
14	Dan Blue	35	Grier Martin				
15	Jay Chaudhuri	36	Terence Everitt				
16	Wiley Nickel	37	Julie von Haefen				
17	Sam Searcy	38	Sydney Batch				
			Abe Jones				

\* = Alan Jones is a member of USW

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