



SWAPA Fast Facts

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SWAPA Mission

- The Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association (SWAPA) is a non-profit employee association representing the pilots of Southwest Airlines. Our mission is to provide a secure and rewarding career for our pilots and their families by equitably enhancing compensation and quality of life issues through contract negotiations, faithfully defending individual and collective contractual rights via administration and enforcement procedures, and actively promoting professionalism and safety through effective organizational communications.

SWAPA Boilerplate

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- Pilots are based at 10 domiciles (crew bases): Atlanta (ATL); Baltimore (BWI); Dallas Love Field (DAL); Denver International (DEN), Houston Hobby (HOU); Las Vegas (LAS); Orlando (MCO); Chicago Midway (MDW); Oakland (OAK); and Phoenix (PHX).
- Southwest pilots are among the most experienced in the industry and are considered experts on the B-737 aircraft.
- SWAPA governance includes three full-time executives (president, vice president and 2nd vice president) who lead a Board of Directors (BOD) comprised of two elected representatives from each of the 10 domiciles. Executive officers and BOD members serve two-year terms with a term limit of two consecutive terms. The board meets about every quarter at SWAPA headquarters in Dallas.



SWAPA History

- Since its founding in 1978 with 112 members, SWAPA has negotiated nine contracts with the Company.
- Under terms of the Railway Labor Act governing airline union negotiations, pilot contracts do not expire but rather become amendable on a certain date.
- SWAPA and the Company ratified their most recent contract in November of 2016.

SWAPA Services

- Collective bargaining
- Contract administration
- Grievance assistance
- Legal and disciplinary representation
- Proactive safety program
- Organizational, labor, and aviation industry communication
- Aeromedical, Special Services (Critical Incident Response Team), and Professional Standards programs