

Lonnie Darvell

Hello. My name is Lonnie Darvell and I have been asked by many people at my station in Anchorage Alaska to become the Alaska Airlines Airline Representative for AMFA 32. I hired on as a Technician in 2011 and became an Avionics Technician in 2012. In 2018 I was promoted to my current position as Lead Technician. I have worked in aviation for 33 years and I began my career in 1990 as a C-5 Galaxy Crew Chief and I traveled the world as a Flying Crew Chief proudly serving in the United States Air Force.

First and foremost, my concern is the contract negotiations currently underway. I know that the pay and retirement increases being offered by the company are completely unacceptable considering the massive inflation in recent years. I strongly encourage all of you to bring your contract concerns forward to AMFA immediately so they can be effectively re-negotiated.

I have already begun outlining a plan to better communicate information to the membership in a timely manner that will rely on a team of Shop Representatives working together in a way that will strengthen our Union, so our members know how to properly handle various scenarios with the company. It's important for members to be confident in their conduct and actions. We need to provide some Union training basics for new members.

Finally, I strongly encourage everyone to make a very intentional and purposeful effort to get along with each other. Please endeavor to cultivate friendships and earn trust. It's imperative that we come together as a Union so we can be a formidable team.

Sincerely,
Lonnie Darvell