

## American Airlines Brings Home Another Fallen Hero

May I briefly express many thanks to all of you that had the privilege last night (1-20-2011) of participating in the US flag line at Tulsa International Airport for another US fallen hero. Our hearts were collectively moved in expressing thanks, as well as expressing heart felt compassion to the family of this fallen US hero.

During the US flag procession, the family funeral limo stopped in the US flag line and members of the family exited the limo to give hugs to the many volunteers of the US flag line. I think there was hardly a dry eye to be witnessed in the entire group as many hearts were moved.

This experience again drives home the reminder to me, to express our sincere heart felt thanks to our many Veterans who served, as well as to the personnel who are currently serving this great country the USA! In addition, may I express many thanks to God for this great country!

Semper Fi... What a Great Country, The USA!  
Steve Payne Co-chair VMERG

Terry Buck, Bob Giger and Don Johnson assisted the Honor Guard with removing the casket from the plane. Our AA family did a great job honoring this true American Hero and showing his family respect. My thanks to all.

By: Curtis Lyons

Mr. Ball,

I can not post a comment on your page where you had written this article because I am not with the TWU, but a daughter of a worker. I wanted to let you know how much your article touched me about HM2 Jared White. You see, Jared was my friend, and my co-worker, and I was there at the airport the night he came home to my hometown of Tulsa. Never have I been more proud to be an American Airlines family member.

Though nobody knew Jared here, he was a hero. He had gone to Iraq 3 times, all before the age of 22. He had saved so many lives, but was always hard on himself that he had not saved more. When most kids at the age of 19 are away to college, he was earning his first purple heart. Jared served with me at the Naval Hospital in Rota Spain,

where he won the highest honor we could place on him which was Sailor of the Year. He was a man who bled red, white and blue. In fact, his nickname was J.A. Red, he was frequently teased for being "Joe Freakin Navy," and his favorite song literally was "Proud to be an American". Every single day at work Jared would burst through the door and sing the song "Green Acres". He was just 25 years old when he passed away, and on his casket was the Navy Emblem. Jared was so blessed to be buried at the foot of his beloved Navy flag at the cemetery that we laid him to rest at yesterday afternoon.

I am writing this letter to you, because I want you to know how extremely touched that in our time of grieving for our friend, your team of Patriot Guards was there. I could not believe that outside in the freezing cold, with slick streets everywhere, when we came out of the gate with him in the white hearse, there was so many people lined up with flags...just to show their support. I was so emotional from seeing my friend draped in our flag, that when I saw this kind act, I began to cry. One of the gentlemen standing watch on the flag line saw me and came over to me and wrapped me in a huge hug and just held me, all the while saying "I am so sorry for your loss, thank you so much for your service too. God bless you Ma'am." So, I am going to attach a photo of this gentleman, whom I never got the chance to thank in hopes that you could pass along my heartfelt thank you to him.

I am also going to attach a few photos of our hero Jared P. White, so you can see what we all saw every single day. Thank you again for everything that you and your team here did for us that cold, wet, sad night. God bless you, and God bless every single person who took the time (and sacrificed the warmth for a while) to be there for us, his loving family and friends. From one proud veteran to several others, please let me know if I can ever be there for you.

Very Respectfully,  
Valinda Hayes-Martinez  
daughter of Dennis K. Hayes, of Local 514

If you would like to see a few pictures about HM2 Jared White and the standing flag line on Cargo Road, visit the newly designed website [twu514.org](http://twu514.org)

# American Airlines Considers Adding Jobs at Tulsa Maintenance Center

By D.R. STEWART World Staff Writer

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American Airlines is considering an employment expansion at its Maintenance & Engineering Center at Tulsa International Airport, but its plans aren't solid and could change if fuel prices and the economy worsen, airline officials said Wednesday.

American spokeswoman Missy Latham responded to rumors circulating among Transport Workers Union mechanics that the company could add workers to meet increased passenger traffic and an improving airline sector.

"We expect to have the opportunity to recall and hire employees in our Maintenance and Engineering operation in 2011," Latham said. "Details of the locations and numbers of positions are still being finalized, and we'll share more information when it is available."

The M&E Center, which employs 7,000 people, is American's largest maintenance base.

In Fort Worth, American has 1,900 employees at its Alliance Airport maintenance base.

An American spokesman, who declined to be identified, said adding jobs in Tulsa is "a possibility, but there are a lot of variables."

"American Airlines lost \$97 million (in the fourth quarter), and fuel prices continue to rise," the spokesman said, "so three months from now it may not be a reality."

"If the economy does a double-dip or oil prices go through the roof, everything could change."

If you have family or friends that are asking about or want to apply for jobs then they need to go online to [www.aacareers.com](http://www.aacareers.com), from the website, find the "[Job Opportunities in the United States](#)" link and create a new account to fill out an application for any of the positions listed. Check the site often for new listing. Also make note of any "Job Fare" in the area, AA probably has a table or booth set up.

## TWU Short Term Disability Presentations

January 25: 6am – 2pm on base.

Admin Training Room Next to Credit Union

Presentations on the hour: 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12am, 1pm

January 26: -Off-Site Facilities –

Composite Repair Center

Wheel and Brake Center

APU Center

Times are to be determined.

January 27: 2pm – 9pm on base.

Admin Training Room Next to Credit Union

Presentations on the hour: 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm

## Membership Meeting

January 31, 2011

7:15 am, 11:45 am, 3:45 pm, 11:30 pm

You have a voice, let it be heard!

## Tulsa Oilers Vs

**Colorado** - Tue, January 25, 7:05 pm

**Missouri** – Fri, January 28, 7:35 pm

**BOK Center**