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Local 514



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Joint Shop Steward/Membership Meeting

November 21, 2011

7:15am

11:45am

3:45am

11:30 pm

You have a voice, let it be heard!

Occupy Wall Street

September 17, 2011 in Manhattan's Financial District called Liberty Square Occupy Wall Street (OWS) started a protest. The movement took on a life of its own and has spread to more than 100 U.S. cities. Occupy groups are now protesting in 1500 cities worldwide.

The movement in the U.S. points out that Wall Street, Major Banks and Multinational Corporations caused the economic crash which created the largest recession in many generations. OWS is demanding that Congress should go back to governing through the democratic process and stop being puppets that are completely controlled by the corporations. OWS is exposing the richest 1% of the population who wrote the rules that created the unfair global economy that has all but wiped out middle class workers. Occupy members say: We are the 99%, this is our country and it's time we made our government responsive to its people again.

Occupy organizations are manned by citizens of all kinds, workers, small business owners and they are diverse and represent a cross section of Americans. The organization makes its decisions and sets its direction through a majority consensus of the "peoples assembly." The assembly must solve problems through non binding collective

decision making after all sides have been heard. OWS does not censor anyone from taking part in the problem solving or decision making process but the majority sets the goals.

Until now Organized Labor was almost exclusive when it came to organizations that lobby for workers rights. With the dismantling of trade regulation and the mass exodus of manufacturing firms Labor Union membership fell from 35% to 9%. Labor's ability to swing elections weakened and so did the support from politicians. Occupy is supporting Labor unions because their cause and ours are the same. The workers in this country are fed up and standing up. Occupy's strength is growing and the elected officials who represent corporations may be put on notice that they must change or they will be changed.

Saturday Oct.15, 2011 over 500 Occupy Tulsa marched through downtown Tulsa's financial district. That was the largest Oklahoma Labor Rally in the last ten years. Most Oklahoma labor unions were also in attendance.

If you are interested in protesting or supporting Occupy in any way you can go to www.occupytulsa.com you can get updates on NYC and Wall Street occupations at the www.TWU.org site

2012 Veterans Day Parade

WOW what a great turnout!

We had a great turnout from Local 514 in support of our troops on Veterans Day. The Parade is the fourth largest Vetern's Day Parade in the country and Local 514 members were there in force. Many members, riding on and off the float, handed out candy and flags to the crowd. We also had the American Veterans' Motorcycle Club and many Local 514 members on motorcycles following behind the float to show support. Transport Workers Union Veteran's

Committee decorated the float with the theme, "Let Freedom Ring," with ringing bells and flags. Curtis Lyons and Tony Bunch, chairmans of our Local 514 Veterans Committee, did a great job for the Parade this year. Special thanks to Bobby Duck and Dan Adams, Painters, Joe Harp and Denny Howard, Carpenters at Facilities for their work on the Veteran's Day float.

Thank you to all who serve our country in the Armed forces and their families.

To All Active Military Personal At American Airlines

Returning or getting ready to leave on deployment can be a stressful task. Please do not let worrying about your benefits be a problem. We now have a contact person for all Active Military members on Leave or getting ready to go on deployment.

If you need information or help with your benefits please contact Tony Bunch, Veterans Committee and Executive Board Officer.

(918) 859-4768

He is here to help you expedite the process.

APA Update

American Airlines parent AMR Corp. Stock tumbled the most in six weeks in New York trading after trying to end a five-year stalemate with a contract proposal that offers pilots smaller pay increases than they had sought.

The Allied Pilots Association said today it was reviewing the plan as its board began a three-day meeting, and declined to comment further. Fort Worth, Texas-based American urged the union to permit members to vote on the offer, saying it was “time to close this chapter.”

The two sides are split over compensation and the extent of flying that other carriers might do for American. With AMR directors gathering tomorrow for their last scheduled session of 2011, the lack of a pilot accord to help cut costs rekindled speculation the company may seek bankruptcy protection.

“We regard the achievement of competitive pilot wage and benefit levels as key to American’s long-term survival,” William Warlick, a credit analyst at Fitch Ratings in Chicago, said in a report today. He said a contract on terms similar to American’s plan is “essential if the carrier is to move toward a sustainable operating profile in 2012 and beyond.”

Union Evaluation

Tom Hoban, an APA spokesman, said the pilots wouldn’t publicly discuss the contract offer until the union’s board and negotiators finish evaluating it. American, the third-largest U.S. airline, has said it needs lower labor expenses to compete with its biggest peers as parent AMR heads toward a fourth straight annual loss in 2011. The pilot talks began in 2006.

From United Press

Occupy National Roundup: Politicians Crack Down, Protests Keep Growing

New York –

Last night, billionaire Mayor Michael Bloomberg sent a massive police force to evict members of the public from Liberty Square – home of Occupy Wall Street for the past two months. People who were part of a dynamic civic process were beaten and pepper-sprayed, their personal property destroyed.

Supporters of this rapidly growing movement were mobilized in the middle of the night, and this morning, the OWS movement briefly re-occupied Liberty Square (a/k/a Zuccotti Park), only to be re-evicted. As the OWS went to press, protesters were gathering at a new location in downtown Manhattan.

Tulsa –

After the Tulsa City Council denied occupiers request for a permit, six protesters went to jail and four others received citations as the Occupy Tulsa movement returned to a strategy of civil disobedience Sunday night. Just under three dozen

officers moved in and formed ranks shortly after the 11:00 pm curfew. The ten protesters who had volunteered for civil disobedience sat and waited as officers approached and took them into custody one at a time. Some of the protesters went limp, forcing officers to physically carry them to a waiting van for transport to the David L. Moss Correctional Center.

When asked how she would answer critics who take the Occupy Tulsa movement to task for wasting taxpayer money, organizer Stephanie Lewis said, They’re missing the point,” according to Tulsa radio station KRMG. “If people say that, I’m like aren’t you more worried that we do not have the right to assemble? I mean, this is something that should be permitted to happen. People are kind of missing that fact because of a city’s budget. This is still just grass that they’re protecting. It is still just a park. It is people that are petitioning their government for the right to assemble.” She watched as another arrestee was led away by police. “I find that disturbing as an American. Blows my mind.”