



# The Latest Airport Information

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## New Director of Aviation at the Helm



Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad assumed his duties as the new Director of Aviation of Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport on Monday, May 24. He was previously the director of the Dayton International Airport in Ohio.

Mr. Ahmad was selected by the New Orleans Aviation Board from among six finalists for the job. A national search was conducted to fill the position. He has an extensive background in management of large, medium and small hubs as well as general aviation airports and capital improvement and programming.

Mr. Ahmad has a Masters of Civil Engineering and a Bachelors of Civil Engineering from Oklahoma State University. He also possesses Professional Engineer's (PE) licenses both in Texas and Tennessee. ←



## Frontier Airlines Returns to MSY

On May 20, new non-stop service was launched via Midwest Airlines on a 76 seat Embraer 170 aircraft. Midwest Airlines is part of Republic Holding who also operates as Frontier Airlines, Frontier Airlines dba Midwest Airlines, Republic Airlines, Republic Airlines dba Midwest Airlines, Lynx Aviation or Chautauqua Airlines dba Midwest Connect. Republic has announced that the joint branding and marketing efforts for all three airline names (Frontier, Midwest, Republic) will become one: FRONTIER. The Frontier name was selected because it showed "greater growth potential". The co-branding will be completed by 2011 with Midwest and Frontier airline systems integrated as early as this fall.

The Midwest Airlines' Kansas City announcement represents a return of air service lost to Hurricane Katrina. Kansas City is ranked 5th in cities by demand without non-stop service.

Currently, without non-stop service, 102 people per day each way travel between Kansas City and New Orleans. The daily flight to Kansas City is scheduled to depart New Orleans each morning at 11:35 a.m.

In June, Frontier Airlines will resume their daily non-stop direct to Denver. This Frontier flight also represents a return of air service lost to Hurricane Katrina. We say "Welcome Back" to everyone with Frontier. ←

### AirTran Airways Announces New Service to New Orleans

New non-stop service from New Orleans to Milwaukee will begin October 7, 2010. The AirTran Airways announcement will increase their daily non-stop destinations from New Orleans to three. ←

# Airport Construction Moving Along

The \$400 million Capital Improvement Program continues to move forward with a number of projects in the construction phase. Late last fall, a groundbreaking ceremony for the new nearly \$10 million Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Station took place. At the present, the steel structure is being erected.

Ongoing is the \$36 million phased Apron Rehabilitation which also got underway last fall. On March 11, the KickOff Ceremony for the Expansion of Concourse D was held. This project originally began in 2003. All was put on hold after Hurricane



Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Station



Katrina hit the area. This \$33 million project will produce close to 1,000 construction jobs.

Additionally, the long awaited restroom renovations and installation of new FIDS monitors are underway and the next big celebration will take place June 24. This is the scheduled date for the groundbreaking of the new Consolidated Rental Car Facility (CONRAC). Construction will begin this month on the almost \$100 million project, housing a three-level rental car garage with over 1,500 parking spaces, which is scheduled to be opened in 2012. Construction of the facility will provide over 2,600 jobs. ✈



Pictured are Sebastian Taylor and his sons for the March for Babies



Congrats to Carmen Robinson, from the Accounting Department on the arrival of her baby girl, Simone Kayla! She was born March 17, weighing in at 8.8 lbs, 21 inches

## NOAB EMPLOYEE NEWS

Thanks to the New Orleans Aviation Board employees who supported the Annual March of Dimes' March for Babies in Metairie, while braving the rain. The walk was Saturday, April 24 at 9 a.m. The walkers were: Lavanda Smith, Freda Richardson, Deanna Felder, Carmen Robinson, Felicia Aguillard, Mary Riddle, Brenda Johnson, Alosia Joseph, Dooley Gray, Diana Bell, Dennis Griffin, Lynette Smith, Taylor Williams, Sebastin Taylor, Timothy Taylor, Christian Taylor, Jerry Patrick, Pat Malone, Don Mauras, Maggie Woodruff, Carol Lowe, Tracy Tyler, Courtney Thornton, Tom Moore, William Dannel, Bob Gebrian, and Mae Bradley. Lavanda Smith served as Captain. ✈

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Dear Sir;

Yesterday, I departed the New Orleans Airport enroute to DTX airport for a Thanksgiving visit with my daughter and her family for Thanksgiving.

Although I'm an active 87 year old, my daughter insisted I have a wheel chair. My daughter, Kilee Salinas, is a million miles from passengers on American, and I'm a frequent flyer, Advantage No. 43N 6588. We enjoy the American service.

I'm writing to commend my wheel chair escort. His name is Tommie, Louisiana, pleasant attention to my case deserves praise and recognition.

We not only guided me through the airport, he took me to my seat, put my little carry on bag, and made sure I was comfortable before he left.

Please note that his name for seat No. 6B, was greatly appreciated, and deserves recognition.

Yours very truly,  
Elizabeth Smith

**Another happy MSY passenger thanks to great customer service! Keep up the good work everyone.**

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Now you can follow what is happening at MSY on Facebook. See what others have to say about our historic landmark.

### Construction Passenger Impact

Very soon, work will begin on changing the interior of the airport. This means that ticket counters and various services may be relocated either temporarily or permanently. Please be prepared to assist our passengers during the facelift with directions and information. We want to reduce the inconvenience to our traveling public as much as possible. For the latest updates, please reference the website.

### Recognition of the AVCOM Communications Dispatch Staff

In 2009, AVCOM handled over 46,000 events and answered thousands of information calls. Events range from aircraft alerts to calls for medical assistance. ✈