

Leonidas, LLC was created in August of 2007 to safeguard the legal rights of the former America West pilots in the face of the multiple threats before them at that time. It was founded by two America West First Officers; Eric Ferguson and Jeff Koontz. Those two pilots were introduced by a Merger Committee member by the name of Kevin Horner who is now at American. In early 2008, the group expanded to include Captain Roger Velez, from the Merger Fund Management Committee. Since that time, the group has grown to include these nineteen individuals (in alphabetical order):

Rod Bracken	John Bostic
Eddie Bollmeier	Mark Burman
Dave Button	Johan DeVicq
Larry Diehl	Eric Ferguson
Lee Fife	Ken Holmes
George Maliga	Roger Velez
Jeff Koontz	Steve Wargocki
Terry Qureshi	David Simmons
Brian Stockdell	Mike Soha

In addition to the 19 members, we have added 40 pilots as part of the Leonidas Information Group (LIG). We felt that the best way to reach pilots is through pilot-to-pilot contact. We created the LIG to fulfill this role. The goal is to have the LIG members function as conduits of information to the line pilots who are making this legal fight possible.

Our team is unanimous in its belief that our combined pilot group must begin to move forward in a new and positive direction, and we have expended considerable effort to facilitate a new web site and forum aimed at the goal of improving communications between the various subcultures within our group. It is our hope that all of the various divisions within our pilot group (North, South, East and West) be done away with. We believe that it is essential to our very survival, because a "house divided against itself cannot stand." Furthermore, we have simply grown weary of working for an entity in which we have so little pride these days. It is clear that management would like nothing better than for us to remain in our present state, which is exactly why we must all begin to work together.

USAPA is the union, and we are the pilots of US Airways. It is incumbent upon us all, both individually and collectively, to make the most of every moment and opportunity. Our profession and families require us to do so.

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