

Dear Boeing Retiree,

The first quarter of 2023 has flown by and there is so much happening every day at Boeing. I hope you enjoy reading through some of the exciting Boeing news from the past quarter, as well as some recent op-eds by your former Boeing colleagues, written in support of Boeing programs. You will also find information towards the bottom of the e-newsletter on the Boeing Retiree Gift Match Program, and some Boeing Retiree organizations available to you to remain connected with your former colleagues. As always, if you would like to get in touch with me, you can reach me at 571-243-9147 or at cory.j.ertel@boeing.com.

All the best,

Cory

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Last 747 takes its final Boeing bows

An emotional event marked the final delivery of the iconic double-decker airplane that changed commercial aviation. The 747 – known far and wide as the Queen of the Skies – was assembled at Boeing’s Everett plant for 54 years. Faces beamed with pride, camera shutters clicked and tears flowed as about 10,000 people – mostly current and former employees – celebrated the delivery of the final 747 in Everett, Washington. Read the full story [here](#).



Boeing ups 737 capacity in Renton, will add line in Everett

For the first time in four years, three manufacturing lines are busy assembling 737 MAX airplanes in Renton. Boeing also recently announced a fourth 737 MAX production line scheduled to begin operations next year in Everett. The additional lines increase our manufacturing capacity, prompted by strong customer demand.



Doubling down on SAF in 2023

Boeing is more than doubling its sustainable aviation fuel purchase this year, by buying 5.6 million gallons. Read more [here](#).



Large orders announced by for Saudi Arabian Airlines and new Saudi Arabian Carrier Riyadh Air

Boeing and Saudi Arabian Airlines (SAUDIA) announced in March that the national flag-carrier will grow its long-haul fleet with the selection of up to 49 787 Dreamliners. SAUDIA is set to purchase 39 787s, with a further 10 options, utilizing the outstanding efficiency, range and flexibility of the Dreamliner to sustainably grow its global operation. The agreement will include both 787-9 and 787-10 models. Read more [here](#).

Boeing and Riyadh Air also announced in March that the new Saudi Arabian carrier has chosen the 787 Dreamliner to power its global launch and support its goal of operating one of the most efficient and sustainable fleets in the world. Owned by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF), Riyadh Air said it will purchase 39 highly efficient 787-9s, with options for an additional 33 787-9s. Based in the capital city, Riyadh Air will play a key role in growing Saudi Arabia's air transport network. Read more [here](#).



Air India announces Boeing mega order

Air India selects up to 290 Boeing jets, including 737 MAX, 787 Dreamliner and 777X airplanes. Read more [here](#).



Boeing delivers powerful satellite platform to customer

Boeing has successfully delivered the most powerful satellite platform the company has ever built to network provider Viasat. Read more [here](#).



Boeing, U.S. Army Apaches Achieve 5 Million Flight Hours

Boeing and the AH-64 team are observing a unique milestone as the U.S. Army's AH-64 Apache attack helicopters have officially reached five million flight hours. The accomplishment is equivalent to flying nonstop for more than 208,333 days or 570 years and nine months. Additionally, 1.3 million of those five million flight hours were accomplished during combat. Read more [here](#).



Boeing opens fulfillment center for neurodiverse talent

Boeing cut the ribbon to the new Boeing Mesa Fulfillment Center, which provides on-the-job training for neurodiverse candidates. The Boeing team in Mesa and local non-profit COPA Health have partnered to train neurodivergent individuals, as well as people with other disabilities, and provide job experience in two factory-based hubs known as Fulfillment Centers. This work center helps make Boeing operators more efficient by enhancing point of use supplies, while advancing diversity & inclusion to ensure all individuals have the means to pursue their full potential. Read more [here](#).



2022 Annual Report highlights employee voice, accomplishments

Boeing released the 2022 Annual Report titled "Today, Tomorrow and Beyond." It showcases stories told through the lens of teammates and customers and aligns to the company's mission – to protect, connect and explore our world and beyond. Read more [here](#).

Boeing Retiree Advocacy

Check out some recent op-eds from your former Boeing colleagues in support of Boeing programs.

- [From hoses to booms and the future of US military refueling aircraft](#)
- [Submarine Warfare Isn't New. The Way We Fight Is](#)

Retiree Gift Match

Did you know that retirees are eligible for gift match of 50 cents for every dollar donated to eligible nonprofits? Did you know that Retirees must “opt” into gift matching? Are you taking advantage of the Boeing Retiree Gift Match Program? Below are step-by-step instructions on how to enroll in the program and submit a matching request. Please follow the steps below to opt-in and if using your BEMS ID doesn't allow you into the system then you need to call WorkLife at 866-473-2016 and ask that your name and information be added to the HR list that gets submitted to YourCause once a week.

1. Login to <https://boeing.yourcause.com>
2. Continue to **Basic Login**
3. You need your **BEMSID**
4. Create a password and follow steps to setup your account
5. Click on **Donate Now**

6. Find your charity
7. Click on "log an offline donation:" you need an official receipt, confirmation letter/email or thank you letter/email; charity name, donor name, date and amount of donation.
8. Designation option
9. Scan and upload proof of donation or receipt
10. Add to My Cart
11. Click on "checkout now" or "Explore more" to enter multiple donations
12. Click apply match and checkout
13. Apply for match – select eligible match
14. Enter amount
15. Privacy Information
16. Finally confirm and finish

Stay Connected with Boeing Retiree Organizations

Are you aware that there are numerous Boeing retiree organizations and clubs, some formal and some informal, that are available for you to plug into and stay connected with former colleagues in your region? Below is some information and links to a few of the larger long-standing retiree groups in the western U.S. If you would like to share further information about a retiree group you are plugged into, please send me a note.

- **[Boeing Leadership Network Retirees](#)**
 - BLN Retirees is a chapter of the Boeing Leadership Network, an association of Boeing managers and leaders. With over 8,500 active, associate, and retired members, BLN consists of three regions – in addition to the Retirees Chapter for retired members – in the Puget Sound area as well as affiliated branches at some other Boeing locations.
- **[MACDAC West Retirees](#) (California)**
 - This organization is known as "MACDAC West Retirees". It was formed originally from retirees employed by the McDonnell Douglas Corporation ("MDCDAC") on the West Coast in 1979. Quite a few of those members also have employment time with the former Douglas Aircraft Company, later acquired by the McDonnell Aircraft Company in 1967. More recent members of MACDAC West Retirees have time with The Boeing Company, which merged with McDonnell Douglas in 1997. This group also enjoys the comradeship of aerospace friends from heritage North American Rockwell and Hughes! Each year, this retiree organization plans two luncheons to visit face to face again, share remembrances, and listen to a special speaker; often from our former Companies.
- **[The Blue Bills](#) (Washington)**
 - The purpose of the Bluebills is to provide opportunities for Boeing retirees and their spouses to volunteer their time, energy, skills, knowledge and experience to improve the quality of life in their respective communities and thereby to enhance their own lives.

- **The Desert Sages (Arizona)**

- This retiree group meets the first Wednesday of every month except July and December (when they host a Christmas dinner). The group meets at Vito's Italian restaurant in Mesa, and also host an activity every third Wednesday such as a visit to a museum, historical site, garden, etc. with a lunch to follow. In the cooler months (Oct.- April) the group hosts a hike on the fourth Wednesday of the month. To learn more please contact the group via e-mail at desertsagesaz@gmail.com and/or write at: Desert Sages Retirement Club, P. O. Box 20295, Mesa, AZ 85277-0295.

Watch U.S. Fly



Watch U.S. Fly is a community of advocates dedicated to strengthening and protecting the U.S. aerospace sector and the 2.4 million American workers it employs. We stand up for public policies that impact U.S. aerospace workers, make smart investments in our nation's defense, and maintain America's leadership in space. We aim to share the facts, celebrate the successes and engage the public in a national conversation about American aerospace and manufacturing. If you are not yet a follower of Watch U.S. Fly and would like to be, signing up is quick and easy; [click here](#).

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