



# LABOR DAY AND THE AFL-CIO

## AFA - CWA

The AFA-CWA is the flight attendant union organized by and for flight attendants. We represent nearly 50,000 flight attendants at 17 airlines, serving as a voice for Members at their workplace, in the industry, in the media and on Capitol Hill.

## WHAT IS LABOR DAY?

Labor Day is a time to reflect on the progress working people have made over decades to create better lives for ourselves and our families, ensure safer workplaces and build a stronger economy. [source: AFL-CIO] [source: wikipedia]

## CWA

Members of the Communications Workers of America are part of one of America's largest and most diverse unions. We work not just in the communications and information industries, but also in the news media, the airlines, broadcast and cable television, public service, higher education and health care, manufacturing, in high tech and more.

## AFA-CWA HISTORY:

1945, FAs at United Airlines organize Airline Stewardess Association (ALSA)

1949, ALSA merges with the Air Line Stewards and Stewardesses Association (ALSSA) affiliate of ALPA

1973, ALSSA FAs chose self-determination and form the independent Association of Flight Attendants, leaving ALPA

1984, AFL-CIO granted AFA a charter

2004, AFA becomes Communications Workers of America (CWA) sector

## AFL-CIO

Our work is anchored in making sure everyone who works for a living has family-supporting wages and benefits and the ability to retire with dignity. We advance legislation to create good jobs by investing tax dollars in schools, roads, bridges, ports and airports, and improving the lives of workers through education, job training and a livable minimum wage.

