

Frestel named to new USAir post

John P. Frestel, Jr., has been named to the newly-created position of senior vice president-human resources for USAir, effective January 24.

Frestel comes to USAir after 21 years with Santa Fe Railways where he served as vice president-personnel and labor relations.

At USAir, he will be responsible for employee services and labor relations, and will serve on USAir's Executive Committee. Reporting to Frestel is William Haberborn, vice president-employee services, and Ronald Butschle, vice president-labor relations.

Frestel is a graduate of Marquette University, and received a J.D. from Georgetown University and an MBA from the University of Chicago. ✍

Kephart promoted to vice president

Thomas G. Kephart, has been promoted to vice president-operations services for USAir, effective December 23.

A 18-year employee of USAir, Kephart has served in several managerial positions in the customer services and operations divisions including manager-system control center, and director-operations administration.

In addition, Kephart was elected an officer in 1982 and most recently served as assistant vice president-flight attendant services.

His educational background and experience includes meteorology and business administration, and he holds an FAA Airman Aircraft Dispatcher Rating certificate.

Kephart's offices are now located at USAir's Park Ridge Two facilities in Pittsburgh. ✍

Around the Group

New company newspaper

With this issue, the company newspaper has taken on a new look. Distributed to USAir Group employees, it contains company and employee-related news as it pertains to all USAir Group subsidiaries, and about merger-related developments.

At the time of operational merger, the two separate but very similar editions—USAirNews and Piedmonitor—will join under one flag, USAirNews.

With this issue, USAirNews/Piedmonitor also has a new editor. Bill Kress, formerly public relations representative with Piedmont, has joined USAir's corporate communications department at DCA as editor USAirNews/Piedmonitor.



Kress joined Piedmont in 1987 and assisted in the media relations and internal communications at the INT public affairs office. Prior to joining Piedmont, Kress was with Southern Air Transport in Miami as administrator of corporate communications, and served as editor of South Florida Aviation News before that.

A native of Rochester, NY, he holds a degree in English/Journalism from the State University of New York College at New Paltz.

Fleet status

On January 1, the Piedmont fleet will total 198 aircraft, which reflects the delivery of one additional B737-400 during the month of December for a total of nine of that aircraft type. Piedmont currently operates 62 B737-200s, 42 B737-300s, six B767-200s, 34 B727-200s, 20 F28-1000s, and 25 F28-4000s.

USAir currently operates a total of 226 aircraft. This reflects the delivery of one additional B737-300 during the month of December. USAir operates 23 B737-200s, 56 B737-300s, 10 B727-200s, 74 DC-9-30s, 31 DC-9-80s, 11 BAC 1-11s, and 21 BAe146s.

Piedmont serves 96 airports in 29 states, plus the District of Columbia, Ottawa, Montreal, London, and Nassau. USAir serves 105 airports in 36 states, plus the District of Columbia, Ottawa, Montreal, and Toronto.

Piedmont department moved

All responsibilities of Piedmont's facilities department will be transferred to DCA effective January 1, 1989. Piedmont's properties department will remain in INT until March 1, 1989, when all responsibilities of that department will be transferred to USAir headquarters in DCA.

Group market share

USAir Group subsidiaries USAir and Piedmont together captured 8.7 percent of the majors' traffic in November, surpassing TWA for the second time this year as the nation's sixth largest airline company based on revenue passenger miles flown. A top objective, Chairman and President Edwin I. Colodny told New York analysts, is steady development of a major domestic airline on par with United, American, and Delta.