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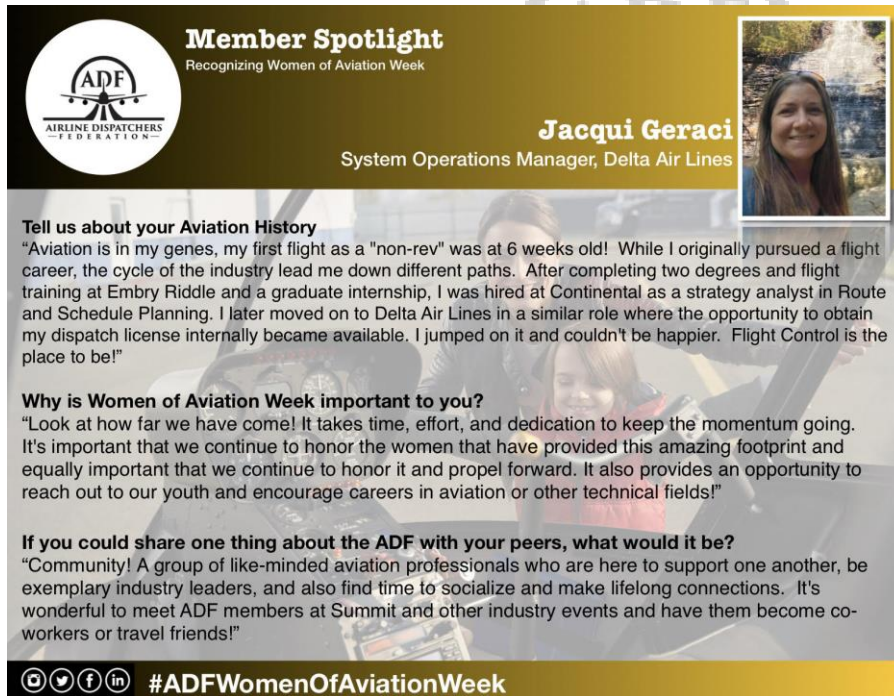
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The Airline Dispatch Federation is celebrating *#ADFWomenofAviationWeek* by spotlighting women members who are proud dispatchers in our profession.

ADF would like to spotlight the below members in honor of Women in Aviation Week:


**JACQUI GERACI: SYSTEM OPERATIONS MANAGER – DELTA AIR LINES**



**Member Spotlight**  
Recognizing Women of Aviation Week




**Jacqui Geraci**  
System Operations Manager, Delta Air Lines




**Tell us about your Aviation History**  
"Aviation is in my genes, my first flight as a "non-rev" was at 6 weeks old! While I originally pursued a flight career, the cycle of the industry lead me down different paths. After completing two degrees and flight training at Embry Riddle and a graduate internship, I was hired at Continental as a strategy analyst in Route and Schedule Planning. I later moved on to Delta Air Lines in a similar role where the opportunity to obtain my dispatch license internally became available. I jumped on it and couldn't be happier. Flight Control is the place to be!"

**Why is Women of Aviation Week important to you?**  
"Look at how far we have come! It takes time, effort, and dedication to keep the momentum going. It's important that we continue to honor the women that have provided this amazing footprint and equally important that we continue to honor it and propel forward. It also provides an opportunity to reach out to our youth and encourage careers in aviation or other technical fields!"


**If you could share one thing about the ADF with your peers, what would it be?**  
"Community! A group of like-minded aviation professionals who are here to support one another, be exemplary industry leaders, and also find time to socialize and make lifelong connections. It's wonderful to meet ADF members at Summit and other industry events and have them become co-workers or travel friends!"

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## PEGGY GUARDIOLA: DISPATCH TRAINER – SOUTHWEST AIRLINES



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**Peggy Guardiola**  
Dispatch Trainer, Southwest Airlines

**Tell us about your Aviation History**  
"I was introduced to aviation at a young age. I was fortunate to have an uncle who took me flying any time I wanted. Growing up, I wanted to be just like him. I attended Southern Illinois University for undergrad and Embry-Riddle for grad school. All throughout school, I had never heard about dispatch. I did get my pilot's license, but never finished all of my ratings. I started out working at Signature Flight Support HQ. I've been a Flight Attendant at Allegiant and made my way to Southwest as an Inflight Crew Scheduler. I learned about Dispatch when we moved into the new Network Operational Control Center in 2014. One of the dispatchers who knew my background said, "Just come sit with me and see what I do." The rest is history. I've been in dispatch for 8 years now. I'm a Trainer and most recently, a Competency Check Examiner. The best part about starting my career in Dispatch is that I got to ride in the cockpit on my uncle's Fini Flight at Southwest. It was an awesome experience!"

**Why is Women of Aviation Week important to you?**  
"Women of Aviation Week is important to me because it highlights those who have walked into a male dominated industry and thrived. This encourages future generations and will hopefully continue to raise the percentage of women in aviation as a whole."

**If you could share one thing about the ADF with your peers, what would it be?**  
"The ADF allows dispatchers across the industry to discuss challenges and important topics that affect all of us. Sharing perspectives and collaborating is what helps us to improve. It is also a great tool for anyone considering a career as a dispatcher."

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## CHERYL KUEBELBECK – SENIOR MANAGER DISPATCH TRAINING – ATLAS AIR & POLAR AIR CARGO



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**Cheryl Kuebelbeck**  
Senior Manager Dispatch Training  
Atlas Air and Polar Air Cargo

**Tell us about your Aviation History**  
"My love of aviation started as a child attending USAF airshows with my family in Australia. It took some time for me to start my aviation career and I eventually landed a job with DynAir (now Swissport) in Anchorage, Alaska as an Operations Agent. This position was primarily doing manual weight and balance paperwork for a large variety of aircraft, along with some flight crew briefings for carriers such as Asiana, Atlas Air, Air China, etc. This allowed me to become a dedicated resource for creating flight plans and doing weather briefings for NCA (Nippon Cargo Airlines). I then began working for Evergreen Airlines, as an Operations Agent and always asked the question; where does the Flight Release come from? These experiences are where I fell in love with aviation as I followed the flights and met aircraft on the ramp to see what wonders arrived via air. This inspired me to become a Licensed FAA Aircraft Dispatcher in Alaska and work as a sometimes-silent hero behind the scenes. I have since learned that many people do not understand what dispatchers do for safety and aviation.

Once I obtained my dispatch certificate, I was hired at ERA Aviation, a Part 121 Airline where I was responsible for dispatching aircraft such as the DC-3, Convaair-580, DH-6, Dash-8, and the Beech 1900. Here, I was also able to begin my journey linking me to my true passion for training and instructing.

From there I moved across the country to New York City and started working for Atlas Air as a dispatcher. Through years of dedication and gaining knowledge of dispatching for an FAA Part 121 International cargo and passenger airline, I became an ATS dispatcher and once again an instructor. This progressed my career to the position I hold today, as Sr. Manager Dispatch Training for Atlas Air and Polar Air Cargo. I am currently qualified for two Part 121 international carriers simultaneously. A qualification many cannot claim. When I'm not with family and friends I help as a Designated Aircraft Dispatcher Examiner (DADE) and administer the oral and practical test to the next generation of aircraft dispatchers in the Cincinnati area."

**Why is Women of Aviation Week important to you?**  
"Women of Aviation Week is important to me as it is a way for like-minded women and individuals with an interest/career in aviation to learn, connect, network, and introduce the next generation of aviation youth and our peers to aviation and its endless possibilities. It serves as a wonderful reminder that the possibilities are never-ending when we share, respect, listen, and grow within our support groups. It's a long overdue celebration of both the pioneers and the modern-era women who thrive in this fast-paced and exciting environment. Just last week I volunteered with youth in New York City to bring them on to a hangar with a B747-400 freighter to help pique their interest early in life."

**If you could share one thing about the ADF with your peers, what would it be?**  
"The ADF provides a way for dispatch professionals to gather together to share experiences, learn from others, and spend time together with a sense of camaraderie in the spirit that only a dispatcher at heart will fully understand and relate to. It is a great way to communicate with other aviation professionals in a group environment that sets time, and resources to a common workplace atmosphere, to allow us an open forum to commiserate as well as express our love of the career field with one another."

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## RAMONA ROLLER: Flight Superintendent – Delta Air Lines



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## Ramona Roller

Flight Superintendent, Delta Air Lines

**Tell us about your Aviation History**

"I grew up in rural Minnesota where the most I would see for aviation was the contrails from the jets high in the sky crossing over the RWF VOR and the National Guard helos that would buzz the roofline of our house on the weekends. So when I reluctantly accompanied my brother to a military entrance evaluation, the Naval recruiters said that I scored so well that they could offer me an Air Traffic Control billet. The only thing that I knew about Air Traffic Controllers was that President Regan had to fire them for striking during a contract negotiation, but my mom was super excited. I had my heart set on accounting, but others saw the potential and helped steer me that way instead.

I spent 5 years in the Navy as an air controlman at Naval Air Station in Norfolk, VA and served during Desert Storm. They had just started a new program called TAP or Transition Assistance Program to help service members better acclimate into civilian life. Besides taking the ATC or postal exam where my military service would give me years towards retirement, I just thought I'd pursue accounting. Then TAP told me about another similar civilian career; aircraft dispatcher. I recalled talking to them from base ops when their flight plans had fallen out of the system. They said that the school was at Sheffield School of Aeronautics in Fort Lauderdale, FL and I knew that I would not be anywhere near there when I separated. While I was doing my Naval Air Reserve active duty training for two weeks in Keflavik, Iceland, the officers in my detachment asked me why I wasn't a dispatcher. I told them that Florida was a long ways away from Minnesota. They then informed me that there was a dispatch school in Minneapolis. Months later, I was enrolled in the 6 week course at ATI - Aviation Training Inc.

I've been a dispatcher at Big Sky Airlines and Corporate Air in Billings, MT, both FAR Part 135 and Supplemental 121 carriers. Then I brought my newly minted college degree back to Minnesota where I started out as a crew scheduler at Mesaba Airlines, but moved into dispatch shortly thereafter. Three years later, I attained my goal of becoming a flight dispatcher for Northwest Airlines. I remained with them until they merged and moved the operation to Atlanta, GA with Delta Air Lines."

**Why is Women of Aviation Week important to you?**

"I have been in aviation for 38 years which has been my whole adult life. It excites me to educate and enlighten girls and teens about careers in aviation. I have seen some changes, but it is still a male-dominated industry. Recently, a state senator responded to a female pilot asking "what a typical work week is like as a stewardess." It's like we take 5 steps forward and three steps back!"

**If you could share one thing about the ADF with your peers, what would it be?**

"It is an all-volunteer led professional organization of aircraft dispatchers to ensure our voices are continued to be heard in the aviation industry."

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### About ADF:

The Airline Dispatchers Federation represents the professional interests of the dispatch profession. ADF's constituency is comprised of licensed aircraft dispatchers and operational control professionals from aerospace companies, regional and cargo carriers and every major U.S. airline. ADF's membership as of January 2024 stood at 2,734 members. The vast majority of airline passengers traveling each day in the United States, do so under the watchful eye of ADF members.

The ADF is an all volunteer organization (all working dispatchers) and in accordance with our bylaws is an advocacy organization for working dispatchers and not a labor organization.