



Happy Labor Day

When the modern American Labor Movement began in the 1930s the Machinists Union (IAM) was already fifty years old. We were founded in 1888 by a small group of railroad machinists in Atlanta, Georgia. Had we remained railroad machinists, today we would only number around 20,000 members instead of our three-quarter million. Time moved on and so did we.

In the 1920s we added Federal employees and in the 30s we began organizing aerospace manufacturing. Soon after that, we organized commercial air transport and continued to expand into general manufacturing.

In the 1990s, a curious thing happened. As the Federal government began contracting more and more services we found that many of our aerospace manufacturing employers – Lockheed, Boeing and Raytheon to name a few – were increasingly involved in this sector. So, we began organizing there as well and learned all about this “niche” labor market. Today, we represent more service contractors than any other union and have a wealth of experience helping our members maximize their market value.

Now, as we head into another Labor Day weekend we hope you enjoy yourselves and give appropriate thanks to the Labor Movement for making it happen. Then, with the holiday over and the kids back in school it would be a great time to get in touch so we can begin the process of organizing your workplace. You owe it to yourself and your family and the IAM is here to help.

Find out more at [FAA Round-Up](#) on our [GOIAM webpage](#). Click through the videos and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and [sign a union card](#) to get the ball rolling. If you have other questions, please send them to organize@iamaw.org.

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