



Sending all of you a holiday wish from our families to yours!! Wishing you peace and prosperity, good health and great happiness, friendships and a lifetime full of love, exciting opportunities filled with joy and laughter and most of all time to reflect on your blessings and spend time with the ones most important to you!! We thank the thousands in our membership that work through the holidays to allow the country to travel safely to be with their loved ones.

2017 will be a very busy year for the many members and NATCA staff that continue to give their time for the betterment of all. We are well positioned to handle the workload and build upon the many great accomplishments that have shaped NATCA into the proud Union it is today.

2017 also marks NATCA's 30-year anniversary: 30 years of incredible accomplishments - meeting challenges with a collective spirit, energy, and passion, and building the unity, strength, and solidarity of our great Union to best represent the greatest workforce of aviation safety professionals in the history of aviation.

Happy Holidays! We've come a long way together.

Paul Rinaldi, NATCA President
Trish Gilbert, NATCA Executive Vice President



TOP 10 WAYS **NATCA** MEMBERS KEEP THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHT



NATCA controllers, engineers, and other aviation safety professionals work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on weekends, and on holidays to ensure the flying public gets to their destination safely.



They give back to their local communities through the NATCA Charitable Foundation.



They support our nation's veterans and bring honor to those that served by volunteering for programs like Honor Flight.



They always put safety first, ensuring the National Airspace System remains the safest in the world.

They work cargo planes around the clock so everyone has everything they need to make their holiday bright.



They advocate on behalf of the National Airspace System and support issues vital to industry and the air traffic control profession.



They support national causes like Snowball Express through the NATCA Charitable Foundation to make sure every holiday is full of joy.



They keep the skies safe so everyone can get home and celebrate with their loved ones.



They educate others about their careers to ensure the National Airspace System remains a priority to all Americans and the world.



They support our military members as they travel home to see loved ones.

MOVE ^{in the} Fight Against Cancer

Support NATCA Charitable's efforts with the purchase of a "I Fight For..." tee prior to **January 27, 2017** and tell us who you fight for by customizing the front of your shirt with a sharpie marker.

Organize your facility, community or simply yourself to do ANY activity for 30 minutes or 3 miles on:

World Cancer Day Feb 4, 2017

Post your activities throughout the entire month of February.

Use #NCF fight against cancer

Twitter: @NATCACharitable

Instagram: @natcacharitablefoundation

Facebook: www.facebook.com/NATCACharitableFoundation

<https://squareup.com/market/natca-charitable-foundation>



I Fight For



All proceeds to benefit the NATCA Charitable Foundation and the fight against cancer

February is Cancer Prevention Month and the NATCA Charitable Foundation is asking for your support. Every shirt [purchase](#) is a donation to making a difference in the fight against cancer. Our goal on February 4th, 2017 is to get thousands of participants all over the nation moving for 30 minutes or three miles while wearing our cancer awareness shirts.

You can do any activity you want, run, walk, bike, row, kayak, ski, swim, stair climb etc... You can put together a local event with your

facility, surrounding facilities and communities. We encourage all of you to post photos of those activities to social media using #FightCancer #Charity #CancerPrevention.

The time frame to order a shirt began Dec 11th and will conclude on January 27th at midnight. This will allow time to ensure that the shirts are delivered to everyone prior to February 4th.

The front of your shirt is designed to be personalized with a colorful sharpie marker in the blank white space. Use that area to tell us and the world who and what you "fight for"

I fight for:

Hope

A cure

Awareness

My (family member or friend)

Myself

The back has a simple yet powerful statement reminding all of us to Never, Ever give up.

Click here to order yours or support NCF's drive.

<https://squareup.com/market/natca-charitable-foundation/>



College Scholarships

Your status as a NATCA member opens the door to financial avenues unavailable to others. NATCA offers its own scholarship program to college-bound children and spouses of NATCA members.

In addition to the NATCA scholarship, you are also eligible through Union Plus to apply for their scholarships for college, which range in award from \$500 to \$4,000. You can also access their scholarship search link, which is partnered with Sallie Mae, which links to a database of scholarships available for college-

bound young adults.

For the NATCA scholarship submit this [form](#) by March 1.

For the Union Plus scholarship page, simply click [here](#) and follow the links.



Registration for Communicating For Safety 2017 is Open

Communicating For Safety (CFS) is the aviation industry's leading conference focusing on safety, technology and building relationships.

For more details visit the CFS [website](#).



Archie League Medal of Safety Award Nominations

Dec. 31, 2016, is the deadline for the 13th Annual Archie League Medal of Safety Awards!

Remember - any member can nominate another member. All events since Jan. 1, 2016, are eligible for nomination. All winners will be honored during Communicating For Safety 2017 at Bally's in Las Vegas.

NATCA is proud to introduce the new Archie League Medal of Safety Awards Nomination [form](#). Please be as detailed as possible in your submissions and include all relevant materials. Nominations will be considered during the annual Archie League Medal of Safety Awards judges meeting that will take place in January 2017.

You can also mail nomination submissions (postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2016) to the NATCA National Office at:

National Air Traffic Controllers Association
Attn: Sarah Zilonis
1325 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

The NATCA Communications Department is here to assist you. Direct all questions and requests for additional information to Archie League Medal of Safety Awards Coordinator Sarah Zilonis at szilonis@natcadc.org. Please do not hesitate to contact her if you have any questions, concerns, or issues in submitting the nominations.



Professionalism Award Application Now Available!

Do you know someone who is an outstanding professional? Have you seen someone whose individual contribution and performance enhanced the standings of our profession? Then help us recognize them by nominating them for the second annual NATCA National Professionalism Awards, presented at [Communicating For Safety \(CFS\) 2017](#)! **The deadline for submissions is Dec. 31, 2016.** [Submit a NATCA Professionalism Award Application](#) today!

The National Professional Standards Committee (PSC) will invite the award winners to attend CFS to be recognized for their achievement and to receive their award. They will be entitled to travel and expense reimbursement, in accordance with the NATCA travel policy, similar to the reimbursement provided to the Archie League Medal of Safety Award winners.

The goal of NATCA's Professional Standards program is to maintain and promote professionalism across all of NATCA's bargaining units. We achieve that through a commitment to safety and the public's trust. We work to inspire, motivate and provide personal examples of our professionalism to others and to maintain the highest standard of excellence. We know our actions represent all our fellow professionals and we work to bring honor and respect to all that we do.

The NATCA National Professional Standards Workgroup has created a "NATCA Professionalism Award" as a means to recognize the actions of those who continually strive to achieve these goals.

Last year's recipients were:

WSA-Dan Rossmango, ZLA
CSA-Randy Clark, MCI
ESA-Dave Fournier, ZME

Any NATCA member may nominate another member for the award, with no limit on the number of nominations received from a single Facility, Region or Service Area. Only members in good

standing will be eligible to receive the award(s). A team of members is also eligible for the award and will be judged in the same manner as a single member.

[The PSC must receive one \(1\) nomination via electronic submission](#) for each event in order for the committee to consider it. Professionalism is seldom based on a single event but rather on a demonstration of consistent personal commitment to safety and excellence, on professional contributions and on individual performance that enhances the standings of our profession.

Nominations should include a description of why the nominee deserves the award and all relevant information. The nominator should identify what the nominee did that enhanced the profession or promoted and maintained professionalism, and he or she needs to include statements or testimonials from other individuals supporting the nomination. The description can include transcripts or recordings of events and official documentation. Please submit as much information as possible on the nominee to assist the PSC in determining the award winners.

Nominations can be submitted via the [NATCA National Professionalism Awards Application](#). Any documentation or questions may be sent to PS@NATCA.net or mailed to:

NATCA
Attn: Professional Standards
1325 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

The PSC will email you proof of receipt of the nomination.

All nomination forms for the second annual National Professionalism Awards must be submitted electronically or postmarked by Dec. 31, 2016.





NATCA Academy Schedule 2017

Basic Legislative Activism Training	Feb. 22-23	Las Vegas
Basic Representative Training	Feb. 27-Mar. 3	Las Vegas
Basic Representative Training	April 10-14	Las Vegas
Training Review Board	April 24-26	Las Vegas
Secretary/Treasurer	April 25-26	Las Vegas
Federal Contract Tower Rep.	June 13-14	DC - NATCA HQ
Basic Legislative Activism Training	Sept. 11-12	Las Vegas
Training Review Board	Sept. 12-14	Las Vegas
Secretary/Treasurer	Sept. 13-14	Las Vegas
Basic Representative Training	Sept. 25-29	Las Vegas
Basic Legislative Activism Training	Nov. 28-29	Las Vegas
Basic Representative Training	Dec. 4-8	Las Vegas

On Monday, Dec. 5, NATCA held its third annual Corporate Partnership Reception at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. As part of NATCA's commitment to building strong collaborative relationships with aviation industry partners and leaders we meet with NATCA corporate member representatives throughout the day to discuss the future of the National Airspace System and how to best maintain safety as technology evolves.



Attendees at the reception included representatives from many of NATCA's 35 corporate partners as well as NATCA members and National Office staff. John Bratcher, Chairman of the Organizing Committee opened the event by explaining that a profession is only as good as the people in it. He said the aviation safety professionals that NATCA represents are some of the best in the world. He said they've set the gold standard from airport-to-airport and from coast-to-coast with the world's largest, most complex, and most importantly, safest aviation system in the world.

NATCA always seeks to grow relationships that truly reflect NATCA's partnership with industry, Bratcher said. NATCA's Corporate partnership program began in 1990 and has since evolved. For the past three years, NATCA has celebrated this partnership through the Corporate Partnership Reception. Today, there are 21 premium members and 14 standard members that stand in solidarity with NATCA's vision of partnership and collaboration within the aviation industry.



The National Capital Area Boy Scouts of America (BSA) on Wednesday, Dec. 7, honored Paul as one of several transportation industry leaders during a "People Who Move America" luncheon to benefit the BSA.

Paul, along with Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx, former Kansas Governor and American Trucking Association President and CEO Bill Graves, and Airlines for America President and CEO Nicholas Calio, were recognized for their significant impact on the transportation industry, which moves people and goods safely and securely throughout the United States and the world.



Later that week, after some Hill visits, Trish flew to Las Vegas and briefed the Basic Legislative Activist class and then the Basic Rep. class on current events and upcoming strategies.



Steve Weidner-Nat'l Legislative Committee Chair,
William Snyder-VP GSP at the Basic Legislative
class

The next week Paul joined ZLA and then LA area towers at their holiday events. We both were able to make it to Dallas for their event on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

To end the week we joined hundreds from the aviation community in honoring Colleen Barrett - President Emeritus Southwest Airlines as she received the Wright Memorial Trophy at the dinner held on Dec. 16.



Aero Club of Washington Board of Governors with Colleen Barrett and Herb Kelleher

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